



# One World, Many Crafts

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# Summer Craft Outline

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Worry Doll (Guatemala)  
Nesting Dolls (Russia)

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Boomerang (Australia)  
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# Corn Husk Doll



Materials: 8 Corn Husks (soaked for 1 hour), Towel, Scissors, Thread

- Put 5 or 6 towel dried corn husks into a bundle. Tie the bundle with thread, about  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch from one end, pulling tightly.
- Bend the bundled husks in half. Tightly tie the bundle again about  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch from the rounded top. This is the doll's neck.
- Roll another husk tightly so it is about as thick as a pencil. Slide it into the bundle under the doll's neck. Tie the bundle below the rolled husk.
- Hide the knotted threads with a thin strip of corn husk tied around them.
- Let the doll dry.

# Guatemalan Worry Doll

Materials: Wooden Clothespin, Thin Yarn, Craft Glue, Marker



- Glue one end of yarn to clothespin and begin wrapping around.
- Cover body with yarn and secure end with glue. (You can change clothing colors.)
- Glue on pieces of yarn for hair.
- Use marker to make eyes.

# Russian Nesting Dolls

Materials: Colored Pencils or Crayons, Glue Stick, Scissors, Doll Outline

[http://www.activityvillage.co.uk/russian\\_dolls.htm](http://www.activityvillage.co.uk/russian_dolls.htm)



- Print out dolls from activity village website.
- Color using pencils/crayons.
- Cut out.
- Glue base onto doll.
- Stack dolls.

# African Drum



Materials: Styrofoam cups, Masking Tape, Brown Shoe Polish, Twine, Craft Glue

- Tape cups together, end to end.
- Continue wrapping tape around cups, completely covering both cups.
- Rub brown shoe polish over tape and blend.
- Decorate with twine.

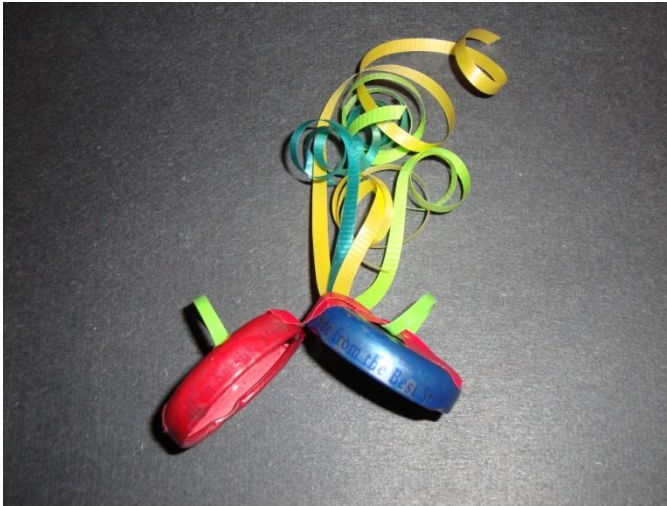
# Maracas

Materials: Recycled Yogurt/Pudding Cups, Craft Sticks, Cereal or Beans, Muffin Liners, Colored Masking Tape, Scissors



- Place cereal/beans into container.
- Cover container opening with a muffin liner and tape to secure.
- Make a small cut in the center of the muffin liner and insert craft stick.
- Begin wrapping colored tape around the cup and liner until completely covered.
- Shake to make music.

# Castanets



Materials: Painted Lids, Small Rubber Bands, Tape, Curling Ribbon

- Pre-paint lids.
- Using tape, secure rubber band to the top of each lid.
- Tape the lids together creating a hinge.
- Decorate with curling ribbon.
- Tap together to create sound.

# Didgeridoo

- Decorate paper using colorful markers.
- Glue paper around paper towel tube.

