

## STORE CUPBOARD

- Thick card e.g. recycled from a grocery box or board-backed envelope
- Thin card or paper in various colours
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Glue stick
- Sharp needle
- Narrow ribbon or string

1 Copy the head and mouth templates, plus the forehead spot, onto thick card and cut them out.

2 Do the same with the rest of the template pieces, but this time cutting from colourful scraps of thin card or paper. Cut one face, one large set of whiskers, one small set of whiskers, one full mouth, one mouth outline, two sets of teeth, one nose, two black nostrils, two eyebrows, two white eyes, two black eyeballs and one forehead spot. Use the picture on the right as a colour guide, or pick your own shades instead.

3 Glue each of the coloured pieces into position to build up your mask. Add the face section on top of the thicker head card first, and then glue the two whisker pieces near to the bottom and the nose in the middle.

4 Stick the thick card mouth piece on top of the nose, add the coloured mouth (inner and outer pieces on top, sandwiching the teeth in between so they stick out at the top and bottom.

5 Stick the eyes and eyebrows into place. Glue the coloured card spot onto thick card and glue in the centre of the forehead.

6 Finally, make a hole at either side of the mask, between the whiskers and the eyebrows (an adult MUST carry out this step). Thread a length of ribbon through each hole and knot to hold in place.



# DRAGON MASK

Chinese New Year is on February 14th. Why not roar hello to the Year of the Tiger with this colourful traditional dragon mask.

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## HINTS & TIPS

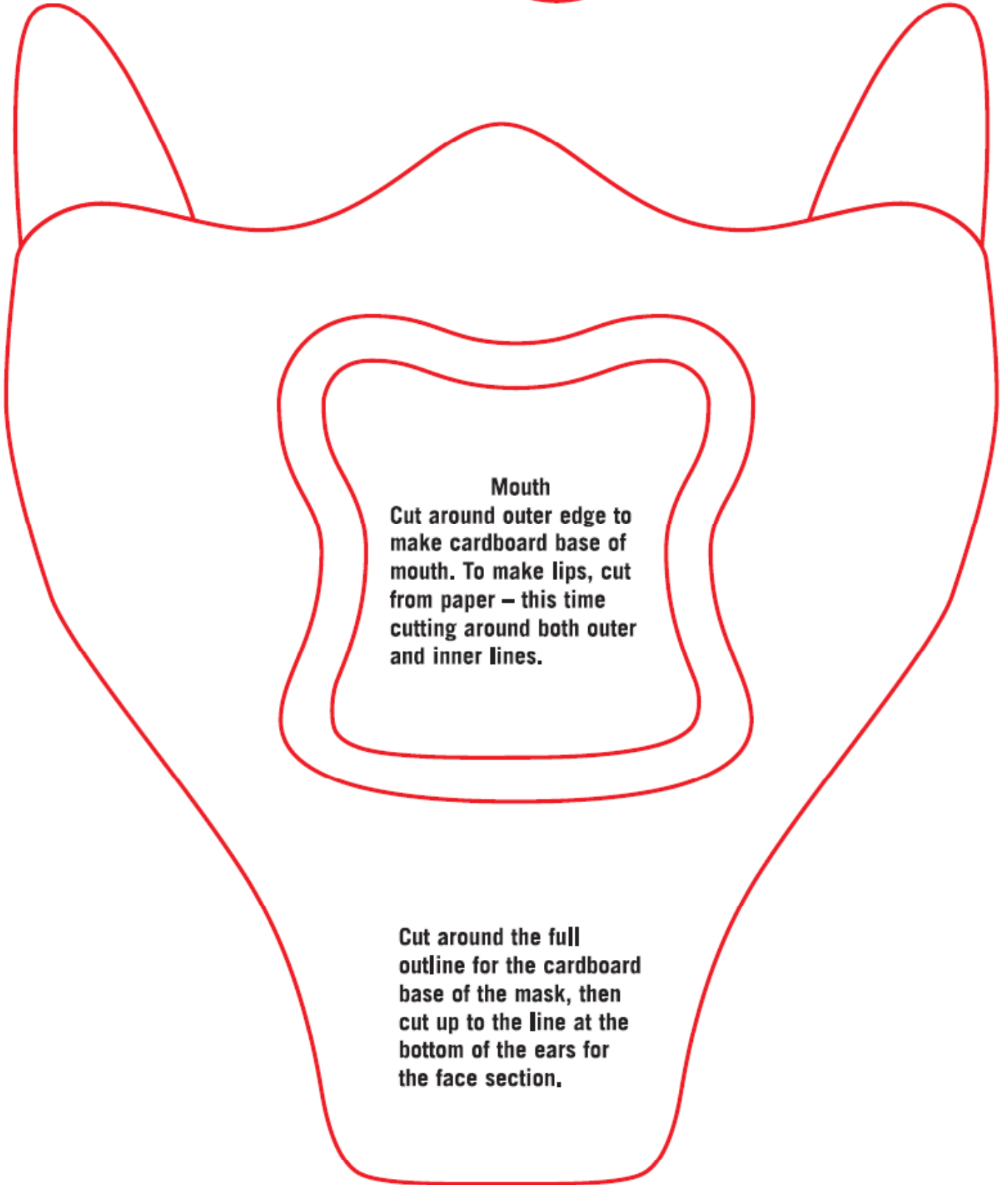
- If you're making the mask with young children, you might find it easier to cut out the pieces in advance and then let them have fun constructing and sticking everything together.
- No coloured paper? Use plain white and decorate with crayons, felt-tips or pencils before cutting out your pieces.

## DID YOU KNOW?

At Chinese New Year, special dragon dances are performed to bring good luck, health and success for the next 12 months.

## ALTERNATIVES

- For a speedier version of this project, copy and trace around the whole outline as a single piece and then fill in the different sections with paint.
- The multiple pieces which make up the mask provide a good opportunity for older children to explore using different textures and media in an otherwise simple project. Challenge them to use as many different types of materials, finishes and recycled pieces as they can to put the dragon together, e.g. fabric, felt, glitter or metallic card, tissue etc.



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Large Whiskers Cut 1

Small Whiskers Cut 1

Eyebrow  
Cut 2

Eye  
Cut 2

Teeth  
Cut 2