

Building a Medusa Puppet Instructions

In this activity, you will create an amazing puppet of Medusa, complete with snake hair!

You will need:

- A newspaper
- A roll of masking tape
- A glue stick
- Scissors
- Wooden lolly stick/wooden spoon
- Colouring felt-tip pens

How to build the snakes

Step 1:

Fold a double spread of newspaper in half. Cut a long strip of newspaper about 3cm in width.

You will need 2 strips per snake.

Step 2:

With your glue stick, stick 2 strips together at a right angle.

Step 3:

Fold the strips over each other, to create squares, until you've folded over all of the strips. You will have created something that looks a bit like a coiled spring!

Use your glue stick to stick the last two folded sections together.

Step 4:

In the corner of your top square, decorate your snake with eyes and nose.

Step 5:

Repeat these steps to create as many snakes as you like!

How to build Medusa's head

Step 1:

Manipulate, move and shape a 2-page spread of newspaper to form the shape of a head. This is our base.

When you have something that looks like a round head shape, place your wooden spoon/stick into a gap in the paper and attach it using masking tape. The wooden stick will serve as our handle!

Use masking tape on the back of the head to keep it in head shape you have created.

Step 2:

Have a pre-ripped piece of masking tape (around 8cm) to hand. Then, wrap another 2-page spread of newspaper around the first one. This layer should be a bit neater than the first layer.

Again, attach the paper to the stick using masking tape.

Step 3:

Medusa's eye sockets! With a 2-page spread of newspaper in landscape, roll it up bottom to top. Fold each side over so they meet in the middle.

Use masking tape to keep it in place. They may look a little bit like an 8 shape or a pair of glasses!

Step 4:

Medusa's nose! Make another roll of newspaper, as in step 3, and then rip it in half. Save 1 half for later.

Then, use the other to shape Medusa's nose.

Fold the newspaper over and attach it together at the top using masking tape.

Step 5:

Medusa's mouth! With the roll of newspaper you saved from step 4, create a mouth.

You could shape yours to look shocked, angry, sad, delighted – it is up to you!

Step 6:

Attach the facial features to Medusa's head!

Use masking tape to keep the feature in place. Make sure they are nice and secure!

Step 7:

On Medusa's head, attach the snakes you made at the beginning of the activity using the masking tape.

Make sure there at the front of her hairline, as we are going to add other snakes to the back!

Step 8:

Additional snakes! Like you did in step 3, roll up a 2-page spread of newspaper. This time, fold the roll in half and make it look like slithering snakes!

Attach them to the back of the head, facing upwards, using masking tape in the middle of the roll.

Step 9:

Medusa's eyes! Roll up some strips of masking tape into a ball.

Draw pupils to the balls to make eyes and then stick them into the eye sockets!

Step 10:

You may want to decorate your Medusa further with your colouring pens.

You can add more detail to her features, like pointy teeth inside her mouth, or even add colour to the snakes.