

Art of Mexico

Art from different cultures and
periods of time in the land we call
Mexico

MASKS

- Masks can be made of many different materials (media).
- They can be made of wood, clay, stone, gems, beads, or even paper.
- Masks were made long ago and are still made today.
- Masks are often used for ceremonies.
- Today masks are sold as art for artistic expression (tourists buy to display).

Mask





Mask
made
of
wood

Carver making a mask



Masks of stone



Jade Masks



An antique clay or ceramic mask



A mask with bead design



TEXTILE



- ❖ Fabric is woven to make clothing, accessories, and rugs.
- ❖ Designs are woven or sewn onto fabric.
- ❖ Dyes used come from plants, minerals, and animals. (A special bug is used to make red dye.)
- ❖ Fans and hats are made from special plant fibers.

Art in clothing



Notice the design



Notice the color and designs



Artwork with yarn and sticks

“God’s Eye” weavings





Weaving
is art
from
long ago
to today.

Hand-stitched fabric art



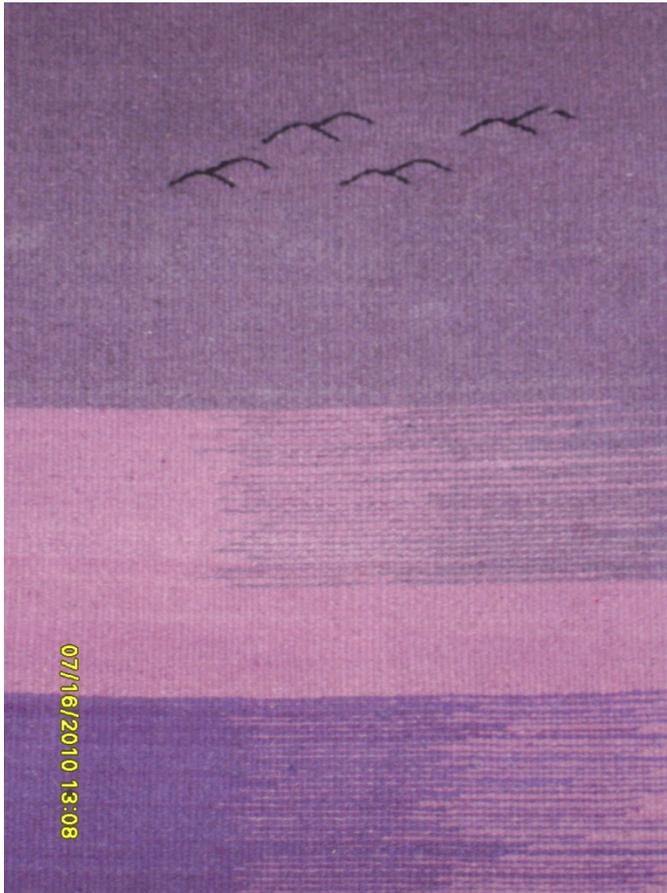


Hand-
stitched
fabric art
takes a
long time
to make

Modern woven rugs from Oxacca



More rugs from Oxacca



Dye for the rugs were made from different plants and even a bug!



This bug makes red dye



A lady artistically makes a belt from strings as her daughter learns



Artistically made fans are very handy when it is very hot!



The town has giant hats to show the importance of their hats



Famous Panama hats artistically made



Pottery

- Pottery was made long ago from clay found in the earth.
- Most pottery was for practical use. It was used in everyday life and in ceremonies.
- Pottery can be plain or made with elaborate designs and colors.

The son watches his mother form the clay into a bird



The finished bird is ready to dry
and paint



Pottery made the way it was made hundreds of years ago



A painted plate



Hand-cut holes in pottery



A black finish makes it shine!





Adorned pottery

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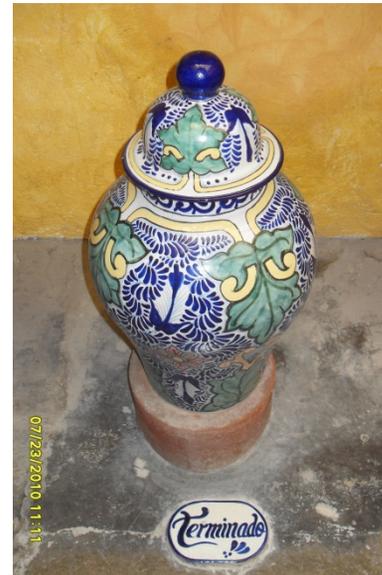
Talavera founded in 1824



Talavera pottery



STEPS FOR MAKING A TALAVERA POTTERY VASE



Talavera tiles



Mosaic art on a bench





A
ceramic
incense
pedestal

Ceramic musical instruments used for ceremonial singing and dancing



PAINTING

- ◉ Artists express themselves through painting.
- ◉ Long ago they painted on walls and homes. They showed their history. This was narrative art.
- ◉ Today artists paint murals as artistic expression or narrative art.
- ◉ Painting is also done on pottery and other surfaces.

