

Craft tip: Papier maché plate



De quoi a-t-on besoin?

- Blancol paste
- Water
- Bowl
- Cardboard plates
- Paintbrush
- Newspaper
- Tissue paper or wrapping paper
- Scissors
- Clear varnish



1. Sprinkle 1 unit in weight of Blancol paste onto 9 units in weight of cold water, stirring constantly.



5. Allow the plates to dry well. This will take about 2 days in the ambient air. (Tip: the plates will dry faster in an oven with the door open, at a max temp. of 50°C, but this will naturally use up a lot of energy)



2. Stir the paste continuously so that it can develop full effectiveness.



6. Brush the last layer with a clear varnish.



3. Brush the plates with paste. Glue pieces of newspaper onto the plates with a brush. Allow to dry out thoroughly.



7. **...and your papier maché plates are ready!**



4. In order to stop the newsprint appearing through thin paper, you can use white tissue paper for the 2nd layer and then use your chosen paper for the 3rd layer.

Notes:

Mould may develop from the dampness if the layers have not dried out properly.

As well as cardboard plates, you might also use china plates, glass bowls, ceramic shapes etc. Clear cling film has proved useful as a separating medium. Once the plate is finished, you just lift the plastic film (and therefore the papier maché shape) from the original mould.