



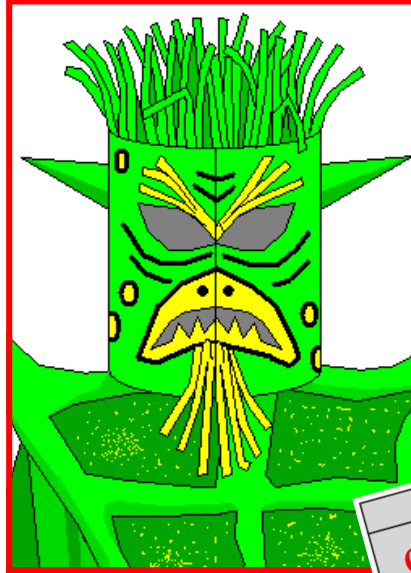
HOW TO MAKE A CREATURAMA UNIVERSE



SPACE ALIEN

What You Will Need

- A Roll of WIDE Masking Tape.**
- A Pair of small scissors.**
- A Cereal box.**
- Some brown cardboard.**
- Some toilet or kitchen rolls.**
- Old newspaper.**
- Coloured paper.**
- Some brushes.**
- Water based (ready mixed) paint.**



Artist Anthony James creates life sized alien creature models and costumes by using recycled materials.

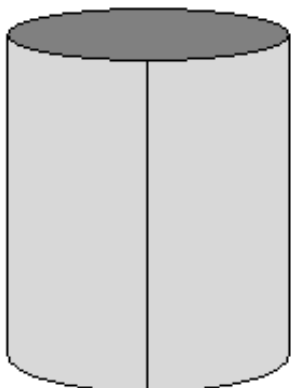
If you want to build your own space alien costume, here's how to do it.

STEP 1

The first thing you will need is a roll of **WIDE** masking tape, which is brilliant for making all kinds of models. The second thing you will need is a large cereal box.

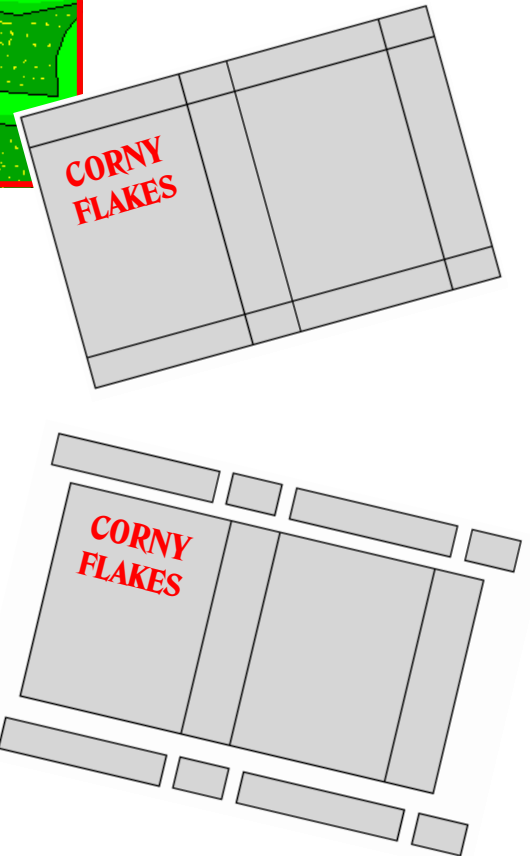
Open the bottom of the box and then cut down one of its corners with your scissors, from top to bottom. Make sure it's just one corner otherwise you'll end up with two very small cereal boxes!

You should end up with the box opening out into a big piece of really useful card. Now you cut the top and bottom flaps of the box off. Save them as they might be useful later.

