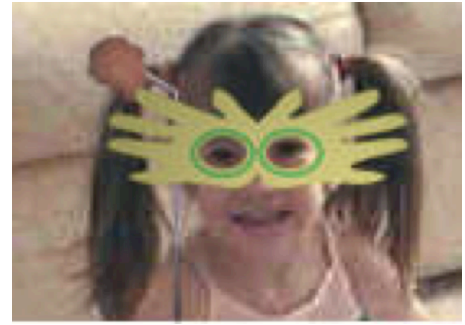


Handprint "Poon Paregentan" Masks

The thing I like most about this mask is that the hands are the perfect size for the face not matter who makes them!



Materials:

- Construction paper (we prefer yellow, or use red, blue, and orange like the Armenian flag!)
- Glue
- Scissors
- Tape
- Something to color/decorate with (markers, crayons, etc.)
- Piece of thin cardboard (you may use cereal boxes or paper plates).
- 2 drinking straws OR an unsharpened pencil
- Optional: Sequins, glitter, feathers

Instructions:

- Trace a handprint onto construction paper or colored cardstock. We prefer yellow -- it's a Mardi Gras color and is light enough to decorate.
- Trace a second handprint. Try to keep your fingers spread about the same as you did the first time.
- Cut out both handprints.
- Overlap the palms of the handprints with the fingers facing up the same way and glue.
- Glue the whole thing onto a sheet of thin cardboard (paper plate, cereal box). Make sure you glue the edges firmly so they don't peel up.
- After the glue is dry, cut out your mask -- this may require adult assistance.
- Cut a circle for eyes in the palm area of each hand. Have students outline around the eyeholes.
- Decorate your mask however you like -- I actually prefer it with just the handprints and maybe a green or purple line of marker or glitter glue around the eyes. I find if you decorate too much, you lose the fact that it's hands.
- If you're using straws, slide one straw into the other one – helps if you crimp the end of one straw.
- Tape the joint of the two straws.
- Attach to the back of mask so child can hold it up to their face.

