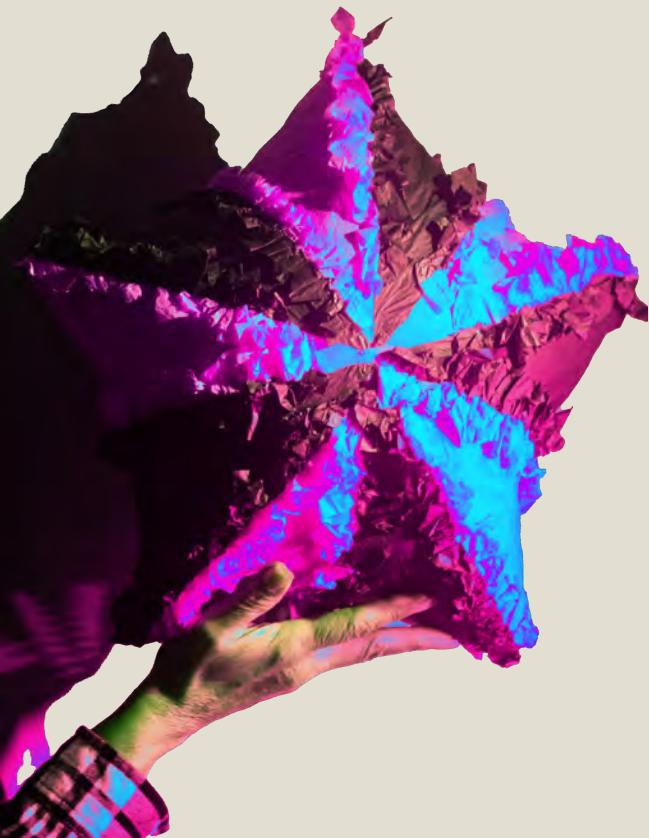




# PAPEL MACHE

A LIL OVERVIEW  
+ WHAT WE'RE DOIN' HERE



Paper mache/papel mache is the process of using layers of paper (or pulp!) and some kind of semi-liquid binding material to make a sculpture :^) The process turns random wet stuff into sturdy hard stuff!



## CATRINAS

An extremely important fixture of Dia de los Muertos, una catrina is usually made from a mixture of pulp, wire, and mache.



