

Arts of the modern Alaskan Eskimos -

masks - elaborately carved & painted, one of highest achievement of Eskimo art.

- a. made by Shamans or carvers
- b. purpose of masks to exorcise evil spirits & ward off community misfortune.
- c. & to honor & appease souls of game animals killed - to insure sure supply of meat

forms:

- a. animal or human grotesque and hardly recognizable
- b. masks worn only by men
- c. all masks painted
predom. colors
 1. soft shades of green
 2. white
 3. grayish blue

accents -
red or black or both.

Northern Indian masks less ornate.

& feathers, rudimentary, hands, arms, legs, appendaged mass attached to perimeter of masks

reflects beliefs that animals can take human form & vice versa.