



# Ugly Mugs: Gargoyles & Grotesques of Gloucestershire!

## Make a 3D Gargoyle Face!

This is a great fun activity that can be used to make really lifelike gargoyle faces. It's quite messy though and you'll need to let things dry between stages, so it will take several days to make a complete gargoyle face.

### What You Need:

- Old newspaper for crumpling into 3D shapes or, corrugated cardboard from a box (for packing).
- Egg cartons.
- Masking or packing tape.
- A piece of 12" x 12" cardboard per gargoyle for use as a base.
- Cardboard strips
- Papier-mâché - you can use paper strips dipped in glue or pulp.
- Wallpaper paste (for the papier-mâché).
- Sand (optional).
- Water-based paint.
- Paintbrushes, water, water containers and a covered work area.



### What You Do:

1. Crumple up some newspaper into balls or sausages and place them on the cardboard base. These will form the gargoyle's facial features, such as nose, cheeks, chin, eyebrows and forehead, so arrange them to suit and use as many paper balls as you need to get the shape you are after.
2. The cardboard strips can be used edge-on to help this process and they are very good for forming the eyebrows and nose.
3. Tape the paper shapes and cardboard strips down to the base.

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4. Cut out individual cups from the egg carton and use these as the basis for horns. Tape them securely into place.
5. If you are making a true gargoyle, roll some cardboard into a tube for the mouth. Tape securely.
6. Cover the face with thin strips of papier-mâché and start building up the skin. You can build the face up in several stages. Even after the pulp has dried, you can add wet to dry and it will stick nicely. You might need several layers.
7. Use papier-mâché pulp to fill holes or crevices and add facial features.
8. When the entire gargoyle face is complete, set aside to let dry (note: this might take a few days depending on how much papier-mâché you used).
9. Once dry, you can paint the gargoyle. You can use any colour you like, but grey or grey-brown usually resemble actual stone. You could also sprinkle or paint on sand to give it a real "stony" appearance. Some model shops sell stone paint in spray-cans, but these can be expensive and need to be used carefully.
10. Once finished, fix some string to the back and hang the finished gargoyle on the wall or book shelf.