



GENERAL MODEL MAKING SUPERHINTS

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MASKING TAPE

Masking tape is quick, easy to find, easy to use and can be painted over. Unlike glue it doesn't destroy clothes and carpets and you don't have to wait for it to dry!

BASICALLY IT'S BRILLIANT FOR MAKING THINGS WITH!

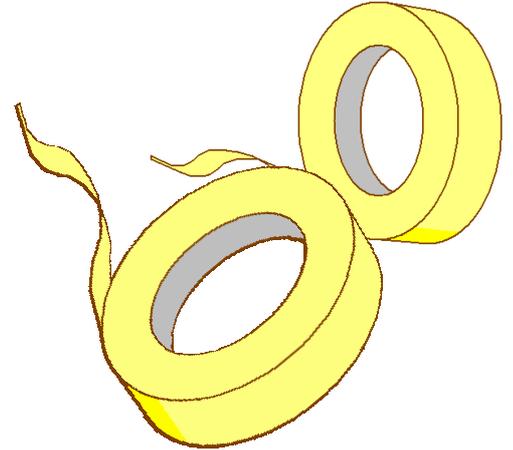
BEWARE!!!

There are many different types of masking tape. Try to avoid obtaining yours from DIY outlets, as this tape, although cheap! Is usually 'Low tack', meaning it hasn't got much glue on it so as not to tear wallpaper etc when using it for decorating purposes. For brilliant model making try to ensure your supply is from a **STATIONERS** or a large chain of Stationary suppliers. They need tape to be very sticky to be able to secure parcels etc, so their tape is very sticky, just what you need to make great creations.

WHY WIDE?

Wide masking tape simply has a much greater sticking area than thinner tape. Children especially find it difficult to be very precise when using tape so using WIDE tape just means they have more of a chance of sticking things together. Also, thinner rolls of tape are much easier to use to wrap around models, which children do sometimes as they feel this will secure all their work. All this really does is Mummify their models while also using far more tape than if they'd used a wide roll.

SO WIDE IS BEST



AVOID TEARING TAPE WITH TEETH, TO AVOID ACCIDENTAL DENTISTRY IN THE FORM OF UNPLANNED FOR TOOTH EXTRACTION. Use a thumb placed firmly on the tapes edge to tear usable amounts off a roll

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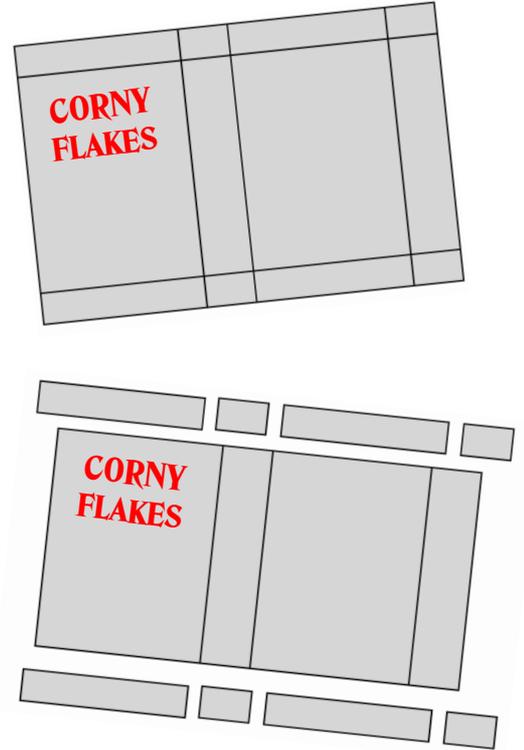


CEREAL BOXES

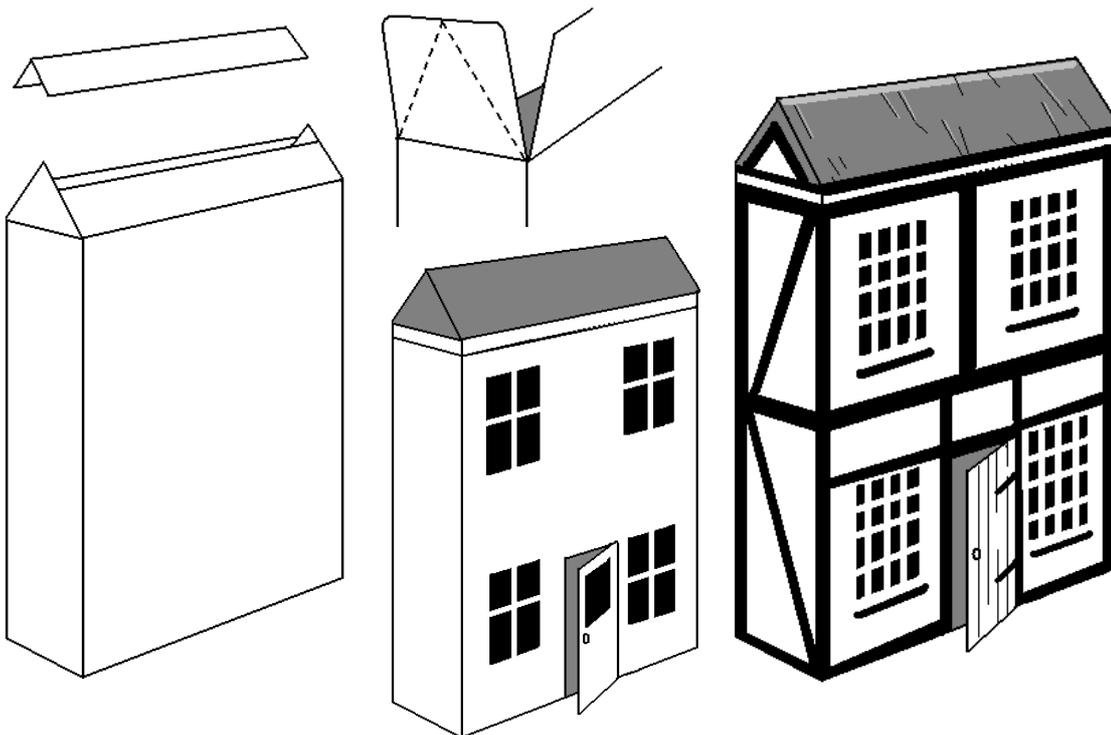
Cereal boxes are brilliant for making all sorts of models with. The only problem is that they are LAMIATED (Shiny) this means they are very difficult to paint with water based paints as used in most schools. An easy way to combat this is to turn your boxes inside out!

