

Research Activity 2: Papier-mâché



A little paper, a lot of glue....

“Isabel remembered her art teacher, Mrs. Benigni’s, enthusiasm for the larger-than-life papier-mâché bird.”

-Just Kidding p. 20

Supplies:

- Internet access, art books, library
- Strips of newspaper, paste, water & containers
- Balloons

(note: as methods differ, so might the materials)

1. **Research by finding art books in your library, asking your art teacher or other resource person, or by conducting an Internet search on how to make a papier-mâché artwork. There are several different techniques and “recipes” for making papier-mâché.**
2. **Once you know how to do it, what’s stopping you from giving it a go? Try making your own papier-mâché bird. After it dries, paint it and add real wings and tail feathers. Add a beak and wire legs. Finish your creation by coating it with a protective layer of “Gesso” or “Mod Podge.” Voila! You have a cool decoration for your room or a great gift!**