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THE NATURE CRAFT BOOK



CLARE BEATON

Raccoons



Raccoons live mostly in North America. They have a striking black mask around their eyes and a long stripy tail. Their fur is thick to keep them warm in winter. They are good climbers, are very smart, and can use their front paws like hands.

It is not unusual to see raccoons in towns and cities—they even eat food from trash cans. In captivity they can live for twenty years, but their average life span in the wild is only two to three years.



Use brown paper if you'd rather make a bear mask.



Raccoon Mask

What You Will Need

tracing paper and pencil, tape, white paper, scissors, gray and black paper or gray and black paint and brush, glue, string/yarn

- 1 Trace the mask template (see instructions on page 3), including the color markings, eye holes, and small holes for the string/yarn onto white paper.
- 2 Cut out the mask and paint the face, or cut colored paper into the right shapes and glue them on.
- 3 Tie one end of the string or yarn to one hole. Fit the string or yarn to your head, cut it, and tie in the other hole.

TIP: You could tape the string or yarn to the mask instead of tying it in the holes.