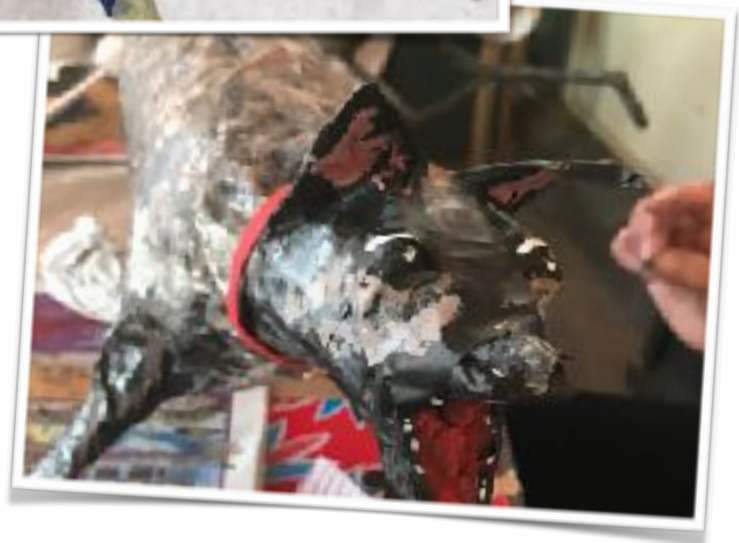


Paper Mache Layered Paper

Basic Info



Armature

Basic Form With Plastic Bottle

The art of paper mache can be as complicated or as easy as you want to make it! In our workshop we began by using an empty plastic bottle, sticks (from the garden, chopsticks, dowels or other).

The photos below show the sculpture prep sequence.



- Prep sticks and poke holes into bottle. Tape to affix in place.
- For neck simply tape stick in place in bottle opening
- Begin taping paper crumples to achieve the desired shape
- Continue taping paper (or other bulk) until desired shape is achieved

Paper Mache Slurry

Recipe

- 1 quart water
- 1.5 cups white wheat flour
- 1/4 cup corn starch
- 2 T vinegar

NOTE: these measurements are NOT absolutes. You can eyeball it if you're handy that way and create a good slurry too.

1. Heat water to just below boiling.
2. Whisk in half the flour
3. Whisk in the corn starch and vinegar
4. Whisk in the remaining flour

If the mixture is too thick whisk in water in half or quarter cup increments. Cook until it thickens, whisking constantly. (This helps cut down on lumps)

Remove from heat. Ladle out onto a flattish tray (washed veggie or meat styrofoam trays work great!)

Warm up and ladle more as your tray runs out - it's more pleasant that way.

Layering Up the Armature

- Rip newspaper in workable strips and using your fingers, paint the slurry onto the front and back of each piece.
- Let it soak in.
- Apply to your piece systematically covering from to back, top to bottom.
- Let dry and apply a second layer and/or add details.
- Let dry and apply another lay for extra durability.
- Let dry and paint a base color.
- Build up your paint layers highlighting the texture of your piece.
- Add any details.



- Spray or brush on polyurethane if you like.

You are encouraged to post photos of pieces you complete as your paper mache journey continues!

Post them at:

- **Art Leap Adventures** Facebook Page:
<https://www.facebook.com/ArtLeapAdventures/>
- Or Marti's **HappyArt** Facebook Page:
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Thanks for being such a great participant!