

ROAR!

animal masks

MATERIALS

- ▶ animal masks template
- ▶ thin or repurposed cardboard (such as a cereal box)
- ▶ assorted colored or patterned papers
- ▶ decoupage glue, such as Mod Podge
- ▶ elastic string or ribbon

TOOLS

- ▶ scissors
- ▶ 1"-3" (2.5cm - 7.5cm) flat paintbrush
- ▶ cutting mat
- ▶ bone folder
- ▶ craft knife
- ▶ pencil
- ▶ 1/4" (6mm) hole punch or large needle

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS: OWL: 4.5" X 7" (11CM X 18CM); TIGER: 6.5" X 8" (16.5CM X 20.5CM)

Let your own wild things show you their roars with these easy-to-make masks. They can even help you create them. As my kid says: Don't be scared! It's pretend!

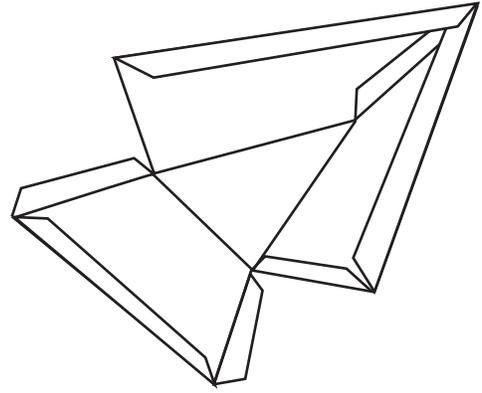
instructions

- 1 Begin constructing the mask pieces with the animal head templates. Select paper for the tiger head and the owl face. Using the templates for the tiger head and owl face, cut out a piece of cardboard roughly the same outline. Coat each cardboard piece with decoupage glue and lay face down on the back of the chosen papers. Smooth it out with your hand and allow them to dry under a weight. Set aside.
- 2 Using the templates, cut out the remaining animal pieces from the decorative papers you choose. Pick a sturdy paper for the tiger ears, tiger snout, and owl beak pieces. Crease the beak and snout pieces according to the templates. To do so, lay out the corresponding template over the snout or beak piece. Set a ruler or straightedge on the crease lines and run a bone folder along the lines. These lines will transfer to the pieces below. Set aside.
- 3 Cut the eye holds out of the tiger head, owl face, and owl eyes pieces using a craft knife. Apply the remaining pieces using decoupage glue.

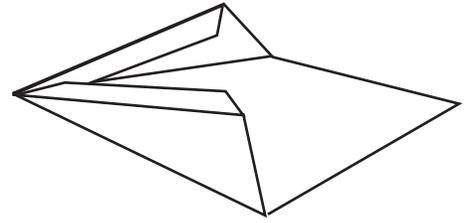




4 For the tiger snout: Fold the flaps back from the center triangle of the tiger's nose. Using decoupage glue, adhere the angled tabs together, forming the three-dimensional snout. The tabs at the base of the snout should be folded inward and will be hidden. Apply glue to these tabs and adhere the snout to the tiger's face.



5 For the owl beak: Fold backward away from the center diamond shape. Apply glue to the angled tabs and adhere the beak to the owl's face.



6 Once dry, use the hole punch to poke holes for the elastic string or ribbon, using the template as a visual guide.

7 Thread the string through, leaving enough extra to knot.

8 Let the wild rumpus begin. Hear them roar and hoot!

▶ KID FUN

Choose a basic animal mask template (owl or tiger face). Use the template and cut the mask from a piece of cardstock.

Ask children to imagine the animal they want to be or look up a photograph of their favorite animal, and help them design the fun characteristics that bring this animal mask to life. They can choose the animal color, coloring in stripes or spots, make ears with different papers, whiskers with string, and draw, paint, and collage in the details.

tips

- ▶ This is a great party activity to do with kids. If you prepare the cut out pieces ahead of time, they will enjoy designing and creating their own unique masks.
- ▶ The same technique can be used to make other animals.