



**Hey! Here's a quick run through for making perfect masks.**

Making the masks is really easy, all you're going to need is a printer, some sticky tape and a pair of scissors or craft knife. If you're going to be coloring and creating the template masks though, we recommend you get in some more supplies to make it a real fun day!

Apart from the obvious paint, crayons and pens, you could get in some sequins, beads, buttons, glitter, pasta shapes, colored tissue papers, tin foil and very important – some glue! Using the masks as a base, kids can make some works of art to really be proud of.

Ok, once you've got your set up all ready, here's a quick run through of how to make the perfect mask.

1. When printing out a mask select fit to page in the printer control panel, this will make sure none of the mask gets cropped off. Printer friendly card is ideal for making the masks, so get a load of this in. If you haven't got any card handy, you can just print them out onto normal paper and stick them onto some card.

2. Once you've printed out the mask cut it out carefully. Some are a bit trickier than others, but that's the nature of the beast!

3. To make the eye holes you can just jab a pen through and carefully trim the edges. Or if you're a bit more of a perfectionist, cut out little circles with a craft knife. You don't need to cut out around all the black pupil bit, roughly measure where the eyes are and cut out a 2cm circle within the black.

4. Now for fixing the mask to the head we recommend you print out some of the arms at the back of the books. They're better and easier than using a rubber band and won't stretch the mask over the face – making a more comfortable fit as they'll rest on the ears like a pair of specs.

Simply fold down around 2cm and sticky tape it to the back on each side about 2cm from each eye hole, then wrap around the head, cut to size and fix in place with some more tape.

5. That's it you're done. Now sit back and have a coffee while they run around screaming and shouting the house down acting out their masks!

