

EASTER ISLAND HEADS



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Directions:

1. Clean and dry the bottle. Remove the spout.
(NOTE: You might need an adult and a pair of pliers for this)
2. Cover the bottle with masking tape so no color or words show through. The last layer should be small pieces of masking tape.
3. Lightly rub shoe polish on the tape with a paper towel. Start out with a very light coat to give it the look of weathered stone. Ask an adult to help!
(NOTE: You can also use watered down black paint.)
4. Allow shoe polish or paint to dry (about 10 minutes)
5. On the handle-side of the bottle, rough in a face using black paint.

NOTE: You might want to refer to a picture of the Easter Island Heads. This is a good time to learn about them. Some had "hats," called *pukao*, which actually represented their hair, styled in a top-knot which symbolized their power. Remember this bit for later.
6. You can leave the head like this. It makes a great vase for flowers! Now *that's* some unique hair. If you want it to be a bank, try to find a cover that will fit the opening. (I used the lid from a small ice cream cup.)
7. Cover the lid with masking tape and apply a coat of shoe polish.
8. For the bank, ask an adult to cut a slit in the top of the lid.

A note from Page

These make fun decorations for your room. Learn more about their history and culture online!

Also known as Moai by the Rapa Nui people who carved them on Easter Island in Polynesia, the Easter Island heads can be as tall as 30 feet and represent ancestors of the tribe. 900 of them watch over the island, carved from volcanic rock. Today, we're making their little cousins with things at home. What kind of ancestor are you going to represent with your Maori?

Materials:

- Empty Laundry Detergent Bottle or Dish Detergent bottle
- Masking Tape
- Black Shoe Polish, in a tin, NOT the liquid (You can also use watered-down black paint)
- Paper Towels
- Black Paint (not watered down)

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