

Masks

Most of the masks illustrated have been designed to be simple enough for young people to make by themselves. The slightly more difficult ones will need the help of an older person.

The most important materials you will need are large paper bags and white or coloured paper plates. The bags can be of any variety - plain brown, coloured, patterned or printed with words, and with or without gussets. As far as possible, the masks and hats can be made from materials found around every house. To decorate your masks you will need paints (to cover up all unwanted patterns or words on the bags), a few sheets of coloured paper, and glue.

Before you cut a bag, make sure it is the right size by fitting it over the head of the wearer. Start by putting down newspaper or some other protective covering over your working surface. Then gather together all the materials you need to make your mask. Have a damp cloth handy for sticky or paint covered fingers.

Materials

Paint

To cover up unwanted letters and words on bags you will need to use paints with a bit of 'body'. Use poster, acrylic, emulsion or aerosol spray. If the mask need two coats of paint let the first coat dry before you apply the second.

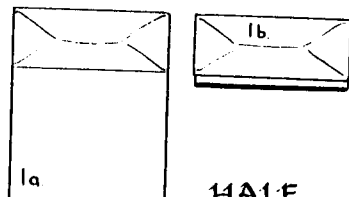
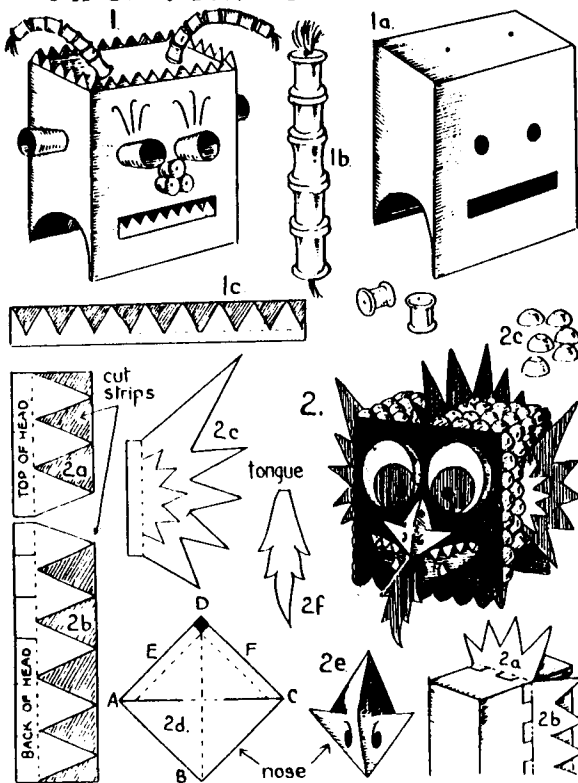
Glue

A 'Pritt Stick' is ideal for the making of masks as it is less messy than other glues. 'Bostick' may need to be used on heavier cardboard.

Paper

Cartridge and poster papers can be brought in a wide variety of colours. Use them whenever possible for ears, hair, noses etc., as they will save you having to paint.

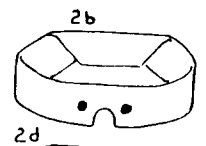
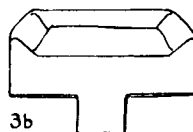
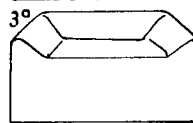
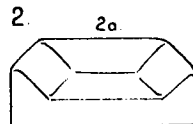
MASKS. ROBOT AND DRAGON



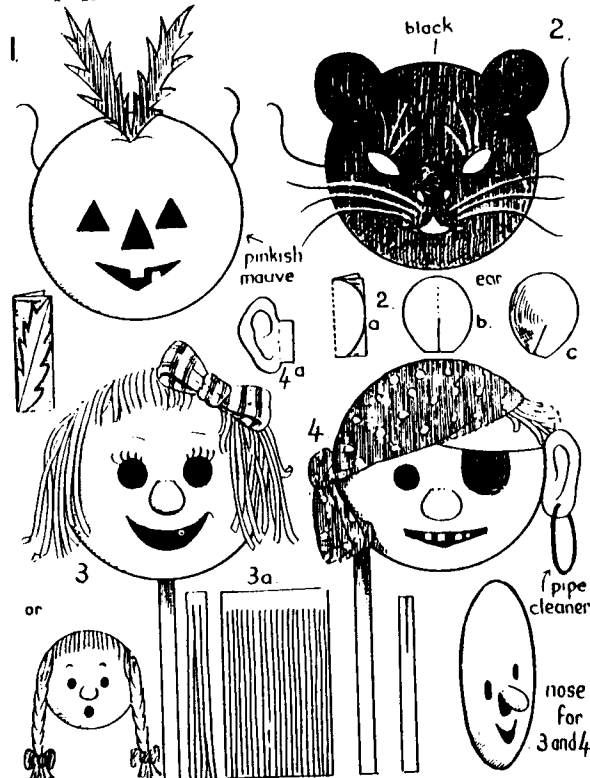
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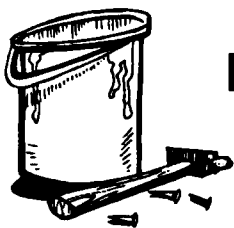


