

Festive Snowflake Mask for children (and grownups)

Make and wear this fun and stylish snowflake mask made from materials often found at home over the holidays.

You will need;



Used packing materials such as cardboard and card inserts from packages Magazine pages and/or coloured papers

A square of packing paper/scrap paper/wall paper that is a bit larger than your face! You can often get a small free sample at homeware shops

- Pencil or pen
- Craft knife
- Stapler
- Glue stick
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Cutting mat or piece of cardboard to cut on
- Colourful stickers (optional)

Step by step - making the mask frame

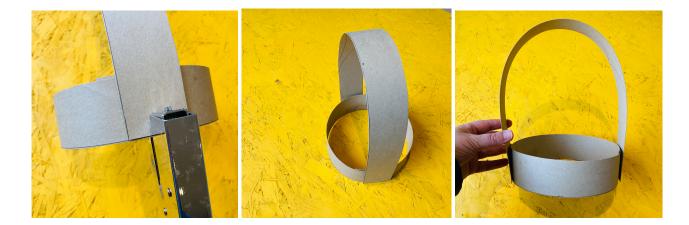
Cut two strips of cardboard with a width of approximately 5cm. Both strips need to be long enough to fit around your head.



Hold the first strip around your head to get the right measurement so that it fits comfortably. Staple this length of cardboard together at the right point for your measurement.



Take the second strip of cardboard and staple it to the front and back of the circular strip.



Step by step - making the snowflake

Making the template

For this part of the tutorial you will need to use a length of packing/lining/wall/scrap paper. The finished snowflake needs to be bigger than your head. Using a dinner plate as a guide can be helpful way to measure the size of the paper for the template.



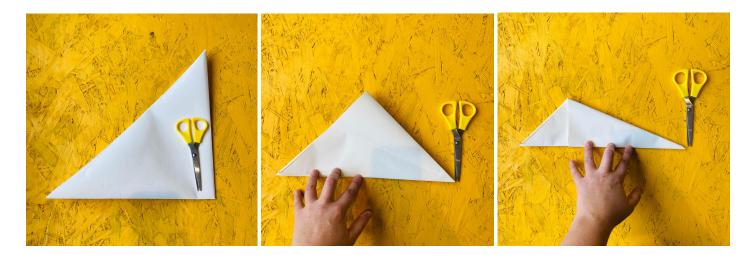
To make a square fold down the top corner of paper and bring it down to meet the opposite edge, forming a triangle. Cut away the excess paper. You'll be left with a triangle of folded paper.



Place your folded square of paper with the point facing away from you



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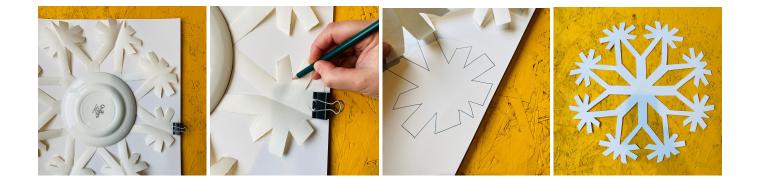
- Fold the triangle in half (taking the right hand point over to the left and creasing the fold)
- Fold in half again
- Fold in half for the third time
- Trim off the excess triangles of paper

With the folded edge on the left draw the design below onto the folded paper before cutting out with scissors.





Place the template onto a piece of packing card/cardboard and use a plate/paper clips to keep in place while you draw carefully around it. The next step is to remove the paper template and carefully cut around the lines you've made with scissors and a craft knife to reveal the finished snowflake for our mask. This bit takes time - put the radio on or listen to some music.



Time to decorate the snowflake



Using magazine pages and coloured paper cut shapes from the folded edge so that symmetrical shapes can be created. Stick them to the snowflake with a glue stick.



Once the snowflake is decorated you can staple it onto the mask frame.



Wear your finished snowflake mask!



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