

Making a Paper Mask

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Simple, easy, and almost infinitely adaptable!

The following 'outlines' are actually to scale, print them on fairly heavy parchment and/or cardstock – you CAN print them on plain ole typing paper if you want, but that gets trickier. They were made for the old 'regular size' heads, if you're using one of the newer over-sized heads, or a my scene, you'll want to enlarge them somewhat.



Using a small exacto or razor blade (I really don't recommend scissors!) cut out the mask base of your choice....



My mask is going to be in blues and greens, so I painted the front green, the reverse side in black and as long as I was doing it, painted your basic round toothpick the same green as the mask.

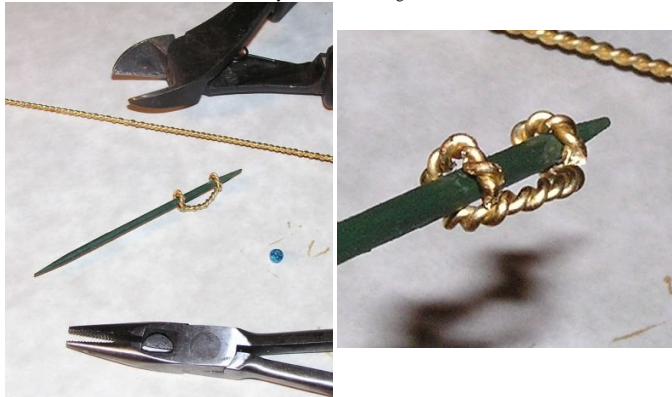


Fun part! – decorate the mask! – I wanted gold here and there, so I gave it a 'base' of white so the gold would show, tossed some glitter on there and – ya know... poof? (mine's sloppy, I have no actual use for a mask, just made it for the tutorial)



Okay! – let's make that handle! – Actually, you don't have to, you can just glue ribbon and/or elastic to the sides instead. Depends on if you want your doll to wear or carry the mask.

What I did was use twisted wire around my toothpick, and glued some beads on the end – whole thing must have taken me ohhh at LEAST five minutes.... **Grin**. Don't glue it on, you'll want to be able to twist the mask in relation to the way the doll is holding it.





Alrighty! – you've got your mask, you've got your handle... let's put them together! (this is HARD guys...) coat the back of the mask with elmers, (yes, the entire back, it'll reinforce the paper) put the stick on the outer edge.....
That's it!, toldja it was hard! LOL



I stuck feathers on there too – you don't have to, I just like feathers?
Here's the back of the mask with the feathers and handle attached – I painted over the feather ends with black to blend it in and make it look nice from the back side ... why not after all?



And..... le poo! – a mask!

and here you can see it against your basic, random babs.