ears, horns and other shapes cut in coloured or tissue paper

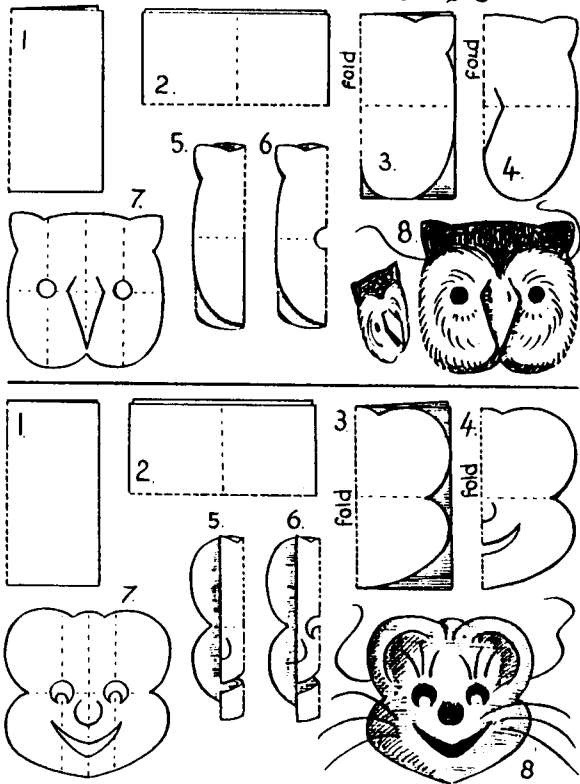


MASKS FROM PAPER PLATES

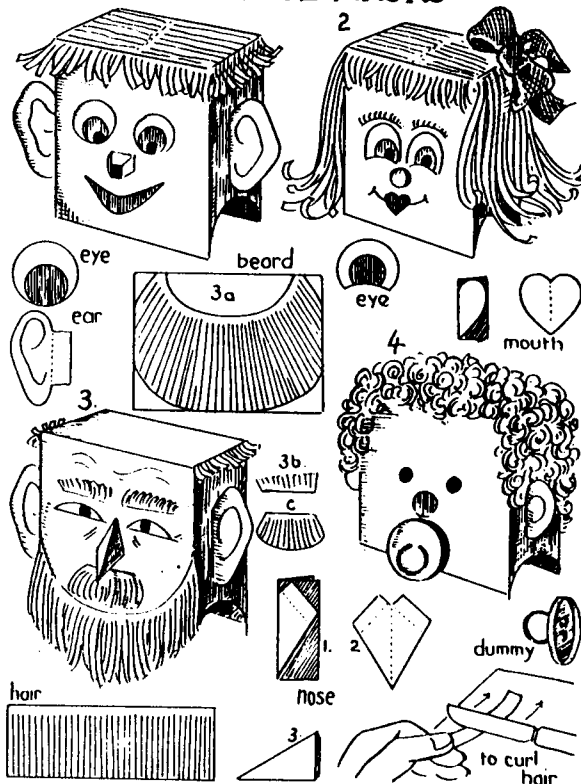




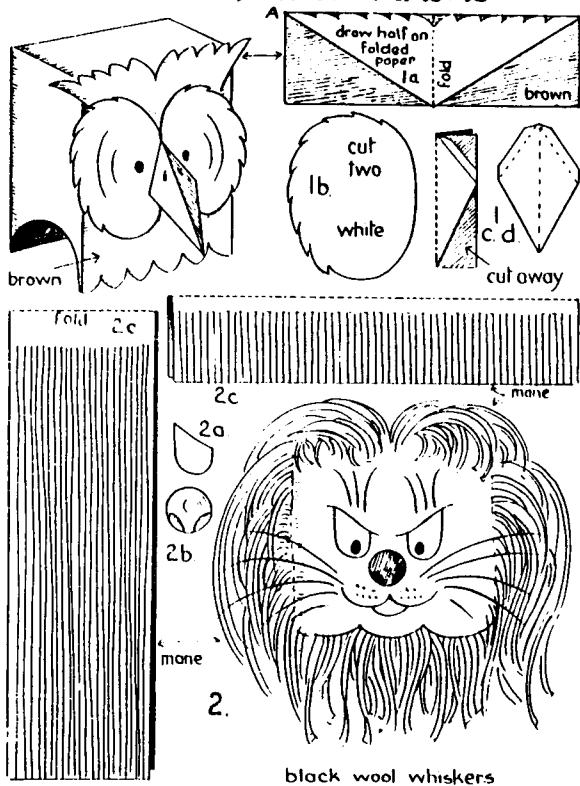
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