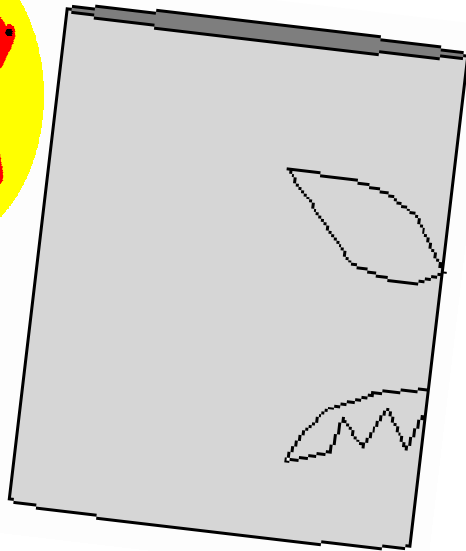


STEP 2

Now bend the cardboard around into a tube shape, ensuring that all the writing on the shiny side of the card is now on the inside of the tube, so you can paint your creation later. Stick it together with one strip of tape all the way down the join, and don't overlap the card, join it edge to edge. Hopefully this will fit around your head, if it doesn't, use some of the flaps you cut off to bridge the gap. Try to position your tube so the join is at the back so it doesn't spoil your creatures face!



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STEP 3

Now squish your tube and cut out half a mouth shape and an eye shape. If your box is squished correctly when you un-squish your box you should have an alien face.

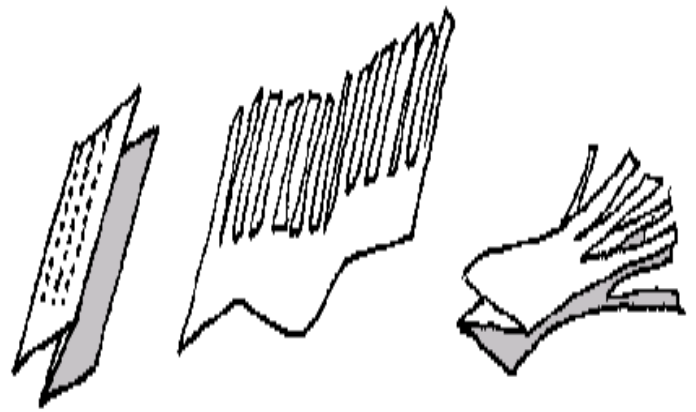
You can choose to have a frightening or happy alien, its up to you! If you want a happy alien cut out a triangle shape where the mouth should be and angle this upwards. To create a sad or frightening alien angle it downwards.

STEP 4

Now you can start having fun decorating your mask.

A good way to create hair or fur from sheets of coloured paper is to fold your paper twice to create four times as much and then cut lots of strips from it, be careful not to cut all the way, leave about 2cm at the top and you should end up with lots of wavy hair/fur and you can attach it wherever you want it.

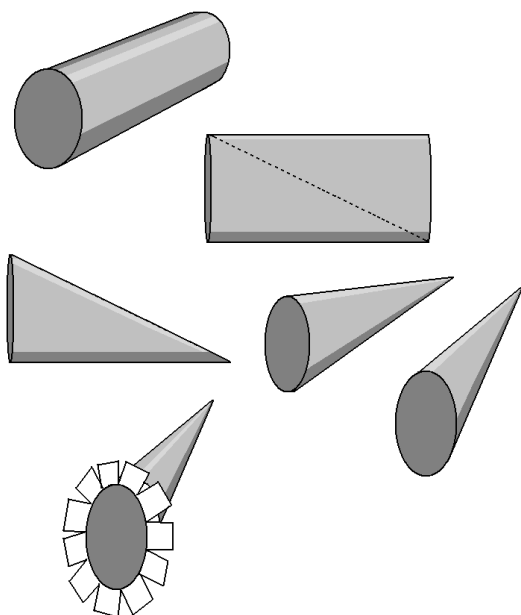
It can be hair, or a beard or even really hairy eyebrows. Choose a colour paper that matches the colour you want your alien to be, this will save you having to paint all the paper bits later



Step 5

Horns can also be created from toilet rolls or kitchen rolls, simply flatten the rolls and then cut from one corner to the other. You will end up with two triangular pieces of card, these now need to be stuck together with tape. Once fixed the horns should be made SD again and tape can be attached at there bases, half on and half off the horns. This tape should then be cut into petals, just like a flower. Don't cut the card as its not sticky, just cut the tape. Once you have created these sticky flowers on the bases of your horns they can be placed anywhere and you can have as many on your alien as you like.

They can even double up as fangs if you like.



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STEP 6

You should now have a working alien mask that you can wear and its up to you if you want to paint this and settle for the mask or if you want to continue and make a full alien costume.

If you want to make a full costume follow the next steps. If you just want to paint your mask choose **ONE** colour and paint all the mask that colour first and let this coat dry.

