



Wayang Topeng Face Mask Depicting the Character, Semar

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Primary Maker

Ki Rudy Wiratama Partohardono

Medium

Synthetic fabric, foam

Description

Black mask with white and red lower face printed on it, mask has white backing. Wayang Topeng Face Mask

Depicting the Character, Semar, Ki Rudy Wiratama Partohardono (designer). Ki Rudy Wiratama Partohardono is a dhalang puppeteer of wayang kulit (shadow puppets) and teaches Javanese literature at Universitas Gadjah Mada in Yogyakarta. In the summer of 2020, he collaborated with friends in the commercial printing sector and designed this humorous face mask, which depicts the comedic, fatherly wayang character, Semar. Since the design was for a face mask, he drew from the wayang topeng (mask) tradition, using a photograph of the bottom portion of the character's face. Partohardono posted a selfie donning his Semar mask to Facebook and inspired other dhalang to make and post similar wayang face masks.

Dimensions

Measured flat: 5 1/8 × 13/16 × 11 7/16 in. (13 × 2 × 29 cm)