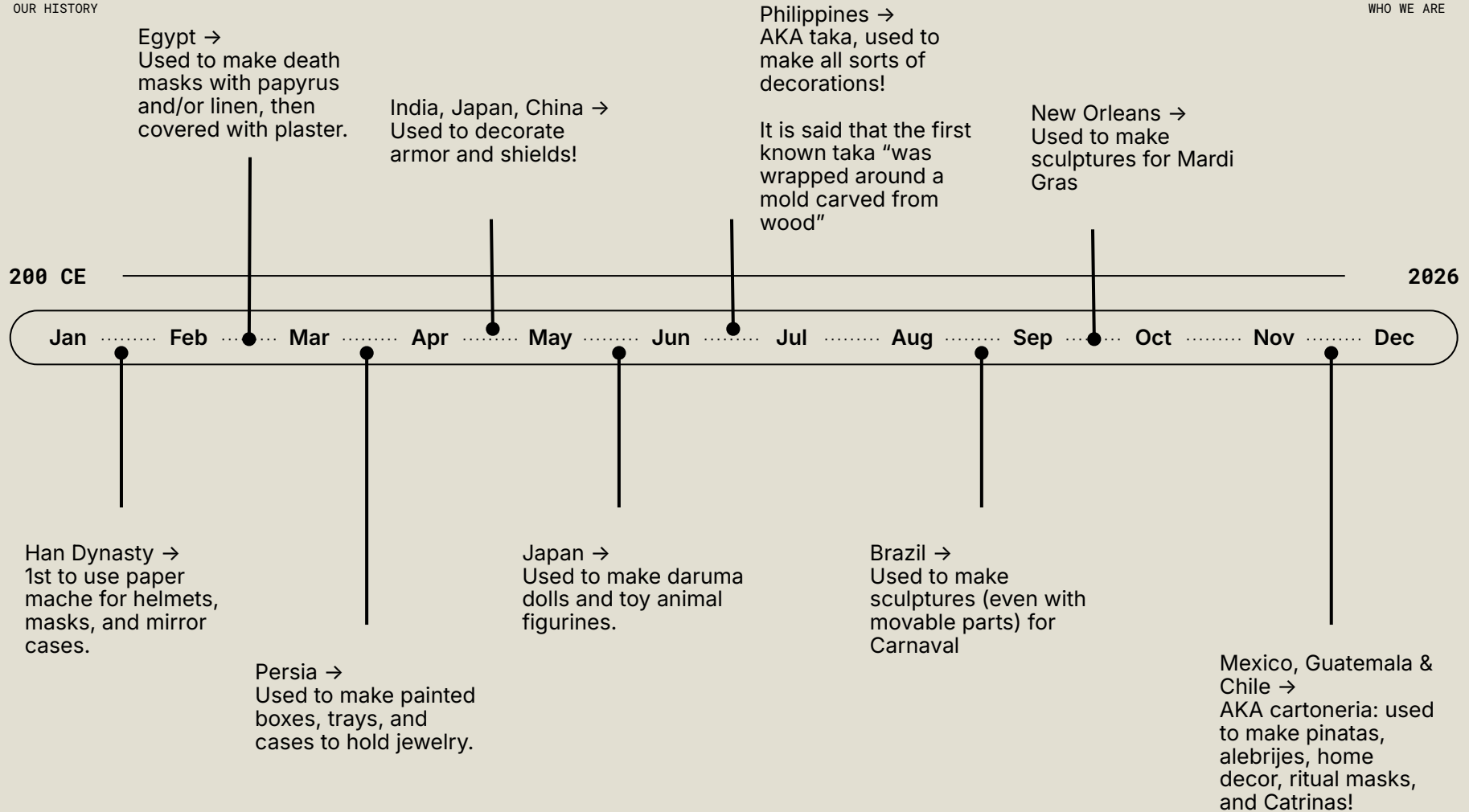
## PINATAS

Possibly the most well-known paper mache product, pinatas are built in dozens of ways, but always include reinforcement with papel mache.



## MASCARAS

Constructed using either cardboard or plaster, papel mache can be used to reinforce masks that have been used historically for festivals, religious and cultural celebrations, and creepy art all around!





## LA QUEMA DEL DIABLO

In Guatemala and parts of Mexico, there is a festival that celebrates the burning of the devil (sometimes, Judas). Representing the destruction of evil, these figures are burned and often include pyrotechnic buffoonery.



## RESISTENCIA / ARTE POLITICO

Using cartoneria to mock political leaders is a pretty tried-and-true method spread throughout all of LATAM. s/o Puerto Rico



## TEATRO CALLEJERO + LAS MOJIGANGAS

Originally brought to the attention of the public as a way of mocking public figures, giant puppets made from cartoneria are used mostly in celebration, but sometimes in political resistance.

# HOW DO THEY DO IT?

USING SOMETHING CALLED “ENGRUDO”!

There's like 1 bajillion ways to make engrudo and there's even more ways to build your sculptures skeleton.

## THE CEDILLO ENGRUDO RECIPE



\*\*\* This is not specific to my fam, this is just a popular and well-known variation of engrudo

- 1/5 cup of flour (avoid high-protein flour)
- 1 cup of water
- 2 tbsp of honey

Wait until it cools

- Cover the top of your reservoir with vinegar



**SO, WHAT ARE WE  
DOING HERE?**

# YOU'RE GONNA MAKE UN CORAZON COLGANTE AYYYYYYYYYY

- It is a heart
- A heart that hangs
- And thus, means, "hanging heart"



# A STEP-BY-STEP SUPER DETAILED GUIDE

Step 1: Blow up your balloon (do not skimp out on the air, really fill 'er up)

Step 2: Decide whether you're doin' a half heart or a full heart

Step 3: Plunge your paper into your tub OR use a brush if you wanna be clean n dainty about it, then start layering your strips on top of the balloon

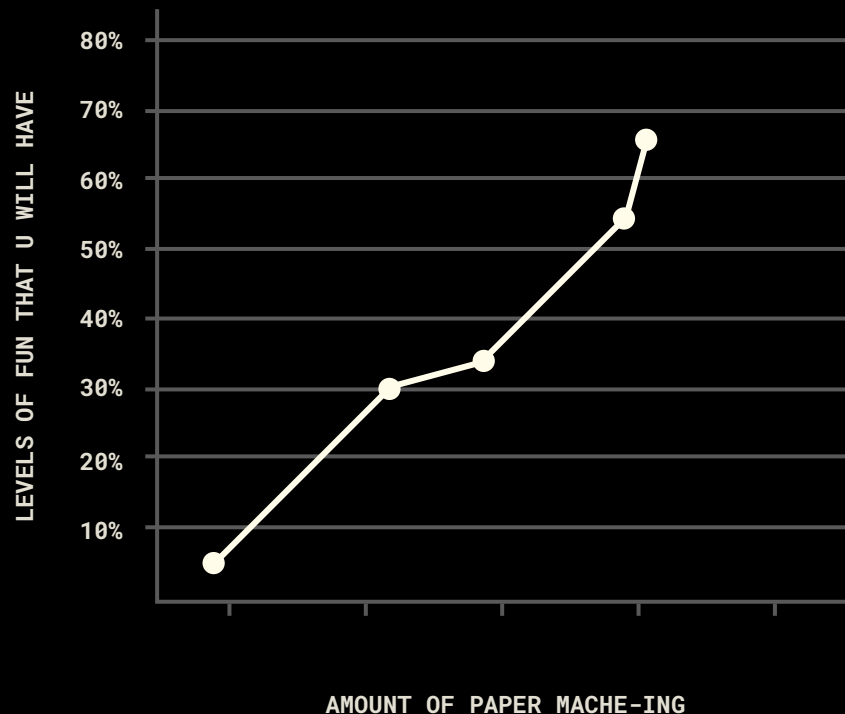
Step 4: Leave it alone for like 20 minutes

Step 5: Do step 3 again

Step 6: Do step 4 again

Step 7: Maybe do step 3 again

Step 8: Definitely do step 4 again



**ALRIGHT  
GO DO  
THE  
THING**

Lmk if u need help ty









