

# Sugar Skull Masks



Sugar skulls or calaveras are a representation of a human skull and are commonly made for the Day of the Dead or Día de los Muertos celebrations in central and southern Mexico during the chilly days of November 1 & 2. Similar festivals are celebrated in other countries around the world. People decorate their homes and offer food, toys, art and drinks as a way to honouring loved ones who have passed away. The most widely known calaveras are created with cane sugar and are decorated with items such as colored foil, icing, beads, and feathers



## Your pack includes:

- \*Sugar skull mask template
- \*Paper plate - for sticking your template onto.
- \*Paddle pop stick
- \*Various coloured materials
- \*Glitter and jewels to stick

## Steps

- \*Colour in parts of your mask i.e. around the eyes, the nose, the flowers etc. Then start sticking other materials/jewels and glitter to the paper and allow the glue to dry.
- \*Carefully cut around the mask. Then cut out other areas as required i.e. eye holes, around the teeth etc.
- \*Place your cut out mask over the paper plate (bottom side up) and carefully trace around the eye holes, use scissors to cut the eye holes on the plate.
- \*With glue, stick the skull to the paper plate, being careful to line up the eyes. Then stick your paddlepop stick to the under side of the mask with glue and tape for extra reinforcement.
- \*Take a square of cellophane and tape the sides to the back of your mask so when you look through it will be coloured. Visit <https://www.yprl.vic.gov.au/explore/programs/kids-corner/> for a detailed set of instructions with images.

## Things you could also add:

- \*Flowers or small plant fronds from the garden.
- \*Paper flowers or other head decorations i.e. a hat or even a moustache

