

Romanian Bear Festival Mask

Supplies

- large paper plate (8.5 to 10 inches)
- small paper bowl (7 to 8 oz.)
- construction paper or cardstock
- paper towels
- scissors
- white glue
- large pompom, craft foam, felt, or paper
- tempera or poster paint and paint brush



Instructions

1. Prepare a large paper plate for the bear's head and a small paper bowl for the snout. Cut eye holes.
2. Paint the outside of your paper bowl with light brown tempera or poster paint. Once dry, glue the paper bowl close to the plate's bottom edge to create the bear's snout.
3. Cut out a pair of brown or black round ears from cardstock or construction paper. Glue the ears on the top edge of the plate. Flip the paper plate over, so that the plate's bottom side is facing up and the ears are glued at the back.
4. Tear paper towels into fairly large pieces, then glue them onto the entire plate. Next, take smaller pieces and scrunch them up. Glue them around the edges of the ears. Paint the paper towels to make "fur." Glue the pipe cleaner mouth and tape a popsicle stick to the back of the plate.

In Romania, there is an old rural tradition that's gaining in popularity, in which people dress in elaborate bear costumes, travel from house to house, dancing as a way to chase away evil spirits on New Year's Eve. (Houston Press, 2015)

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