You can then paint different colour stripes, wrinkles, spots etc on afterwards. This will make your mask look really snazzy!

Remember you don't have to copy the one illustrated, you can make your alien look however you want it to look!



STEP 7

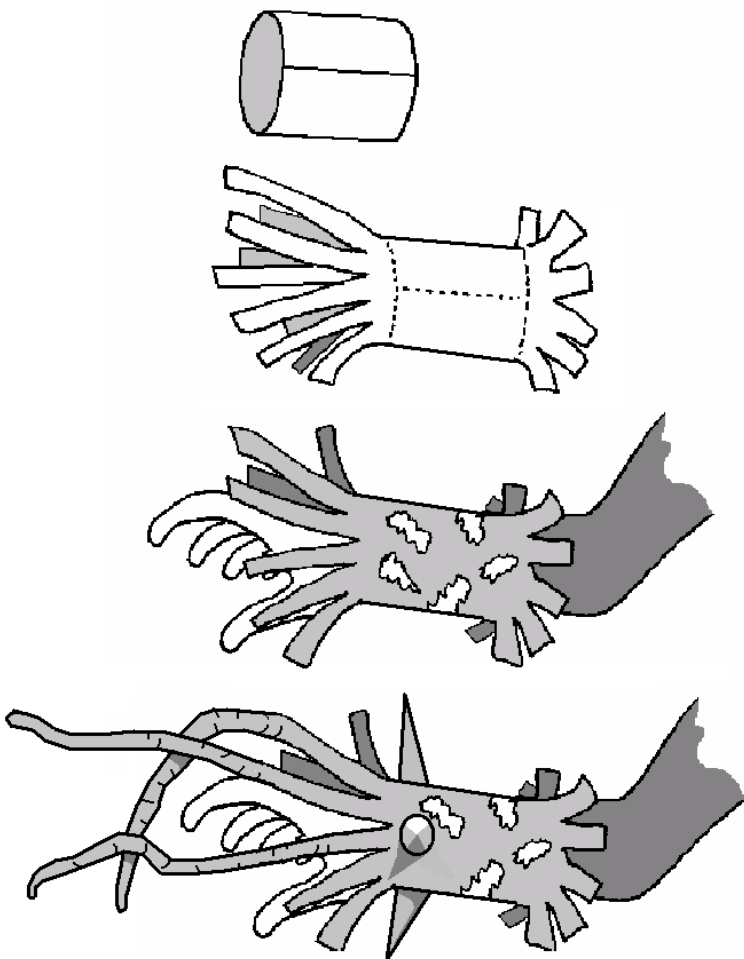
Arms can be created by folding a piece of cereal box card around your lower arm and securing with tape.

Tentacles can be made by again stripping paper as we did earlier, creating your aliens hair.

Do a large amount for the actual tentacles and a short bit for further up your arm.

If you get some paper that is the same colour you want your alien to be it will save you painting all the strips of paper, this is the same for the head and armour, try to find the right colour paper first rather than paint it.

You can add all sorts of decoration to the arms such as extra horns or long 3D tentacles created from twisted up newspaper. (See how to create the Aliens armour for how to twist up the newspaper as described)



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ALIEN ARMOUR.

