



Mask Making

Create a Green Man

A Green Man is a face with leaves, usually sprouting from the mouth. They are often found in churches.

No one knows why, some people think they represent the Celtic god of spring. Green men sometimes have other plants and creatures surrounding them. They might be found in churches to represent Jesus' resurrection (coming back to life).



The first Green Man on the right is from St Lawrence's Church in Evesham. It is carved on a font possibly because with Christian baptism, a person's life begins a new season.

The second Green Man is from All Saints Church in Saltfleetby and carved from wood.


Create your own green man mask to wear.



You will need:

- Paper plate or mask template
- Elastic, string or ribbon 
- Pencil
- Colouring pencils, crayons or pens
- Scissors 
- Glue stick
- Paper, leaves and crayons to do leaf rubbings
- Tissue paper, pipe cleaners and whatever else you like to decorate your mask with

How to make:

1. Look at the green man pictures above for inspiration.
2. Choose a leaf, turn it over so the veins are facing up. Cover them with paper and rub with a crayon on its side – what can you see?
3. Cut out your leaf rubbings and other leaf shapes from tissue paper 
4. Arrange your leaves on your mask. You can use pipe cleaners to look like twigs. When your design is ready, glue them to your mask.

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5. Ask a grown up to help you tie the elastic around your mask.
6. How does it feel to wear your Green Man mask?

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