

Card Mask

You will need:

Thin cardboard
Masking tape
Pencil
Scissors
Materials to decorate - paint, glitter, sequins, coloured paper, tissue paper and crepe paper

Take a piece of card approx 36cm x 20cm, fold it in half. At the bottom cut away a section on the fold 5cm x 8cm, curving the line as you cut so that the mask will fit comfortably around the nose.

Hold the card up to your face and press lightly to form a slight indent that will allow you to accurately mark the position for cutting out the eye holes.

Tip: Lay the card on a piece of dense foam and punch a clean hole with a ball point pen to give children an entry point to cut out the eye holes with scissors.



Look at the pictures below to get ideas for developing your mask. Use the same basic technique of folding, cutting and tucking card to make extensions that can be added to the upper part of the basic mask to make ears, hair, head dress or added to the lower part of the mask to build up specific characteristics for animals and birds.

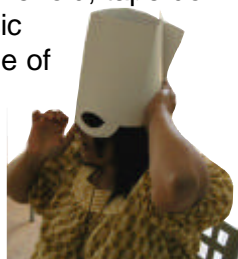


For comfort use two strips of card to make a helmet onto which the mask can be attached.



With the card folded cut a slit about 4 cm from the fold line, overlap and staple to give the mask form or, open the card and pinch in card at equal distance from the fold, tape down with masking tape. You now have the basic mask to decorate. Punch a hole in the side of the mask and add ties.

Tip: For safety and comfort cover staples on the inside of the mask with a small piece of masking tape.



Tip: Strengthen card masks by applying a layer or two of masking tape or papier mache.

