

Course: Making a Mask

Lesson Two: Designing a Mask

Learning Area: The Arts

Strands: Visual Arts

Time: 45 Minutes

Year Level: 7-8

Content Descriptor:

- Develop ways to enhance their intentions as artists through exploration of how artists use materials, techniques, technologies and processes (ACAVAM119).
- Experiment with visual arts conventions and techniques, including exploration of techniques used by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists, to represent a theme, concept or idea in their artwork (ACAVAM118).

Learning Focus:

- Students will plan and design their mask including the materials and techniques they will use.

Time:	Teaching and Learning Strategies:	Preparation and Resources:
45 minutes	Designing the mask Watch the Making the Mask video. Distribute copies of the Designing a Mask activity sheet and A Simple Mask template to students. Ask students to draw some initial sketches and designs for how they would like their mask to look. Encourage students to think about: • the cultures and traditions they researched in the previous activity • the shape, size and how their mask can be worn/used • the materials they could use to make their mask/mask hair Ask students to write some notes on their activity sheet. Ask students to consider the more specific details of their design and write notes on their activity sheet (e.g. does their mask have any tribal patterns, a headdress or jewels?). Facilitate a group discussion, reflecting on what students have learned throughout the session and how they might explore this further when creating their own mask: • What techniques could you use to replicate different materials (e.g. wood, leather, metal)? • How do different colours express emotions or feelings? • What feelings might the colours you have chosen express? • Does their mask have colour symbols (e.g. Egyptian masks used gold and silver on for important people)?	Relevant ARTS:LIVE resources • Making the Mask video • Designing a Mask activity sheet • A Simple Mask template. Additional resources required • examples of decorated masks from the previous lesson • coloured pencils.