

Soap Mask Activity

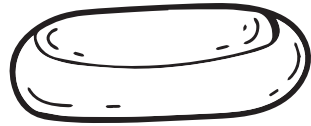
Supplies



Toothpick



Butter knife



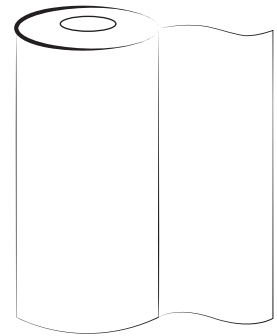
Unscented bar of soap



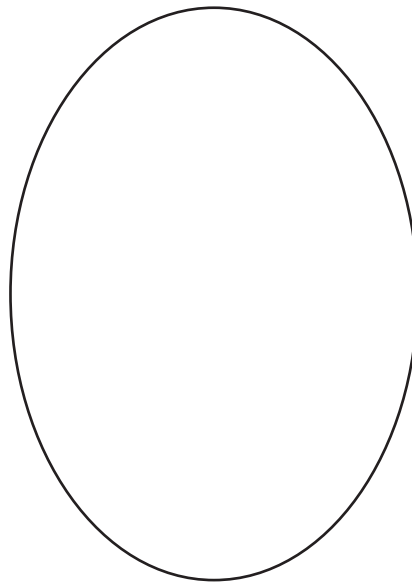
First Aid kit



Cup of water



Papertowel or plate
to carve on



Step 1

Prepare the Soap:

- Use a butter knife to scrape off any symbol present on the soap.
- Use a damp paper towel or wet fingers to smooth the surface of the soap.

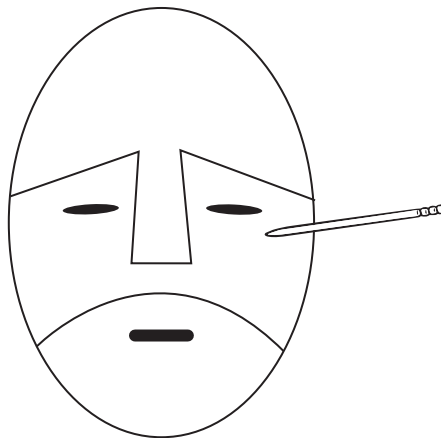
Note: Carving scented soaps may be unsafe for those with allergies or medical conditions. It is important to use unscented soap for this project.

Step 2

Carve the Mask:

- Use a toothpick to outline the brow, nose, and mouth of a mask to create areas for carving.
- Begin to carve the eye area so that the brow and mouth area are protruding.
- Once the brow line and nose have been carved use toothpicks and a butter knife to carve the eyes and the mouth.
- Polish the mask. Dip your fingers into a water bowl and gently rub the surface. This will create a smooth finish.
- Add decorative details with a toothpick.
- Place the mask in a safe place to dry.

Note: To see a video demonstration of this activity visit the craft page of the museum's web site at alutiiqmuseum.org.



Ancestral Alutiiq masks courtesy the Musée Boulogne-sur-Mer, France.