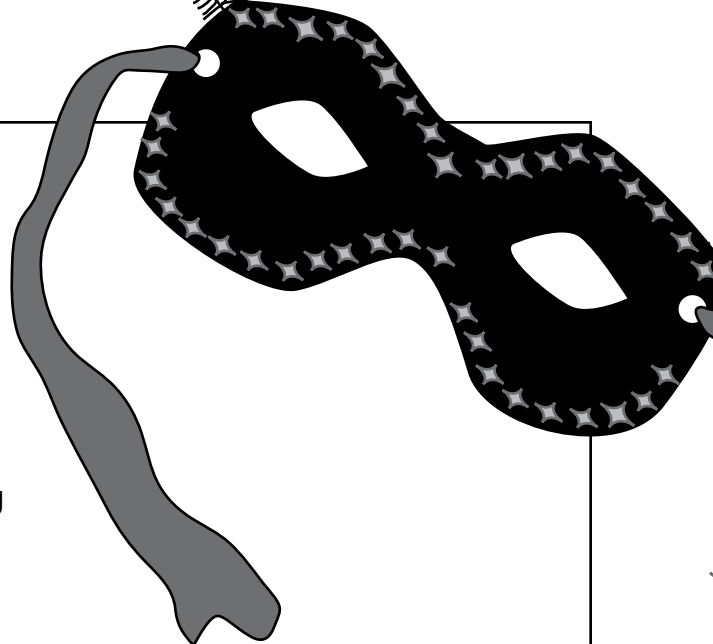
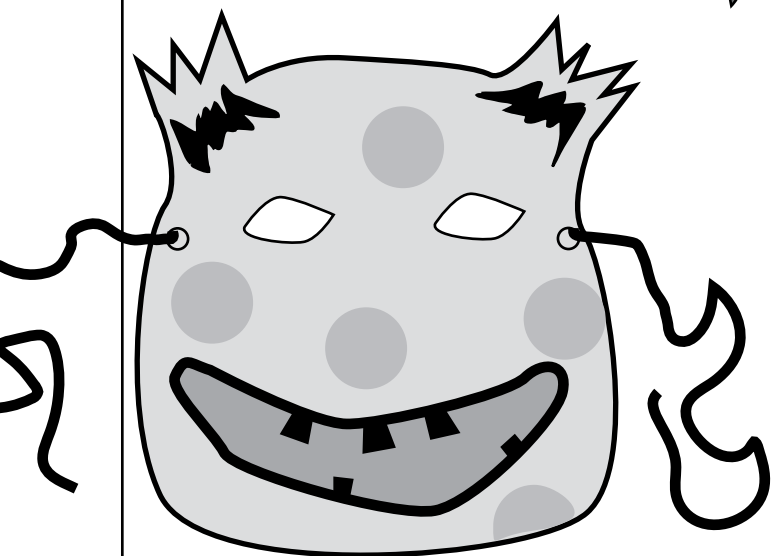
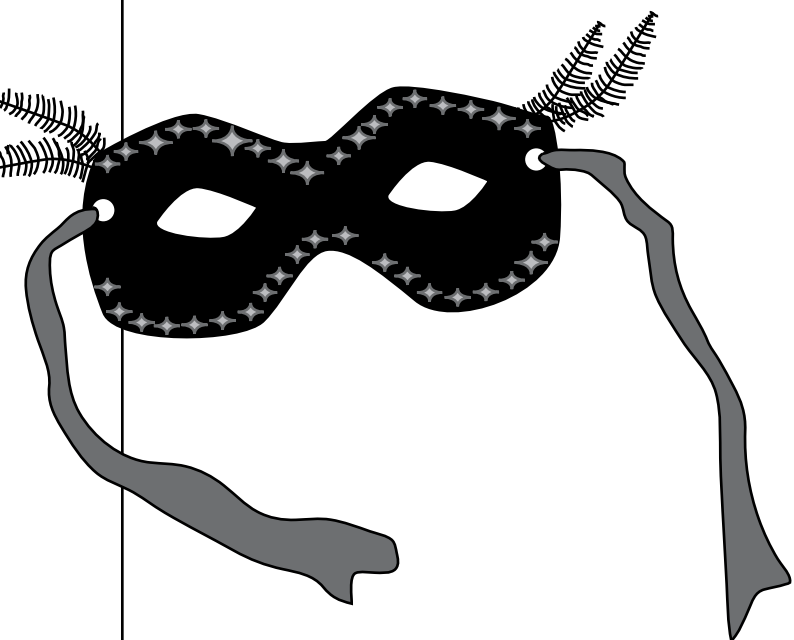


Easy Masks

You'll need:

- some reasonably thin cardboard
- a hole puncher
- a selection of things to decorate with (e.g drawing and painting materials, sequins, glitter, feathers, small beads, wool, pipe cleaners, etc)
- some ribbon or string to tie the mask on with
- scissors or a craft knife
- some great ideas!



You need to have a reasonably good idea of what it is you're going to make before you begin this project. Think about the sort of mask you wish to create. Will it be an animal face? A Venetian eye mask? A funny character face? An alien? The list is endless, but before you start you need to sort this out. It may help to do some planning and rough sketches to begin with, or perhaps the type of material you have available to you will dictate what sort of thing you can create.

Once you know what you want to make, draw the outline of the shape onto your piece of cardboard. Make sure that it's big enough to cover your face (or just your eyes and nose if that's what you want). Cut the shape out and hold it against your face, using a pencil to mark where the eye holes need to be. Draw in the shape of the eyes and cut these out as well. Next, punch a small hole on either side of the mask (above ear level).

Now you're ready to decorate your mask. Let your imagination go wild and try to add something with a bit of texture (such as tinsel, sequins or glitter). Once your mask is decorated, leave to one side to fully dry before threading the ribbon or string through the holes and tying around your head!