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Cardboard Cosplay Wigs



Let's play with types of "wigs" we can use in our cosplay.

Materials: Cardboard boxes/sheets, scissors, paints, PVA glue, newspaper/recycled scraps of paper, masking tape, Character reference image/idea.

Choose your character and spend some time drawing out the shapes of the hair, or details around the face you want to use.

Thinking about the colours, textures, and shapes.





Hold the cardboard up to your face and using a pencil draw around where the edge of your face is and begin cutting and then holding it up around your face again.

If you cut too much that's okay, use masking tape to reattach the card again.



Now keep shaping and styling and cutting your "wig" to match your chosen characters hair.

Then using masking tape and newspaper build up different layers of your wig, using the masking tape to secure pieces.





Now cover the taped newspaper with different colour tissue paper, we chose different shades/tones of yellows.

Using a mixture of PVA glue and water (looks like milk when mixed), then paint this over the tissue paper like you would when making papier-mâché, coloured tissue paper.

Now paint in more details that you can see in your characters hair.

Thinking about tones, layering, or blending colours.

Leave to dry.





We added a cardboard strap to the back of the wig when it was dry and made it to measure our head, we did this by measuring our head then taping this on.

Have fun making your different wigs or adapting and recreating this craft to suit your cosplay ideas.