

Twisteez Masks

Grade Levels 5-12

Note: instructions and materials based on a class of 25 students. Adjust as needed.

Process

1. **Prepare the mask form** in one of these ways:
 - Purchase wire strainers in a kitchen supply center. Silver wires may be spray painted black, if desired. These strainers already have handles attached, so they make great mask forms.
 - Use an old badminton racquet or child's toy racquet
 - Cut a 8" wide x 10" high oval from Wireform Diamond mesh. Place oval over a plastic face form and use fingers to press the Wireform around the facial features. Be sure to pick up all the contours around the forehead and chin. This type of mask will not have a handle.

NOTE: Wireform will produce sharp edges when cut, use caution when handling. Recommend wearing garden gloves and turning the edges of the Wireform oval over once it is cut, so that wires do not poke the face.
2. **Weave the Twisteez** onto the face. Secure one end to the wire with a tight loop, then bend and shape features. Include eyes, ears, mouth, ears, hair, horns...everything! Use a variety of wire colors and shape them in interesting ways. Wires do not have to be confined to the face form - let them extend off in twists and curls! Twisteez can be placed closely together for a solid-looking area of color.

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National Standards

Content Standard #1 — Understanding and applying media, techniques, and processes

- 5-8 Students use different media, techniques, and processes to communicate ideas, experiences, and stories
- 9-12 Students conceive and create works of visual art that demonstrate an understanding of how the communication of their ideas relates to the media, techniques, and processes they use



Materials

[Twisteez Wire](#) (33407-1009), classpack of 200 wires, need 8-10 wires per mask

Base, either a strainer, badminton racquet or [Amaco® Wireform Mesh](#) (33408-9055), 20" x 10-ft roll, cut to 8" x 10" pieces (30 per roll), need one per student

[Acme® Titanium Blade Scissors](#) (57059-1008), one per student

[Face Form for Mask Making](#) (60959-0000), share at least six across class