Create Your Own Canopic Jars

Ancient Egyptians practiced mummification to ensure a happy Afterlife. Canopic jars were used to preserve organs during the elaborate process and were placed in the tomb as an offering to protect the body for the new life after death.

Canopic jars take the shape of the four sons of Horus, the god of sky.

DUAMUTEF | IMESTY | HAPY | QEBEHSENUEF
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Intestines | Liver | Lungs | Stomach
West | South | North | East

Jars stored a certain organ & represented a directional point in the sky.

The four Sons of Hours, named above, are identified their physical features.

FALCON | PHARAOH | BABOON | JACKAL
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DIRECTIONS: Decorate the heads of the gods below. Use examples in the Penn Museum collection to inspire your designs. Then, follow the steps on the following page to make your own Canopic Jars with recycled materials!

DUAMUTEF
Protector of the stomach
Represents the direction East

HAPI
Protector of the lungs
Represents the direction North

IMSETY
Protector of the liver
Represents the direction South

QEBEHSENUEF
Protector of the intestines
Represents the direction West
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MATERIALS:

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<th>Cardboard roll</th>
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**STEP ONE:** Gather your materials. You will need a cardboard roll - look for recycled paper towel (2) or toilet paper rolls (4). You’ll also want to find some colorful paper.

**STEP TWO:** Decorate the template of the gods using your drawing utensils. Or try drawing the heads of the gods with a pencil then trace the outline with a marker.

**STEP THREE:** Get your recycled cardboard roll(s). If using a paper towel roll cut them in half. Select a colored paper, add decoration if it needs extra flair!

**STEP FOUR:** Line the edge of your paper up to your cardboard roll. Cut the paper to fit the length of the roll.

**STEP FIVE:** Place glue on the edge of the cut paper then place the cardboard roll directly on the glue.

**STEP SIX:** Roll the paper around to fully cover the cardboard. Cut the excess paper and glue the edge. Repeat this process until you have four decorated rolls.

**STEP SEVEN:** Cut the heads of your gods out along the edges. Place glue on the bottom of the heads then press them to the top of your decorated cardboard roll.

**STEP EIGHT:** Repeat this process until you have all four sons of Horus to display at home!