

Puerto Rican Vejigante Mask

The *vejigante* is a colorful character that is a blend of Puerto Rico's African, Spanish, and Caribbean influences. It's a key figure in many of the island's annual celebrations, particularly Ponce's Carnival which is one of the largest cultural events in Puerto Rico. Vejigante masks are typically made from papier-mâché, coconut husks, or gourds, and often feature horns, fangs, beaks, and polka-dots.



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What you'll need:

- Cardstock or a paper plate
- Markers and crayons
- Construction paper
- Glue or tape
- Scissors
- Ribbon or string

Instructions:

- Create your mask using a paper plate or a piece of cardstock.
- Cut out circles or slits for your eyes.
- Use markers and crayons to decorate your mask.
- Use construction paper and scissors to make embellishments for your mask (horns, fangs, beaks, etc.).
- Use glue or tape to attach embellishments to the mask.
- Create slits on the sides of your mask to attach a ribbon or string.
- Tie on the mask with two pieces of ribbon or string.



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