

DANZA OCELOTL MASKS

Mask-making inspired by Yreina Cervantez's *Danza Ocelotl*



Yreina Cervántez, *Danza Ocelotl*, silkscreen (4 colors), 1983
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In *Danza Ocelotl*, Yreina Cervantez created a self-portrait in which she is holding a mask. The mask is made up of different icons: her nose is a jaguar, cheeks are hearts and skulls, with a crescent moon chin. Cervantez created this to showcase her culture and to show pride in who she is as a person and her heritage.

Use your imagination to create a mask that highlights who you are, what you like, where you come from, and/or who you hope to become. Use paper plates, paper, glue, glitter, feathers, pipe cleaners, or anything you have available at home. If you don't have any of these materials readily available, draw a mask. Use pencils, colored pencils, pastels, markers, or anything you have at home!

