

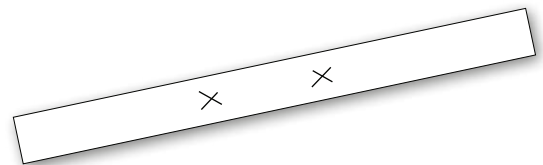
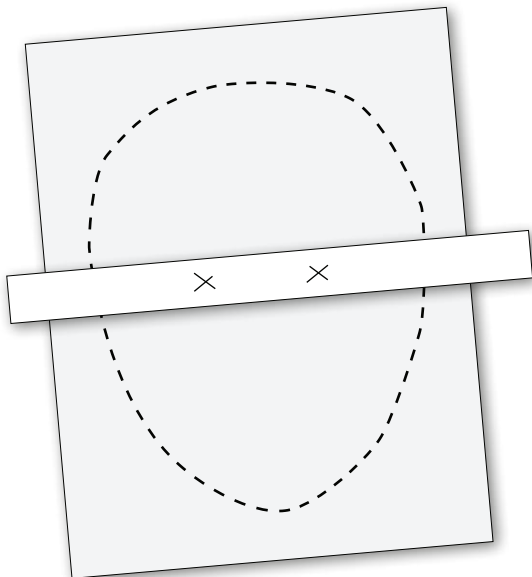
Paper Theater Masks

Make a one-of-a-kind theater mask!

(Note: For lower elementary students, remind them to close their eyes while doing step 1, and assist them in completing the steps as necessary.)

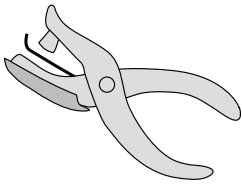
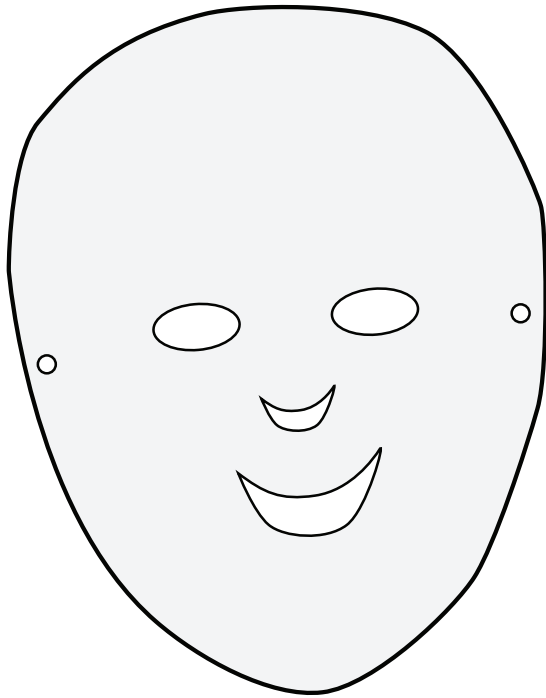
Materials

- 8½ x 11 inch paper cut into approximately eight 1 x 11 inch strips (one strip per student)
- Pencils
- Heavy sheets of paper (i.e., construction paper or cut sides of brown paper bags)
- Scissors
- Colored pencils, crayons, or markers
- Hole punches
- Elastic or yarn
- Glue or tape
- Assorted decorative materials, such as foil, recycled fabric, scrap construction paper, raffia, and yarn (optional)



Steps

1. Make a guide for placing the eyes of your mask. Place a 1 x 11 inch strip of paper over your eyes from ear to ear. Lean your head back and pinch the paper where the center of each eye is located.
2. Place your paper strip on your desk and use a pencil to mark each spot you pinched.
3. Take a heavy sheet of paper. Use the paper strip to help determine where to place your eyes on the sheet of paper. The eyes should be centered and placed about halfway down the paper. Draw spaces for the eyes that are larger than your own.
4. Draw the shape of your head around the eyes. Use the whole piece of paper to do so. Or, use the template provided.



5. Cut out the mask. Use colored pencils, crayons, or markers to decorate it as you wish.
6. Cut out the eyes so you can see easily.
7. Draw and cut a U-shaped flap for the nose so you can breathe easily.
8. Draw and cut out a space for the mouth so you can speak easily.
9. Position the mask over your face and ask an adult to help you punch holes on each side of the paper.
10. Use elastic or yarn to hold the mask in position.
11. Add textures and details to your mask. Use glue or tape and a variety of decorative materials, such as foil, recycled fabric, scrap construction paper, raffia, and yarn.

MASK TEMPLATE

optional

