Paper Mache Checklist

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# Tasks:

☐ **Items You'll Need:**

☐ **Newspaper, or paper bags, cut into strips**

*Amount will vary depending on what you are making.*

☐ **Homemade Paper Mache Paste or Store-Bought Paper Mache Glue.**

☐ **Base Form**

*This can be anything from styrofoam balls, cardboard boxes, or something with an interesting shape.*

☐ **Wide Paint Brushes (optional, for the paper mache).**

☐ **Poster Paints and Paint Brushes.**

☐ **Optional Decorative Accents such as beads, feathers, or sequins.**

☐ **Glue (for decorative accents).**

☐ **Paper Mache Paste Ingredients**

☐ **Mix 1 part flour with 5 parts water.**

☐ **Stir in a pot, bring to a rolling boil.**

☐ **Boil mixture for 3-4 minutes.**

☐ **Add 3 tspns salt (as a mold deterrent).**

☐ **Stir until Smooth.**

☐ **Cool completely before using.**

☐ **Set Up**

☐ **Cover a worktable with a plastic mat.**

☐ **Put on a smock or other workclothes.**

☐ **Transfer paper mache glue to a large bowl.**

☐ **Have your base form, paper strips ready to work with.**

☐ **Working with Paper-Mache**

☐ **Using one strip of paper at a time, dip the ;paper ;into the glue to get it completele saturated.**

☐ **Remove the excess glue with your fingers.**

☐ **Place the strip on your base form, using your fingers to smooth it over**

*;Be gentle so as to avoid tearing the paper.*

☐ **Repeat the first 3 steps, adding more glue-soaked strips to your form**

☐ **Continue the process, overlapping the strips as you work, until the form is completely covered.**

☐ **When finished, set aside and let dry for 24 hours.**

☐ **Repeat the process at least twice, ensuring you have a minimum of three layers papering your form.**

☐ **Allow each layer to dry for 24 hours before applying the next layer.**

☐ **Continue the process until desired thickness is ;achieved**

*Allow 24 hours to dry completely.*

☐ **When piece is completely dry, paint with poster paints.**

☐ **Allow paint to dry completely before applying any decorative accents.**