The artist paints himself painting history



It shows their history



What do you think it means?



Ancient murals adorns this wall

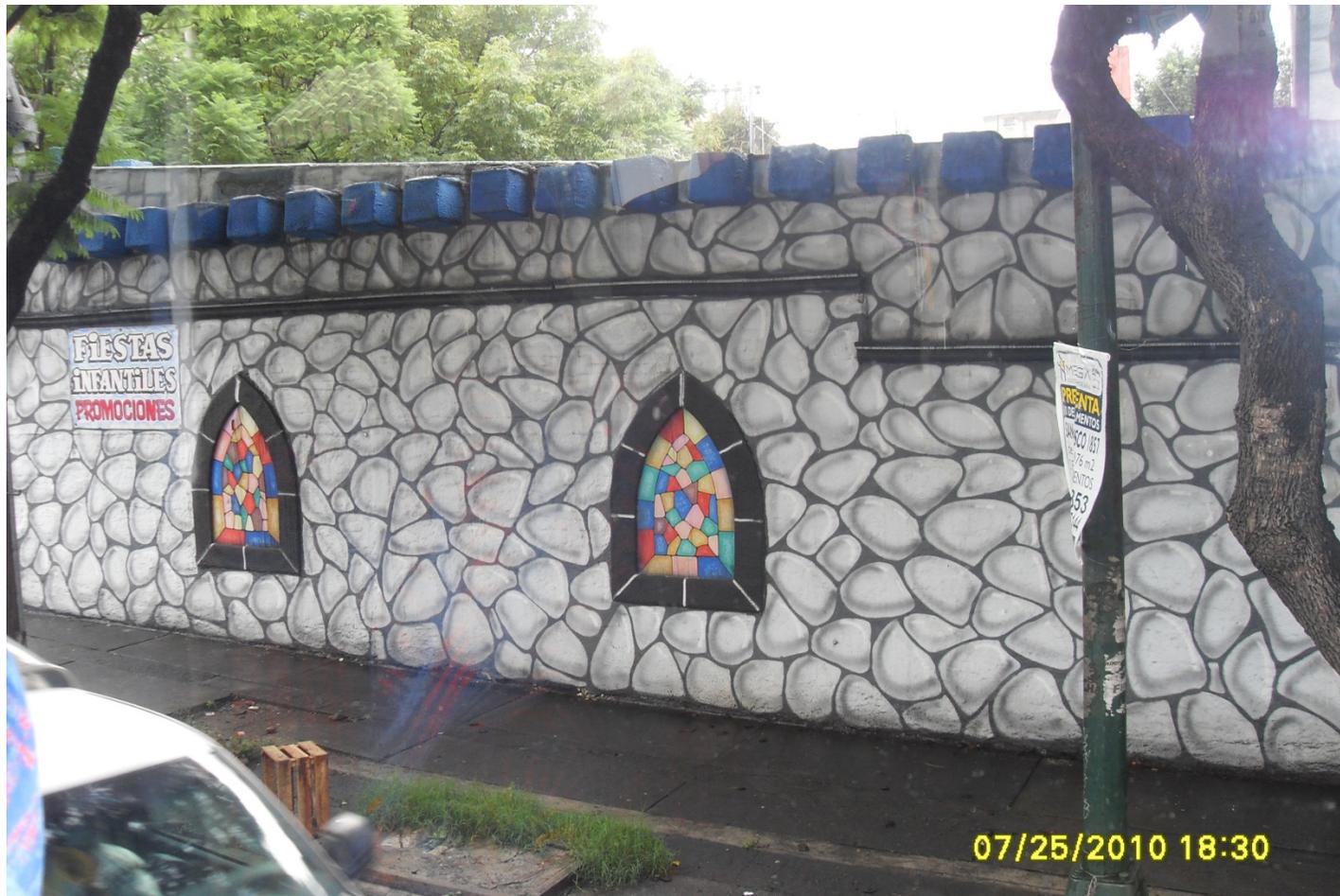


Modern mural displayed on this building



A modern mural adorns the wall...

This is a painted wall...And you probably thought it was really rocks



Rock Solid Art...

ART CAN BE MADE OF ROCK
(STONE)... IT TAKES A LONG TIME
TO MAKE ART OUT OF STONE
ESPECIALLY IF YOU MAKE IT BIG...

The Olmec people carved these
giant heads of stone!





