

Erin Latham | Session 1:

Manuel Jiménez Ramírez: Paper Maché Animal Sculptures

List of Required Supplies: Recycled water bottle, toilet paper/paper towel tubes, newsprint/newspaper torn into strips, Elmer's glue, water, foil, masking tape, bowl for mixing, paint brush/spoon for mixing glue, hot glue gun, hot glue sticks, tablecloth or newspaper for keeping table clean.



Space/Facility Requirements: Surface to work on, chair, access to water

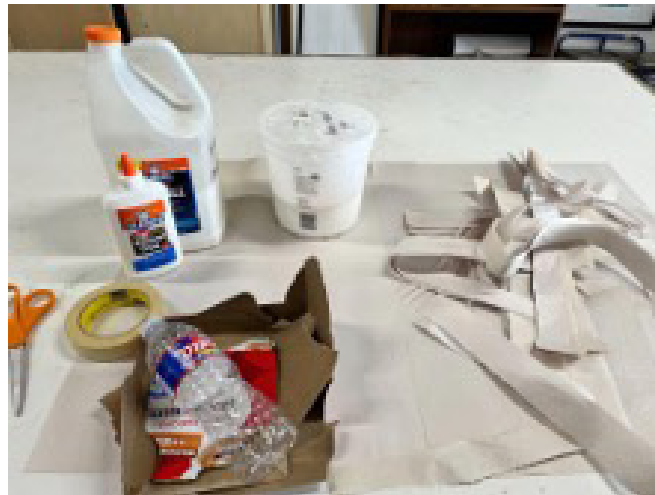
Student Time Required: Varies depending on student, 45-60minutes for sculpting, sculpture should dry overnight before next steps.

Information on the Artist:

Manuel Jiménez Ramírez is credited as the originator of this genre of folk art in Arrazola. He derived great satisfaction from his popularity with collectors all over the world. Dignified, hard-working and proud, Manuel was best known for his animals, angels, shepherds, kings and Christ figures, pieces bold in shape, size and painting style. To distinguish himself from the carvers who came after him, his later work was in the finer Guatemalan cedar, rather than local copal wood. Sources: <https://www.fofa.us/woodcarving/2>, <https://romaarellano.com/listing/1126714190/signed-manuel-jimenez-ramirez-dog>

Step-by-step Instructions:

1. Mix 2-parts glue to 1-part water in a bowl to make the paper mache glue mixture.



2. Tear strips of newsprint/newspaper.

3. Decide what type of animal you want to create. Use masking tape and low heat hot glue gun to create your animal structure. You can use cardboard tubes, water bottles, etc., to create the basic shape of your animal.

- a. Tip: Researching images of your animal will help students determine what shapes are needed.



- b. Younger students will need help with some structural elements and hot gluing.

4. Dip strips of paper into the glue mixture, use your fingers to squeegee off the excess glue and wrap strips around your animal.
5. Repeat until you have covered the entire form. It works best if you do two coats of paper mache.
6. Let dry overnight.

