

MY STORY:

I AM STRONG

Bill Jeng's paintings show a boy and a girl performing the lion dance.

You can see how strong the dancers are and how happy they are to celebrate their culture.

Like the lion dancers who put on a costume, you're going to make masks that show your strength.

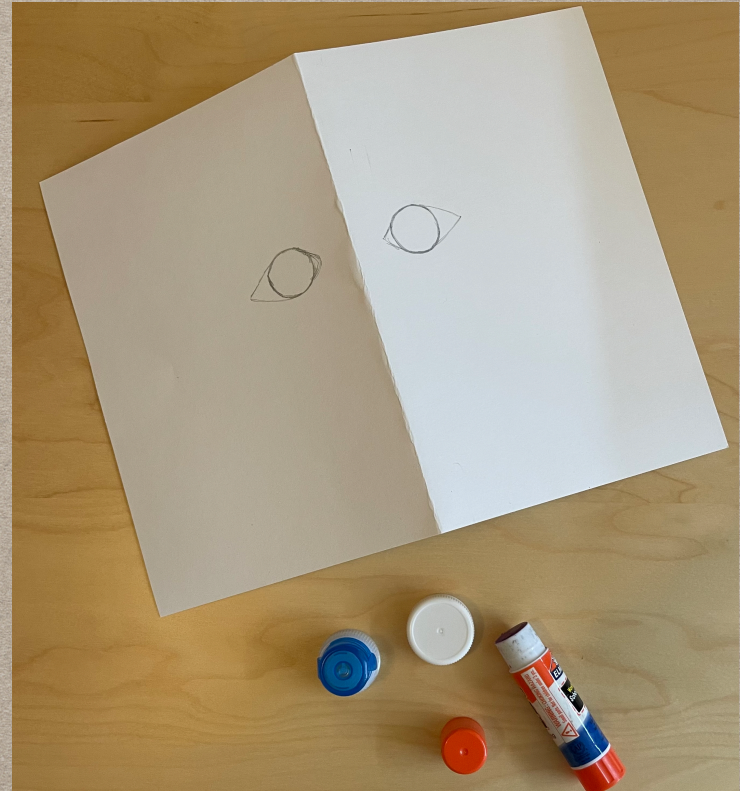
MATERIALS

- **Watercolor paper**
- **Pencil**
- **Bottle caps**
- **Crayons or oil pastels***
- **Watercolor paints***
- **Scissors**

*** The oil in crayons and pastels will resist the watercolor paint. This will make your drawing stand out.**

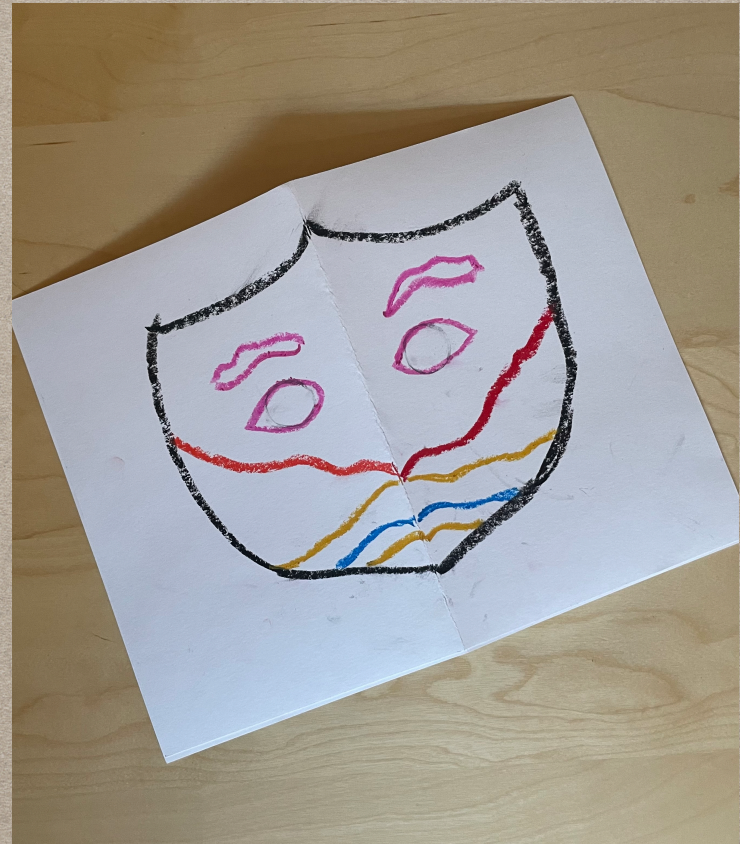
LET'S GET STARTED

- Fold your paper in half. The fold will be a halfway mark in your face.
- The fold creates room for your nose when you hold the mask to your face.
- Using a pencil, trace a circular cap to create eyes. You can keep your eyes as circles or you can make your eyes leaf-shaped.



DRAW THE MASK

- Once you have outlined your eyes with crayons or oil pastels, you can make your mask in any shape that you want.
- You can add geometric lines or draw something realistic. Anything that makes you feel strong.



PAIN T WITH WATERCOLORS

- You want to lightly paint watercolor over the mask so that the crayons or oil pastels stand out. This is called a watercolor wash.



MAKE IT BOLD

- Even though your mask is smaller than the lion dance costume, you can still make your mask fierce by adding parts of the lion's face like furry eyebrows or sharp teeth.
- Adding flames to your eyes also makes them look fierce, as does turning a mouth into a fiery sun.



Have fun with whatever you draw and paint.

Cut out the mask once the watercolor is dry.

Have your teacher cut out the eyes!