

Video zone: How to make a Day of the Dead mask – exercises

Have you heard of the Mexican festival, the Day of the Dead? Watch and find out how to make an amazing Day of the Dead mask!

Do the preparation task first. Then watch the video and do the exercises. Remember you can read the transcript at any time.

Preparation

Match the vocabulary with the correct definition and write a–h next to the numbers 1–8.

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| 1..... a make-up artist | a. advanced techniques to make something look real (e.g. make-up or computer graphics) |
| 2..... a craft store | b. someone who uses cosmetics and techniques to change a person's appearance |
| 3..... a tutorial | c. an ability that you need to do a job well |
| 4..... special effects | d. a lesson |
| 5..... a skull | e. a shop that sells materials for making things |
| 6..... a pattern | f. a real, or artificial, precious stone |
| 7..... a skill | g. the bone structure of a human or animal head |
| 8..... a gem | h. an arrangement of lines, shapes, colours, etc. |

1. Check your understanding: reordering

Write a number to put the steps in the correct order.

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| | Draw a design on the mask in pencil or pen. |
| | Cut the sides of the mask to make a skull shape. |
| | Leave the mask to dry for a few hours or overnight. |
| | The last step is to glue on some gems. |
| | Start painting and use black around the eyes, nose and mouth. |
| | Then fill in the rest of the pattern with bright colours. |
| | Outline the design in black paint for a 3D effect. |

2. Check your vocabulary: gap fill

Complete the sentences with a word from the box.

tutorial

step

google

skills

there

make-up artist

content

1. I'm an online special effects _____.
2. I taught myself these _____ by watching a lot of really cool _____ on sites like YouTube and Instagram.
3. Today, I'll be sharing with you a _____.
4. If you need some design ideas, you can _____ 'Day of the Dead skull'.
5. The last _____ is to add in all these different gems.
6. And _____ you have it!

Discussion

Have you ever made or worn a mask or a costume? What was it like and what was it for?