



Illinois 4-H | Spark Ideas. Ignite Possibilities

You can celebrate and explore different cultures through art, food and music, to name a few. Choose one of the following activities to explore the different countries and cultures that are celebrated during Hispanic Heritage Month:



Exploring Hispanic Heritage Month

Spark Activity: Creating Inca Masks

Inca Masks

Materials:

- Newsprint or large paper
- Ballpoint pen
- Tooling foil (gold, copper, aluminum)
- Paint and brushes
- Modeling tools (rounded and pointed)

Procedure:

1. Explore the Inca culture and dig deeper into the way they used art to celebrate their culture. For this activity you will focus on researching Inca masks, their meaning, what they were used for, how were they made, etc. Gather different examples for inspiration.
2. Sketch a mask on the newsprint paper that show traits of Incan art combined with some of your own ideas. original ideas.
3. Transfer your sketch to tooling foil. You can do this by taping your sketch to the foil. Trace over all lines to make sure it makes an impression or transfers to the foil. Before removing your taped sketch make sure your design has fully transferred. You might want to go over your drawing a couple times.
4. Tool your mask by pressing down some shapes while making others pop out. Go back over lines as needed to make shapes show up and once you have reached the desired texture and design.
5. Decorate, paint and finish designing your mask with other props





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Spark Activity: Día de los Muertos Masks

Día de los Muertos Masks

Materials:

- Drawing paper
- Markers, color pencils, or any coloring supplies
- Pencils
- White card stock or construction paper



Procedure:

1. Explore the Mexican culture and the way they celebrate Day of the Dead or Día de los muertos through art. For this activity you will focus on researching Day of the Dead masks, their meaning, what they were used for, how were they made, etc. Gather different examples for inspiration.
2. Sketch your design on drawing paper incorporating some traditional designs combined with some of your own ideas.
3. Once you are happy with your sketch transfer it to the white card stock or construction paper. Outline your design in black marker for a cleaner and more bold design.
4. Make sure you add bright colors to your mask when you are coloring it in.



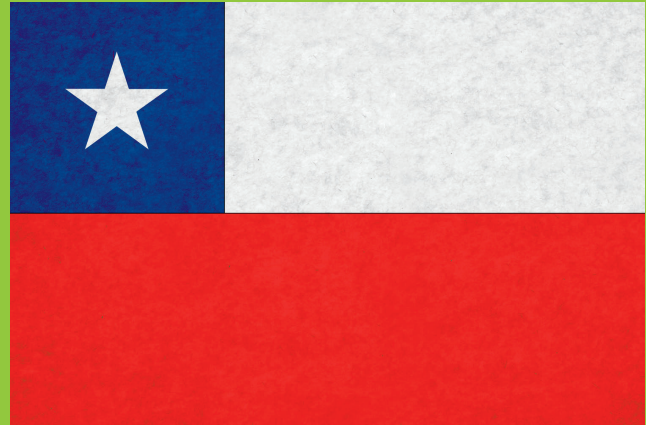
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Spark Activity: Chilean Rain Sticks

Chilean Rain Sticks

Materials:

- Cardboard tube (paper towel tube)
- Glue
- Things to fill the tube (rice, beans, seeds, etc.)
- Paint and paint brushes
- Construction paper
- Foil
- Newspaper



Procedure:

1. Explore the Chilean culture and the way they discovered and used rain sticks. Look up Chilean rain sticks and other forms of art to gather inspiration to design your rain stick.
2. Trace around an open end of your cardboard tube with. Draw a larger circle around the first one. Cut around the bigger circle. Cut several slits from the outer edge of the larger circle in to the smaller circle. Make two of these double circles, one for each end of the tube.
3. To seal your tube, fold the slit edges up from the smaller circle. With glue, seal one end of the tube with one of the circles. Air-dry the glue.
4. Fill the rain stick by pouring rice, beans or seeds into the tube. Hold a hand over the open end of the tube and gently turn the rain stick over to see how it sounds
5. Glue the second end of the rain stick closed.
6. Decorate your rain stick by covering the tube with recycled newspaper. Paint your rain stick inspired by your inspired designs and make it your own. Add any other props as you like.