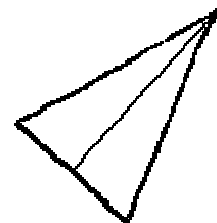
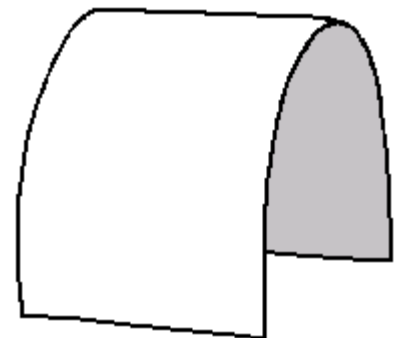
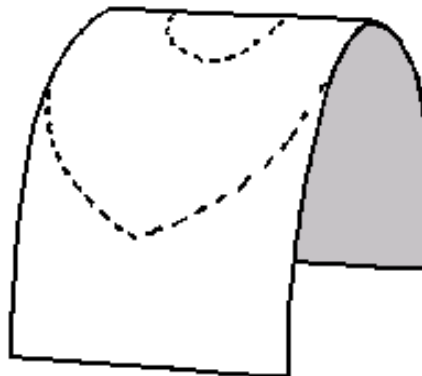
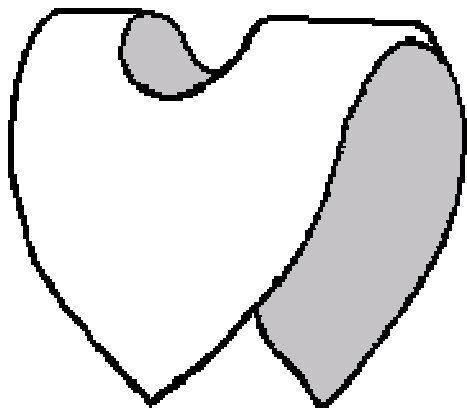
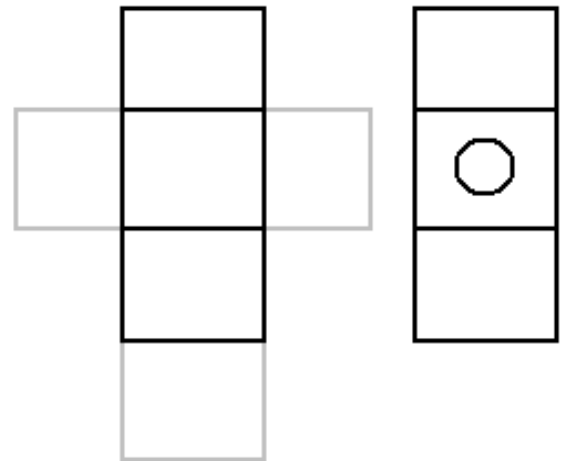
STEP 8

How about some alien armour to go with your alien mask. Most brown cardboard boxes are created in the same way, with four sides, top, bottom and flaps.

To create alien armour simply cut off the top and bottom flaps leaving three sides attached to one another as in the illustration on the right.

Cut a hole through the middle section, through which you can put your head—or you can leave this until you have bent the cardboard if you prefer.

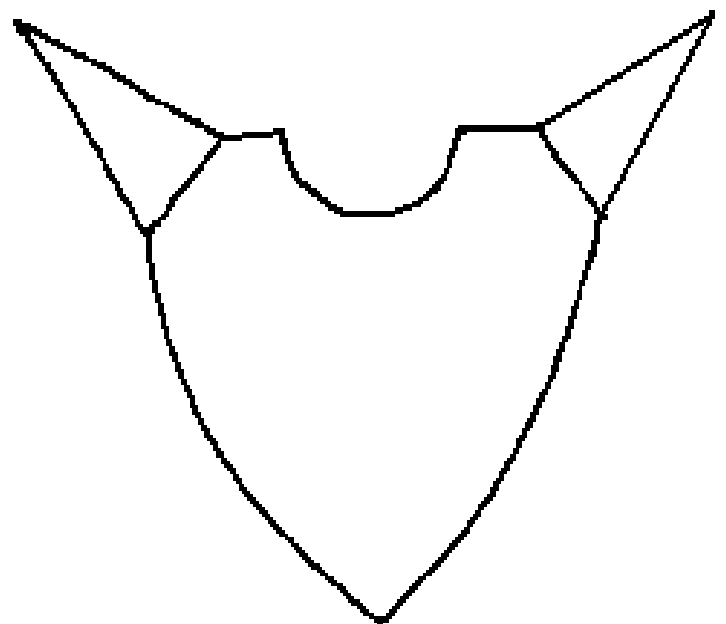
If the cardboard is too tough for you to cut this might be time to ask an adult for some assistance.



Now fold and bend your cardboard so it fits over your body. You can cut it so it's a more interesting shape at this stage, again as shown.

Now you can make spikey shoulders using triangles of similar cardboard. These should be folded down the middle, along the cardboard's corrugation if possible. Then attach at an angle to each shoulder.

It is best to do this while someone is wearing the chest piece so ask a friend.

