



DISCOVERING OUR TRADITIONS:
THE PRESEPIAL ART IN NAPLES
HOW TO MAKE A “CURNICIELLO”.

ACTIVITY 2

TITLE:

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- CLASS: 4C
- SCHOOL : RISTORI - NAPLES
- STUDENTS : 15
- TEACHERS : Bovino F. , Caniglia M.R. , Sarrubba L. , Donnarumma F. , Perino L. , Esposito R.
- USED MATERIALS: pens, colors, scissors, glue, albums, clay, acrylic paint, nails, iron wire.
- THE METHODOLOGY USED TO CARRY OUT THE ACTIVITY: creating by hands some typical pieces of the presepial art: the “curniciello”. Tutorial by one of our childrens’ grandfather who is an artisan.
- EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES :
discovering the tradition of the presepial art in “San Gregorio Armeno” street.

What is a “Curniciello” and where does it come from?

The “Curniciello” is a red-colored and handmade AMULET, made in the shape of a little horn. It is one of the symbols of the presepiart in Naples and it is usually used to bring fortune to those who receive it as a gift. Its history started in the Neolithic period when amulets were used by men who lived in the caves with the auspice of bringing fortune and fertility. In fact, since ancient times, people believed in superstition and in the use of these little artifacts to fight evil forces. and bring fortune. The “Curniciello” was also used in the Greek period as a votive gift to the Goddess Iside. It was in the Middle Age that this little amulet became red-colored: red was the symbol of victory and good luck. Old artisans in Naples started to make it with the particular shape it has today: “tuosto, storto e cu a’ punta” (tough, twisted and with the tip).



LET'S SEE HOW TO MAKE A "CURNICIELLO" BY WATCHING THIS TUTORIAL MADE BY
"NONNO CARMINE", LINO'S GRANDPA:



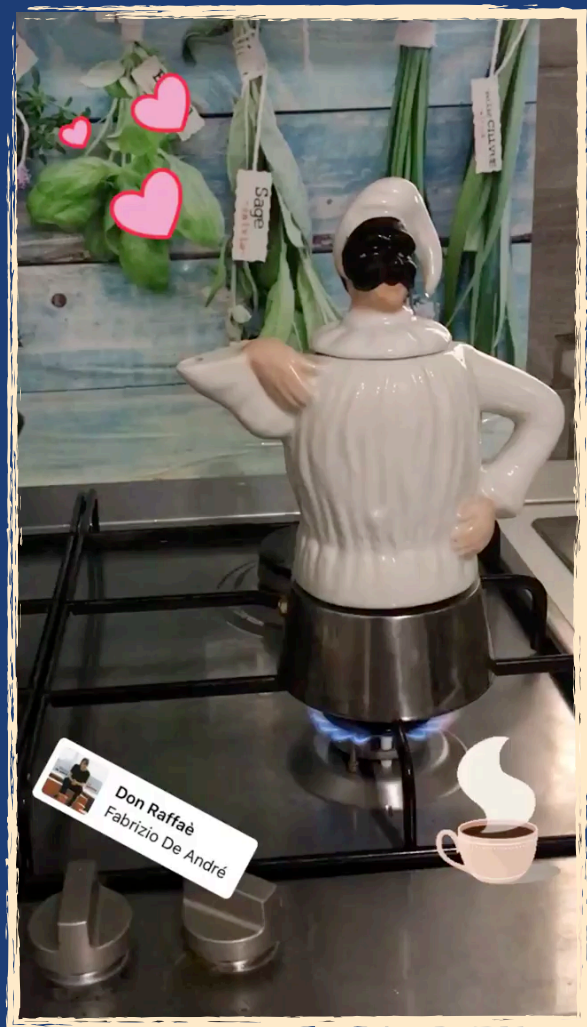


Pulcinella , our
Neapolitan mask , has
a horn-shaped hat. ➡

➡ That's why touching
this statue (in "Via dei
Tribunali") brings
fortune as well.



If you come to Naples
you have to touch it!



GOOD LUCK!

COME TO NAPLES AND HAVE A
TASTE OF OUR COFFEE WITH
PULCINELLA!

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