

THE GOD HERMES carries a magic Wand or staff called a **caduceus**. **Hermes**, a favorite god of the Greeks and one of the twelve great Olympian gods, was a messenger and bringer of dreams both for the gods and humans. Hermes was also a spy, a thief, and always ready for mischief. He was helper to many of ancient Greece's most famous heroes and led the souls of the dead to the underworld. In art Hermes is recognized by the caduceus, his wide brimmed hat, cloak, and winged sandals. In early Greek art Hermes is depicted as a mature bearded man. Later he is portrayed as a beautiful youth as seen in the Carlos Museum's *Statue of the God Hermes*. The caduceus is an ancient symbol carried by deities as a sign of their power and ability to move between realms. The staff is depicted as a simple stick twined by snakes with wings sprouting from the sides and a sphere at the top. To see another image of Hermes in the Carlos Classical galleries find the *Red-Figure Calyx Krater Attributed to the Tithonos Painter*. Hermes, with his caduceus, is on the reverse side of this beautiful krater.



Red-Figure Calyx Krater Attributed to the Tithonos Painter.
Greek, Attic. Late Archaic/Early Classical, ca.480-470 B.C.
Terracotta



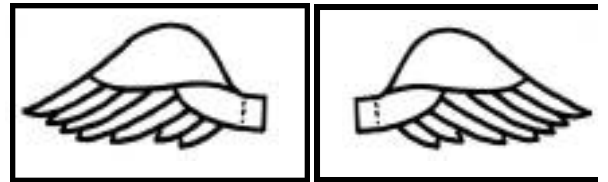
Statue of the God Hermes
Roman, 1st century A.D., adapted from earlier Greek styles. Marble.

Materials

- 20 inch sticks
- printed snakes
- printed circles
- gold tooling foil
- wing templates
- pens
- tooling pad (small stack of newspaper)
- scissors
- staple guns
- markers

Procedure

Step 1. Draw wings on gold foil and cut out.



Step 1.

Step 2. Draw a pattern design on the snake hand-out and cut out. Cut out the circle as well.

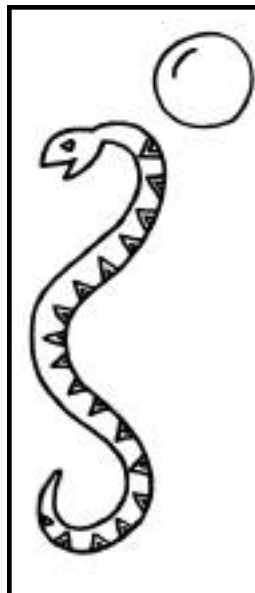
Step 3. Choose a staff and with adult help staple gold wings on either side near the top as shown.

Step 4. Color in the snake and ball if desired.

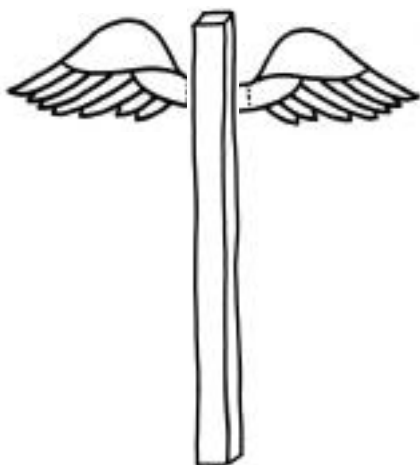
Step 5. Staple paper circle at the tip of the staff.

Step 6. Coil snake around the staff and staple in place.

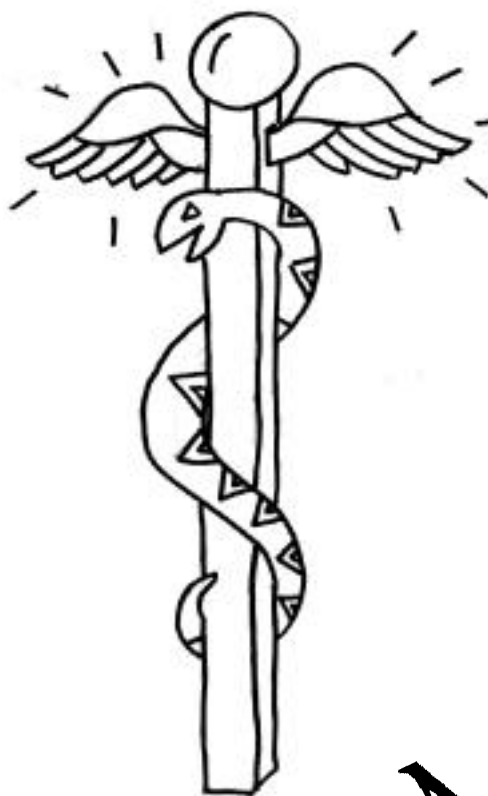
Step 7. Pretend that you are a messenger to the gods!



Step 2.



Step 3.



Steps 4-7.

MC
CM