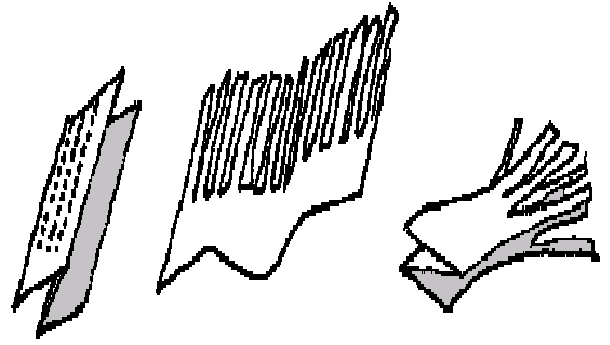


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STEP 9

Coloured paper can be folded up, just like you made the aliens hair, cut this into strips and then bunch it all up with tape, These can be taped to the end of your alien's shoulder spikes, for your Alien armour. completing a hairy shoulder look

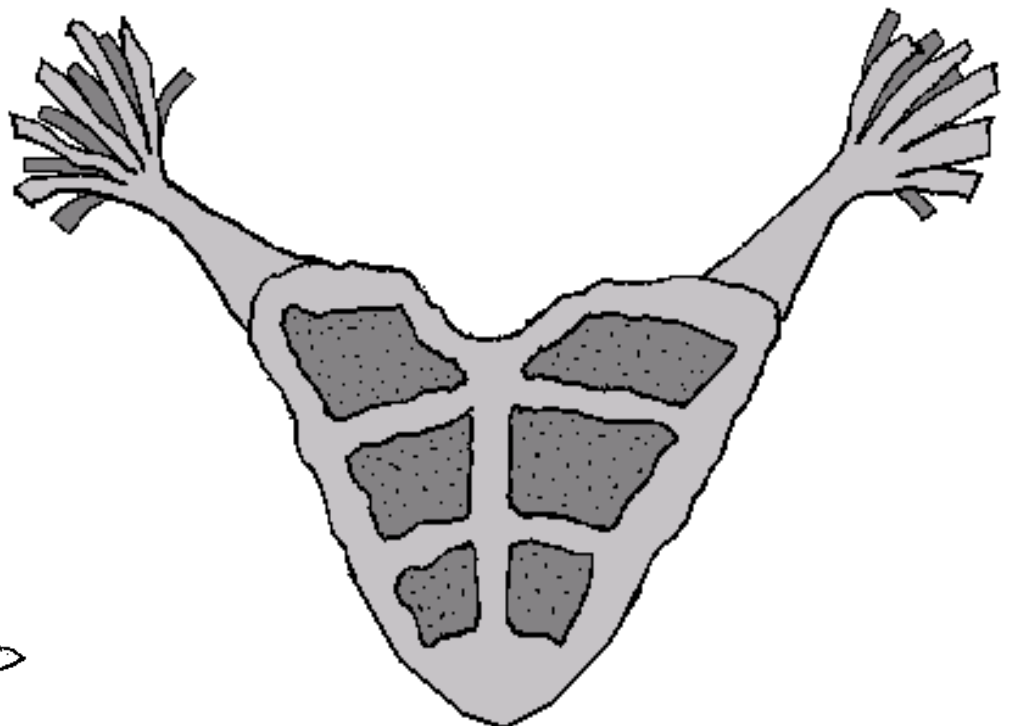
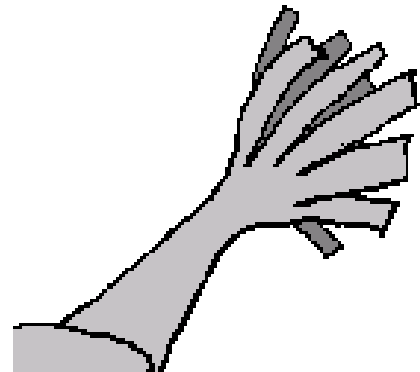


STEP 10

Once this is done some newspaper can be twisted up to create monster ribs and bumps etc.

Again you might need some assistance with this as two sets of hands is better than one.

Use one sheet of newspaper and crumple it up into a ball, then undo it and flatten it out again. Now hold one end and twist and squeeze from the other until you make paper rope. Make sure you put some masking tape over the twists as you are creating them to keep them twisted up.



STEP 11

Paint your armour with the same colour paint as you painted the mask and again let this coat dry before adding any details. You can paint the ribs a different colour if you like and add stripes, wrinkles, spots etc on afterwards.