Art can be
small or
LARGE!
Giant head
carved of
stone by the
Olmec people

NOT SO SOLID ART...

- Art can be as solid as those heads or temporary....
- The next slides show art that will be gone after a day or a season, yet the artists enjoyed making them for the purpose of artistic expression and enjoyment by all.

People even used sand and shells
to make temporary art



An artistically designed garden

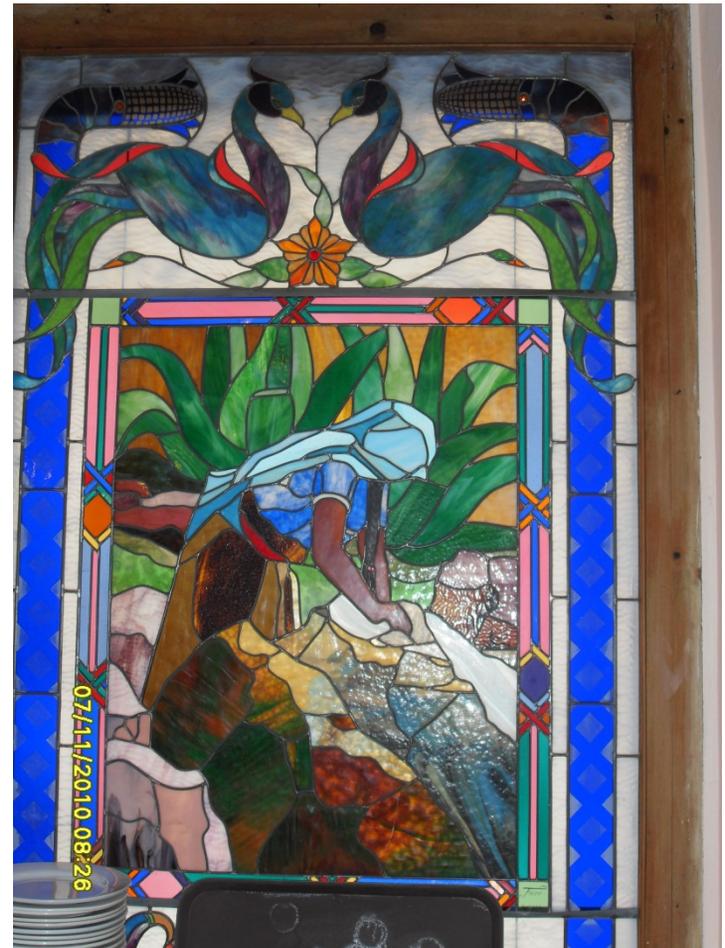


MORE ART

Art can be made of many other materials such as glass, beads, paper mache, cut paper, coconuts, and recycled materials such as tabs from drink cans.



Modern art in glass depicts artists from the past and present



Miss Prescott stands next to a giant paper mache doll on a bike



Coconut carved light covers large seed chimes below



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Modern art piece



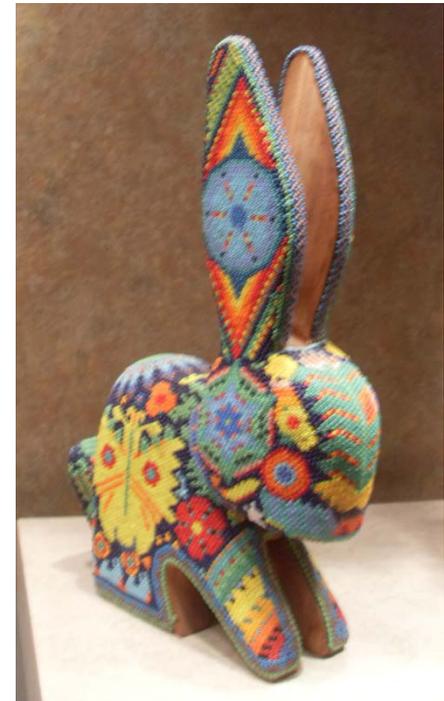
More modern art



Beads adorn these works of art



More artwork with beads



Pop can tabs recycled into art and made into purses



Cut paper makes an artistic decoration above the dancers



“Frida and Diego lived in this house
1929-1954”

They were famous Mexican artists



A street vendor sells his art. He may not be famous, but he's a good artist.



“The House of the Deaf”



Miss Prescott with the staff at La Casa de Sordo



Deaf students making jewelry



Miss Prescott with a student who made the necklace she bought





MUSIC AND
DANCE

Music: A marimba

This musical instrument is beautifully designed and hand-crafted





Musical
instruments
used long
ago and
today

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An animal shell was used to make
this musical instrument





This harp was
made of wood

Art through dance



The Ballet Folklorico



A dancer with Miss Prescott



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