

Art - Ancient Maya Civilisation

The Maya civilisation of over 1500 years ago created beautiful pieces of art in many forms and media; sculpture, painting, weaving, ceramics and pottery.

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Maya Masks

Maya masks often depicted symbols of their gods. Masks were also worn to intimidate enemies and included animals such as snakes and terrifying expressions.

Gold, turquoise, burnt red, black and green represent the core of the **Mayan colour palette**. In fact, the famous **Maya Blue** (Azul maya), a beautiful turquoise blue, has survived to this day thanks to its unique chemical properties.



Maya Mask Colouring Task:

Add colour carefully to the Maya Mask on the sheet you have. You could use coloured pencils or watercolour paints.

- **Choose colours from the Mayan colour palette.**
- **Make your mask symmetrical in colour design - look at the example above and notice how the mask is split in colour down the middle and the colours are reflected.**

Challenge: Design, draw and colour your own Maya mask.

