

**5** Fun Filled  
Family  
Activities!

# SKIN DEEP

## FAMILY ACTIVITY PACK

inspired by the Oliver Jones 'Skin Deep' exhibition  
and the Georgians who built Berrington Hall

**Mask Making!**  
Celebrity face mash-ups!  
**Playdough fun!**  
Beauty Patches!  
**Slime!**



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OLIVER JONES

Contemporary art at Berrington Hall  
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Skin Deep is a series of large-scale pastel drawings that touch on issues of self-obsession and self-esteem, illustrating a contemporary quest for beauty and perfection often in the form of plastic surgery, skin treatments and body modification.

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Send us a photo of your work on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram @meadowarts (or ask a grown up to do it for you)

[www.meadowarts.org/exhibitions/skin-deep](http://www.meadowarts.org/exhibitions/skin-deep)

# FACE PACK

## YOU WILL NEED...

- ▶ 2 cups of cornflower
- 1 cup of water
- ▶ mixing bowl/jug and spoon
- a plate or tray
- ▶ food colouring (optional)

We have lots of skin creams that promise to give us natural and healthy looking skin. Georgian lotions had strange ingredients that gave them health problems. Let's get messy and run our fingers through some Oobleck slime, full of creamy goodness!

- 1** In the jug or bowl add two cups of cornflower and one cup of water. Mix until a gloop is formed.
- 2** Pour onto a plate or tray. Not enough gloop? You can repeat step one until you have enough!
- 3** Now push your fingers through the gloop, pick some up and squeeze. Slowly move your finger through it to make marks - you could try drawing portraits of your family! You can add colour with food colouring too!

## SKIN DEEP FACT

Oobleck slime is a non-Newtonian fluid. It has the properties of both a solid and a liquid! When you press your fingers on it the pressure forces the cornstarch particles together, and it feels like a solid. When you stop pressing it melts back into a liquid.



I am Thomas Harley, creator of Berrington Hall. We Georgians loved our face lotions! White porcelain skin was the height of fashion. Some of the ingredients included lead - very poisonous, vinegar and manure! We also tinted our cheeks and lips a red colour with carmine and mercury - extremely toxic! This caused many health problems!



## YOU WILL NEED...

- + blank mask template
- ◇ kitchen foil
- + chocolate foil & cellophane wrappers
- ◇ marker pens
- + glue

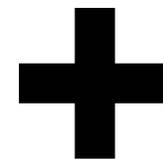
# DIY

In our busy lives, it is convenient to search the internet and social media to find beauty tips we can use on ourselves at home. Get inspired by Oliver Jones' *Gold Leaf Face Mask II* and the DIY trend with this activity!



## SKIN DEEP FACT

British men and women spend over £10 billion a year on make-up and hair products!\*



- 1 Cut out the mask template. Careful with that cutting! Get a grown-up's help!
- 2 Look at the painting '*Gold Leaf Face Mask II*' above. Can you be inspired to create your own? You can use kitchen foil, and the foil chocolate wrappers from selection boxes too!
- 3 Finish off your new individual look with some colouring using marker pens!

\*according to a survey commissioned by Oasis Dental Care 2020, reported by [uk.fashionnetwork.com](http://uk.fashionnetwork.com)

# PATCHED UP BEAUTY

## YOU WILL NEED...

- blank mask template
- ✕ scissors
- colouring pencils & pens
- ✕ glue



'Divine' by Oliver Jones takes a look inside a tattoo artist's studio and the things we do for perfection. Tattoos allow us to be individuals, and we can see this in Georgian times too. Diseases such as small pox and the lead in face creams left blemishes and scars on the face. These were covered with beauty patches, which had different shapes and sizes. What would yours look like?



The Georgians used symbols that had special meanings.

What symbols or designs will you use?

What meanings do they have for you?

- 1 Print out the mask template (on page 7).
- 2 Use the colouring pencils and pens to draw your face on top of it.
- 3 On a different piece of paper draw some shapes that you would like for your beauty patches. Just like tattoos, they can mean something personal and special to you! Stars, moons, anything in your imagination!
- 4 Now cut them out and stick them onto your portrait!

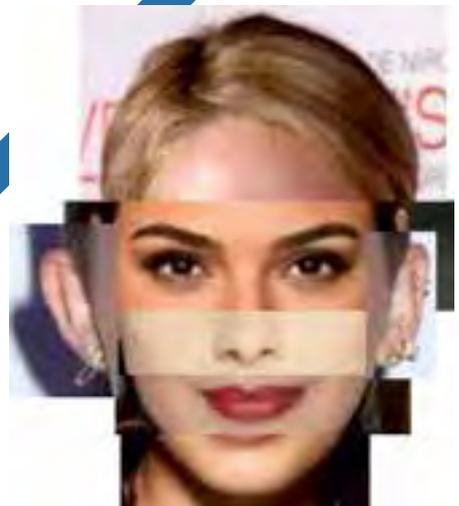
# THE PERFECT FACE

## YOU WILL NEED...

- ◇ magazines, newspapers, photos from the internet
- + scissors
- ◇ glue

Tired of looking at the same old face? In the future, perhaps we will be able to change it for something a bit more perfect! Imagine being able to take a photo into a place that can give your face a whole new look, just like taking a picture of the latest hair-do to the hairdressers. What would yours look like? Have fun with this celebrity mashup activity!

- 1 Look through magazines or the internet for the most gorgeous examples of beautiful celebs!
- 2 Which parts of their faces do you like best? Take a pair of scissors and chop up the magazine or print-out.
- 3 Now re-arrange the different parts into a brand new face and stick them down. What fab-u-lous new look have you created?



# PLAYDOUGH FACES!

In 'Reduces the Signs of Wrinkles' Oliver Jones is thinking about how we want to look young and what we will do stay looking young. So, let's have some fun and play with faces, just like in his picture!

## YOU WILL NEED...

- ▶ plain flour
- table salt
- ▶ warm water
- vegetable oil
- ▶ food colouring

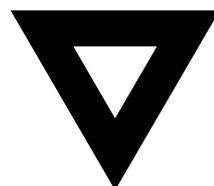


**1** Mix 8 tbsp of flour with 2 tbsp of salt in a bowl. In a separate bowl, mix together the water and the oil. If you want the dough to have a colour, add a few drops of food colouring to the water and oil.

**2** Pour the coloured water into the flour mix and bring together with a spoon.

**3** Dust a work surface with a little flour and turn out the dough. Knead together for a few minutes to form a smooth, pliable dough. If you want a more intense colour you can work in a few extra drops of food colouring.

**4** Use your hands to make an oval face shape. Push and pull it with your fingers to change it into endless faces - and don't forget to smooth out the wrinkles!



## WHY NOT TRY

If you make portions of different coloured playdough you can add different hair, eyes, or add big lips! The possibilities are endless!

# MASK TEMPLATE