Materials: Paper Towel Tube,  
Decorative Paper Outline,  
Markers, Glue



# Japanese Kendama

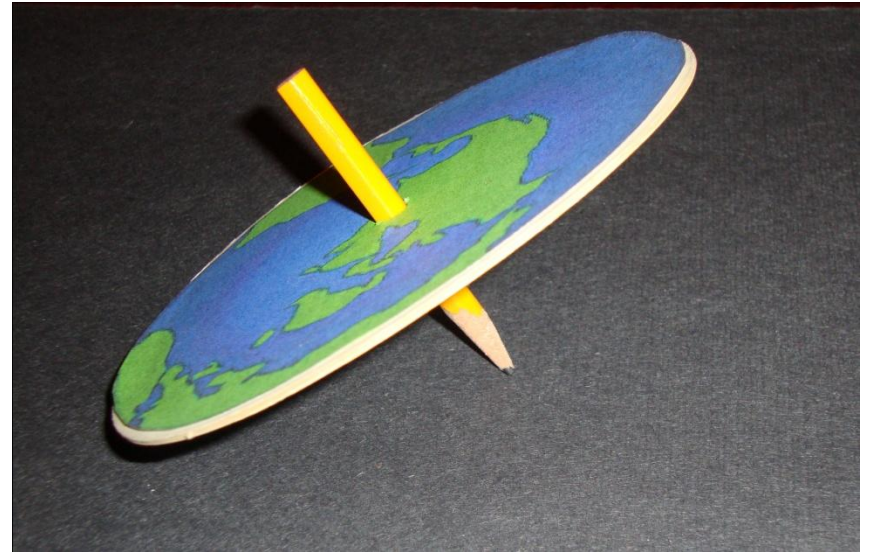
- Crumple masking tape into a small ball, securing one end of string inside.
- Place cups end to end with craft stick and end of string in the middle.
- Cover entire surface of both cups with tape. Do not cover the cup openings.
- Try to catch the ball in the cup!



Materials: 2 Paper Cups, Colored Masking Tape, String, Craft Stick

# Spinning Top

- Trace circle onto cardboard and cut out.
- Draw or glue picture onto one side of circle.
- Poke hole into center of circle.
- Insert pencil into hole.
- Spin.



Materials: Golf pencil, Heavy Cardboard, 4 inch Circle Pattern, Scissors, Markers, or Picture for decoration, Glue (if necessary)

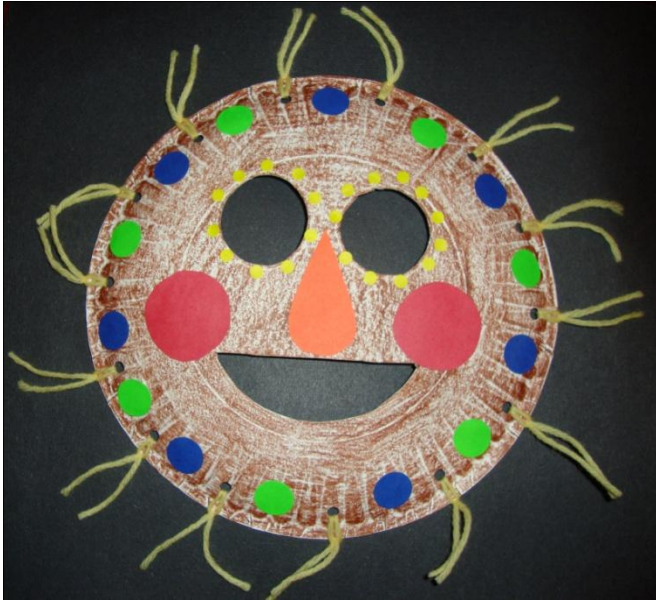
# Ball & Triangle

- Trace triangular pattern onto cardboard and wall paper sample, draw 1 inch diameter circle in center of each, making sure everything lines up.
- Cut out and glue together. (If not using wallpaper, decorate with markers.)
- Punch small hole in top of triangle.
- Thread string through small hole and tie in back.
- Make a ball out of material scraps and wrap in pantyhose.
- Tie ball on to opposite end of string.
- Try to get ball into hole.

Materials: Cardboard, Pencil, Ruler, Scissors, Wallpaper Sample or Markers, Glue, String, Material Scraps, Pantyhose Pieces



# Aborigine Mask



Materials: 9 inch Paper Plate,  
Crayons, Circle Stickers  
(various sizes and colors),  
Scissors, Yarn, Hole Punch,  
Construction Paper Scraps,  
Glue Stick

- Cut eye and mouth opening in plate.
- Color Plate.
- Cut out nose and cheek pieces from construction paper, then glue on plate.
- Decorate plate with colorful stickers.
- Punch holes around edge of plate and loop pieces of yarn through holes.

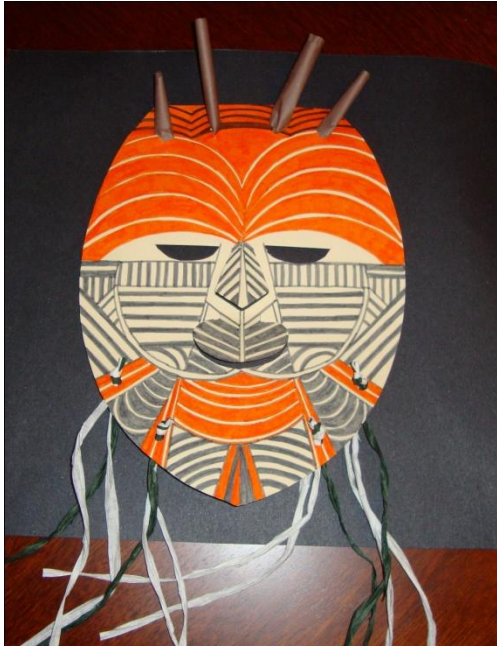
# Carnival Mask

- Draw mask shape on oak tag and cut out.
- Color and decorate with feathers, glitter, gemstones, etc...
- Tape on craft stick for handle.