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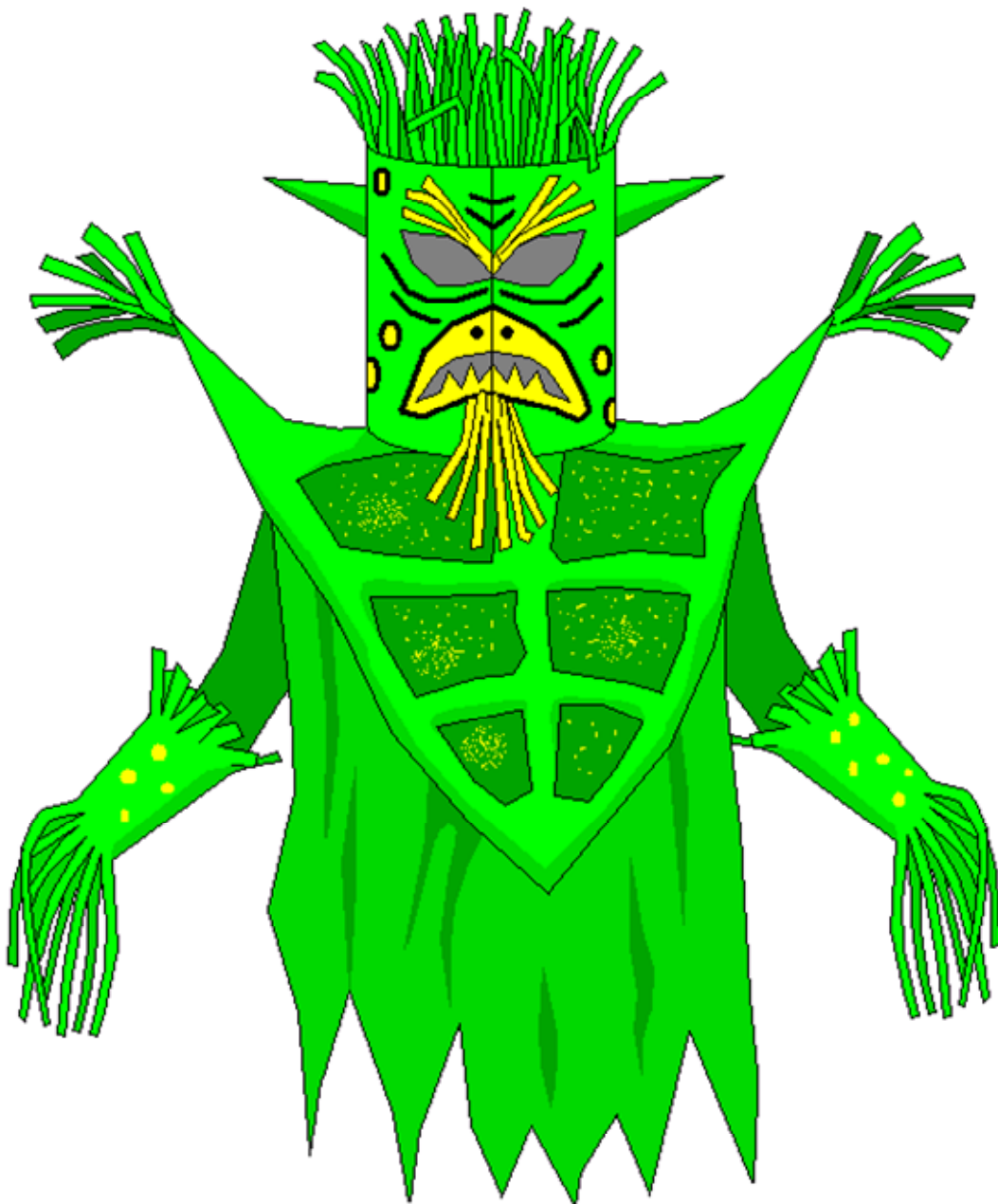


Zardoc The Alien

Once you have created your alien mask and armour you can find either a black or green bin liner, ask an adult to help you cut a semi circular hole in the closed or bottom of the liner and two at each corner creating a hole through which your head should pass and two holes for arms.

This is the costume and the armour and mask fit over it.

I have called this design Zardoc, but your creature will be different so you will have to name it yourself, and like all the aliens in the **CREATURAMA UNIVERSE** it should have an interesting homeworld and creatures that live with it, so get designing.



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