Calavera Mask

Cut, assemble and decorate

MATERIALS

Template, cardstock, crayons, scissors and tape. One craft stick to hold the mask.

STEP BY STEP

1. Color the calavera if you use the black-and-white version. Add your own details to the color version if you wish.
2. Cut around the outside dashed line. The small picture is a guide, not an extra piece.
3. Ask an adult to cut out the two eye ovals. Leave them in place if your mask will be a wall decoration.
4. Tape a craft stick behind one side of the mask. Reinforce with tape and keep the eye openings clear.
5. Hold the mask with your hand. You can also glue it onto a sheet of paper to display your creation.

TEMPLATE PREVIEW



The small model shows the finished craft.

LET'S TALK: Which shapes and colors did you choose for your calavera?

FOR THE ADULT

Día de Muertos is a Mexican tradition of remembering loved ones who have died. Families participate in different ways. Invite children to create without requiring them to share experiences of loss.

Print on US Letter paper, portrait, using "Fit to page." An adult supports cutting and assembly. Brads are small parts; use glue with younger children.

1. Calavera Mask

TEMPLATE



Moving Skeleton

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MATERIALS

Template, cardstock, crayons, scissors and 5 paper fasteners (brads). An adult uses the hole punch. Option: glue instead of brads.

STEP BY STEP

1. Color if needed, then cut out the six large pieces along the dashed lines.
2. Place the body in the middle, head above it, hands facing out and feet below. Look at the small finished model.
3. An adult punches the centers of the circles at the neck, shoulders and hips, and the matching head and limb joints.
4. Overlap matching circles. Join with five brads: one neck, two shoulders and two hips. An adult folds the brad ends.
5. Gently move the arms and legs. For younger children, glue the pieces onto paper instead of using brads.

TEMPLATE PREVIEW



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LET'S TALK: How many arms and legs does your skeleton have? Which parts can move?

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2. Moving Skeleton

TEMPLATE



My Paper Ofrenda

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MATERIALS

Template, crayons, scissors, glue and a sheet of paper or cardstock for the background. All candles in this activity are paper pictures.

STEP BY STEP

1. Color if needed. If you wish, draw a flower, a memory or a person in the blank space inside the frame.
2. Cut out the large base and seven decorations along the dashed outlines. Do not cut out the inside of the frame.
3. Glue the large base onto another sheet. This ofrenda is a flat collage; it does not need to be folded.
4. Arrange the two paper candles, bread, water glass, two flowers and papel picado. Choose their places before gluing.
5. Glue the decorations and let them dry. Share your creation or place it in a display area.

TEMPLATE PREVIEW



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LET'S TALK: What would you like to draw in your frame? Sharing personal memories is always optional.

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3. My Paper Ofrenda

TEMPLATE



Cempasúchil Marigold

Cut, assemble and decorate

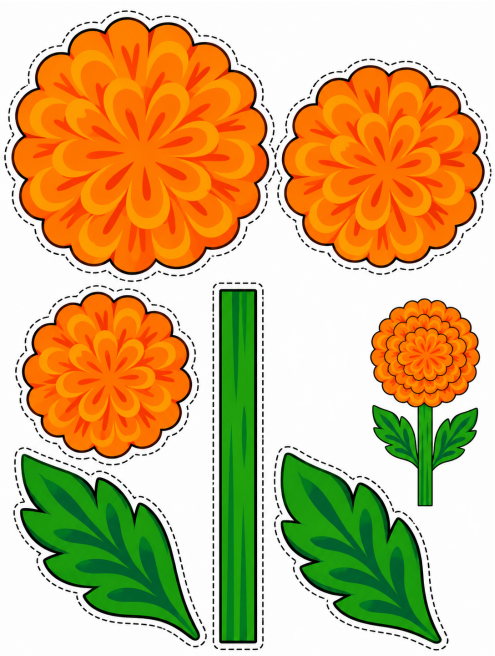
MATERIALS

Template, crayons, scissors and glue. Optional: cardstock to strengthen the stem.

STEP BY STEP

1. Color the flowers, stem and leaves if you use the black-and-white version.
2. Cut out three flower discs, one stem and two leaves: six pieces in all. Do not cut out the small finished model.
3. Order the flowers from largest to smallest. Glue the medium disc onto the large one, then the small disc on top.
4. Glue the top of the stem behind the flower. Add one leaf to each side of the stem.
5. Let it dry. Glue your flower onto a card or make a paper garden with flowers from the whole group.

TEMPLATE PREVIEW



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LET'S TALK: Which flower disc is the largest? Which one goes on top?

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4. Cempasúchil Marigold

TEMPLATE



Calavera Crown

Cut, assemble and decorate

MATERIALS

Template, crayons, scissors, glue and tape. Use the extra strips on this page to adjust the size.

STEP BY STEP

1. Color and cut out the two decorated bands, the calavera and the two large flowers.
2. Tape the two bands together at the ends. Add one or both extra strips below to make the band long enough.
3. Ask an adult to fit the band around your head. Overlap and tape the ends, leaving a comfortable fit.
4. Glue the calavera to the front and one flower on each side. The small picture is only a finished model.
5. Let the glue dry, then try on your crown. An adult can adjust the fit or reinforce the joins.

TEMPLATE PREVIEW



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LET'S TALK: What pattern can you create on the extra strips?

EXTRA STRIPS: cut, decorate and tape to the bands.

5. Calavera Crown

TEMPLATE

