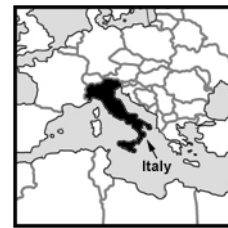


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VENETIAN BAUTA MASK

Masks are an essential feature of the Venetian Carnevale in Italy. The wearing of masks and costumes began in the 11th Century, when mask makers or *Mascereri* were officially recognized with their own organization.

The practice of wearing masks for disguise reached its peak in the 18th century when Venetians of different social classes used Carnevale as an excuse to mingle without fear of recognition or retribution.

The Bauta mask covers the whole face, with a protruding chin line and no mouth. The shape of the mask allowed the bearer to breathe and drink easily, so there was no need to take it off, thus preserving anonymity.

MATERIALS

- Card stock
- ¼ Inch elastic string
- Scissors
- Masking tape
- Markers, sequins, jewels, glitter glue, other decorative material
- Stapler
- Craft knife

Make a Bauta Mask

1. Print Bauta template on card stock and cut out.
2. Using a craft knife cut completely along the outline around the eyes and nose. The nose will pop out.
3. Decorate mask
4. Pull tab B behind tab A behind the nose and tape together. This will cause the mask to angle out at the bottom.
5. Using masking tape, attach string flaps to the sides of the crown the same height as the eyes.
6. Cut two equal lengths of elastic string and staple to flaps.
7. Measure head then tie elastic string.

Bauta Masks



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