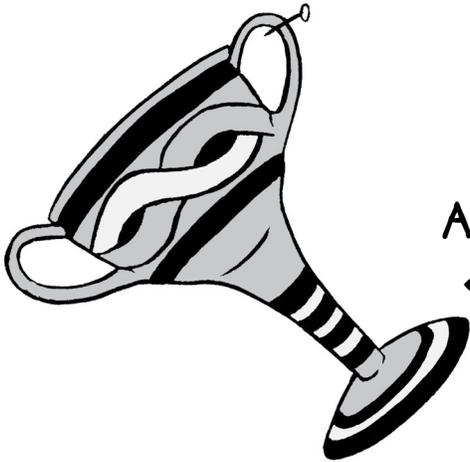


MAKE A Kylix



A kylix is a two-handled cup the ancient Greeks used. When they weren't drinking from it, the family hung the cup on the wall, by one of the handles, for decoration.

1 Spread the newspaper over your workspace. Set the plastic container's lid off to one side for the moment. Carefully cut the container in half so the bottom half makes a shallow cup.

2 From the top piece of plastic that's left, cut two pieces that are 6 inches long and about $\frac{3}{4}$ inches wide.

3 Bend the pieces of plastic to create handles. Using the masking tape, attach the handles (one on each side) to

the shallow cup.



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4 Cut the paper towel roll in half. This will be the “stem” of your cup. Tape one end to the bottom of the cup.

5 Now, tape the other end of the stem onto the plastic container’s lid. The lid will be the base of your *kylix*.

6 Cut the plaster cloth into small pieces, each about the size of a playing card. One at a time, dip the pieces of plaster cloth into the water and begin laying them on the cup. Cover the whole cup (including the handles, stem, and base) in several layers of plaster cloth. Smooth out any bumps with your wet fingers.

7 Let the cup dry completely. When it’s done, paint it with a coat of the reddish-brown paint.

8 Once the paint is dry, you can paint a scene or add designs using the black paint. You can’t really drink out of your *kylix*, but you can have fun pretending! You can also hang your cup up for display if you’d like.

SUPPLIES

newspaper

clean and dry 8-ounce plastic container with lid

scissors

masking tape

empty paper towel roll

plaster cloth, sometimes called plaster gauze, found with the plaster of Paris at craft stores—Rigid Wrap is one brand

shallow bowl of water

paint brush

reddish-brown paint

black paint