# Latex mask-making material requirements:

## **Sculpting clay**

Small bags of modelling plasticine or air drying clay are available from **Hobbycraft** but the most economical source is buying a large bag of Grey Buff Sculpting clay from an online craft supplier (which will deliver to your home):

Clayman supplies - Buff clay - Clayman Supplies

A basic sculpting tool set can also be purchased from all of the above.

### **Plaster casting**

Fine casting plaster:

10kg (2x5kg) Bag Formula Fine Casting Plaster/High Quality Plaster of Paris

All of the following can be found in most high street shops:

Medium sized plastic bucket
plastic pouring jug
plastic tub/ box (to fit sculpt)
Towels/ rags
Tarp/ plastic sheeting
Gloves (if required. Thin surgical gloves are best).
Large plastic funnel for pouring

#### Latex

Liquid Latex - there are a number of possible sources but this is the company I've been using most recently:

https://www.jacobsonchemicals.co.uk/products-page/latex/liquid-latex/

**Flints** are another good source for plaster/ latex and theatre craft materials in general (though a little more expensive):

Flint Hire & Supply - The UK's No.1 Theatrical Chandler

#### **Paint**

Basic acrylic paint can be bought from from most high street shops - low priced bottles can be purchased at **The Works** or **Range**. 'Flesh Tint' is not always easy to find...try **Cass Art** or **Hobbycraft**.

Colours required: Flesh Tint, Burnt Umber, White, Red, Black & Sap Green.

A cheap mix of paint brushes of different sizes can be purchased from most high street shops (they don't need to be expensive).

Plastic cups for mixing paint in.

Varnish - Polyvine dead flat decorator's varnish:

Polyvine - Decorators Varnish - Dead Flat - 1 LITRE

### **Finishing**

Elastic - thin, round elastic is ideal (available in many high street shops)

Small pieces of soft foam for making a comfortable fit (make-up sponges would work or cushion sponge)

Contact adhesive glue (widely available but **Toolstation / Screwfix** own brands will be most economical)

Facial hair/ eyebrows - It's possible to buy sections of fun fur from many online shops but I find the best source to be looking in **charity shops** for soft toys or the hoods of clothes (this is also a good source for finding low cost hats/ costume to play around with bringing your mask character to life).

Happy mask making!