

Body Adornments: Lei and Headdress

Polynesian Lei are very colourful ruffs either worn in the hair or round the neck.

Starting Points

Using found objects such as old photos, felted sweaters, feathers. Fruit nets, horse hair or fibres.

Designs can relate to the materials used – using colour, shape or textures as a starting point.

Cut small pieces of cloth, polythene etc and thread together.

Some Lei have figures in them. These could be made out of cut felt or painted card or soft sculptures (see image).

Thin strips of old photos stand up well to form a headdress, interspersed with different materials such as some cleaning cloths give interesting efforts. Glue the strips onto thin bands of card or material.



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