

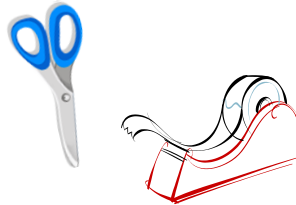


“Good Guy” Masks



MATERIALS LIST:

- 1) Copies of various masks
- 2) Colored markers: small, medium & large sizes
- 3) Pipe cleaners
- 4) Trash bag
- 5) Good pair of scissors; one with a point (to cut out eyes)
- 6) Blunt nose child scissors
- 7) Hole punch
- 8) Tape
- 9) Glue
- 10) Stretchy -string to tie on to masks
- 11) Activity Card



DAY OF EVENT:

Put various masks out; put samples out so kids can copy them; markers can be put on the table; displayed in a cup or terracotta pot or something similar. NOTE: When setting out material, place material on your side of the table; along with markers, scissors, etc., leaving space at the front of the table for the children to work at.

ACTIVITY:

- Allow the child to select a mask, cut it out and color it.
- Usually the eyes are cut out by an adult (by the parent)* (holes are defined on mask)
- If eyes aren't cut out by parent you may need to help
- Help child with pipe cleaners: cutting and placing them as antennae. Tape them on.
- If string holes are not pre-punched, punch holes for strings to tie the mask on
- Using stretchy –string measure around kids head with extra for knots at both end
- Tie knot at one end re-measure before tying last knot (Tape loose ends down since string doesn't always stay tied)
- Encourage the child to treat garden creatures with respect. Some are very important.
- Direct the child to the information printed on the mask sheet. They usually disregard this.
- Have appropriate handouts available and direct the child's family to them: Good Guys in the Garden, LadyBugs, Bees, Pollinators, etc. See the download pages on the Kids Growing Strong website.

OUTCOME:

A happy, well-bedecked child who is starting to think about garden creatures as beneficial neighbors.