

# DIY Carnevale Masks for Kids

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Making masks gives you the chance to use up all the rogue odds and ends of craft supplies that you have lurking about from other projects throughout the year. Left over valentine heart stickers, a few feathers and pipe cleaners, random pom poms and sequins, not to mention unusual left overs like zip ties. It's also a good chance to dig in the pile of recycling to pull out cardboard and plastic items that can be re-purposed.

Take all of your random bits and bobs that you have to decorate with and load them up on the kitchen table, along with a couple of low temperature hot glue guns for the kids to stick things on with. (Kids find white glue frustrating because things don't adhere immediately and the time waiting for stuff to dry is unbearable!) So if you're not comfortable with using hot glue guns with your kids, then use double sided tape rather than white glue or glue sticks.

Rifle through the recycling to see what you have that could be used as the base for the masks. Here's a [Carnevale Mask template for you](#). You can use clear plastic packaging to cut a base template out of. You could use anything for the base, cereal box cardboard would work just as well, but of course the clear plastic does have the advantage that you don't need to cut the eye holes out to see!



Punch a bunch of holes around the mask shapes so that the kids can twist pipe cleaners or put zip ties or feathers through them – then turn them over to the kids.



While the kids are gluing and decorating, cut out some shapes from an old gallon plastic milk jug for them to use. Milk jug plastic is good for this because it is white and slightly textured, so it's easy to draw on and color with permanent markers.



Another recycled item that you can use is an old soda bottle – cut the top off with scissors and then cut the length of the bottle into spikes (with rounded ends for safety).



Fold the spikes back on themselves and use electrical tape to hold the folds in place – this gives you the base to make a Carnevale Crown.







These will be works of art!

Go through your recycling bin and see what's in there for this kind of craft. There are a lot of possibilities! If you decide to use mostly cardboard rather than plastic like we have done then you will be able to use regular paint and pens, rather than having to use permanent markers to color.