Materials: Oak Tag, Markers, Craft Stick, Stick-on Gemstones, Feathers, Tape, Glitter Glue, Scissors



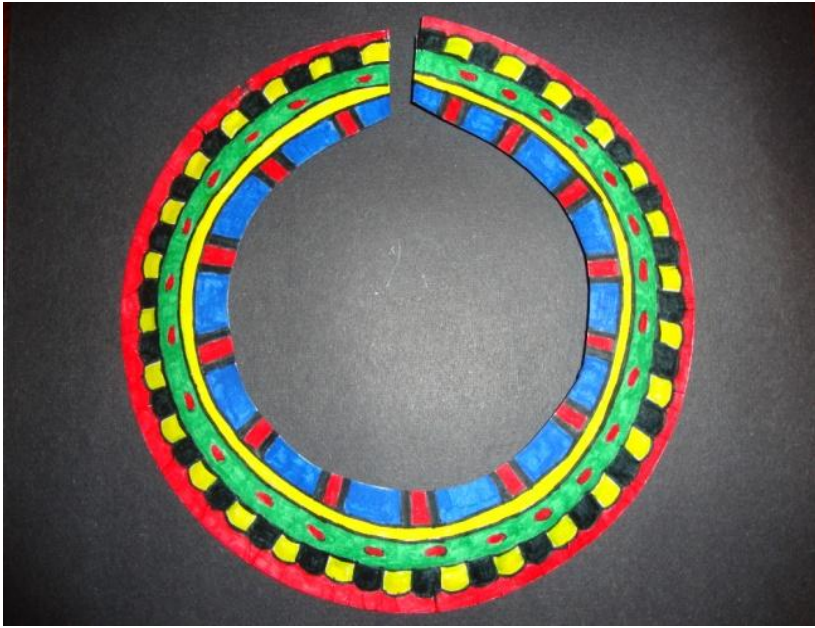
# Zaire Mask



Materials: Oak Tag, Pencil, Ruler, Scissors, Hole Punch, Markers, Raffia, Brown Paper

- Trace mask outline onto oak tag and cut out.
- Draw symmetrical lined pattern onto mask using ruler and pencil.
- Color in pattern.
- Punch holes into bottom of mask and thread with raffia.
- Punch 4 holes in top of mask and place rolled brown paper to replicate horns.

# Masai Tribal Collar



Materials: 9 inch Paper Plate, Scissors, Markers

- Using a paper plate, design a pattern on the first 1-3 inches of the rim.
- Fill in pattern with markers using the following colors: red, green, blue, yellow and black.
- When finished coloring, cut the back of the collar and cut out the center of the plate.
- Place collar on neck.

# Bulla

- Trace circle onto cardstock and cut out.
- Decorate with gems and glitter.
- Punch hole in top of circle.
- String with yarn.



Materials: 3 inch Circle Pattern, White Cardstock, Glitter Glue, Gemstones, Hole Punch, Yarn, Scissors

# Paper Bead Bracelet

- Cut 1 inch triangles out of magazine pages.
- Roll one triangle around stick and glue down end.
- Continue rolling triangles for the length of the stick.
- Let rolls dry and slide off stick.
- String onto elastic cord alternating with plastic beads.
- Tie cord to make bracelet.

Materials: Old Magazines or Catalogs, Craft Glue, Plastic Beads, Elastic Cord, Thin Wooden Stick, Scissors



# Totem Pole



- Print out totem outline, color, and cut out.
- Color toilet paper tube.
- Glue totem pieces onto tube.

Materials: Toilet Paper Tube,  
Scissors, Crayons, Glue Stick, Totem  
Outline

<http://www.dltk-kids.com/canada/mtotem.html>

# Boomerang

- Trace boomerang shape onto oak tag.
- Cut out.
- Decorate.

Materials: Oak Tag,  
Pencil, Scissors,  
Crayons/Markers



# Chinese Fortune Cookie

- Trace circle onto oak tag using pattern.
- Cut out circle.
- Fold circle in half without creasing.
- Use hole-punch to evenly make holes approximately one inch apart.
- Tie yarn at one end and lace folded cookie together using black yarn.
- Tie yarn end when finished lacing.
- Insert fortune.



Materials: 6 inch Circle Pattern, Pencil, Oak Tag, Black Yarn, Hole Punch, Scissors, Fortune

# Online Craft Resources

<http://www.dltk-kids.com/>

<http://familyfun.go.com/>

<http://www.enchantedlearning.com/crafts/>

<http://crafts.kaboose.com/>

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