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 lots of pieces of cereal box in a small pile next to your feet!!

If you cut down ONE corner you should end up with the box opening out into a big piece of really useful card. Now you can use it in a variety of ways. The simplest is to now rebuild the box. Cut the corners off two of the smallest tabs and join the remaining longer tabs to these to create a roof shape. Add a folded piece of extra card to fill in the gap that will appear. You now have a simple house shape which can be painted or coloured in with felt tip pens.



Add thick black lines with marker pens to create Tudor buildings!



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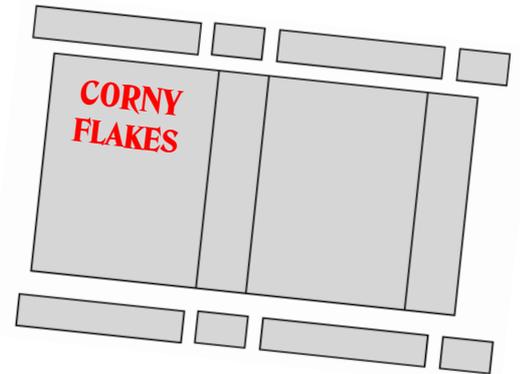
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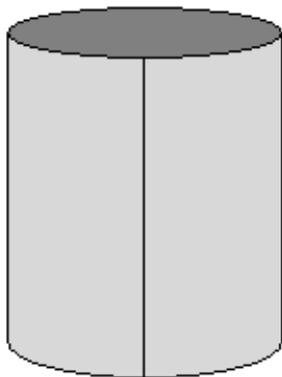
MAD MASKS

Masks are great and fun models to make and can be the starting point to a fantastic costume. Again Cereal boxes are brilliant for easy to make QUICK masks and save all that faffing about with balloons and Paper Mache. There are two great ways of creating masks from cereal boxes.



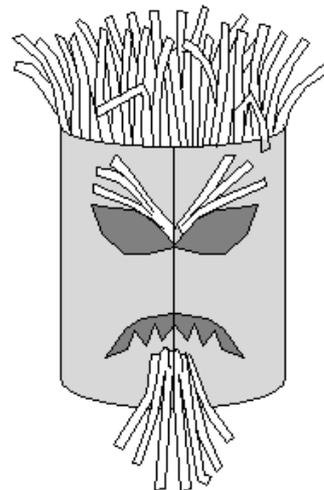
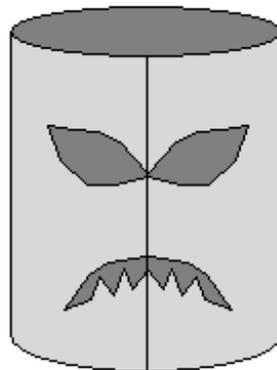
THE TUBE MASK

Cut your cereal boxes open as per the instructions on sheet 2 then 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 the front of your mask.



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. Decorate with ideas on Sheet 5.



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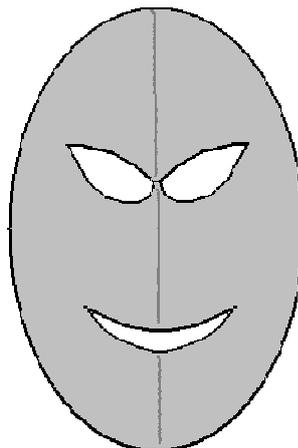
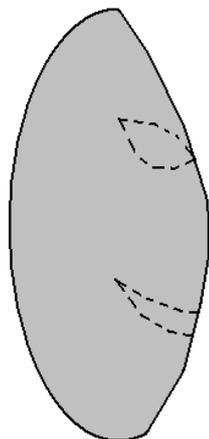
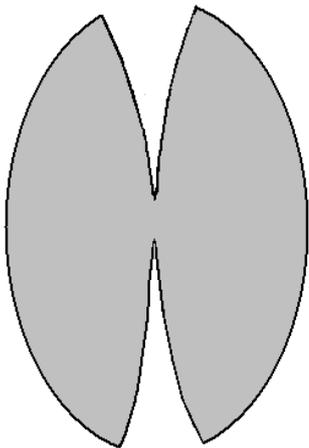
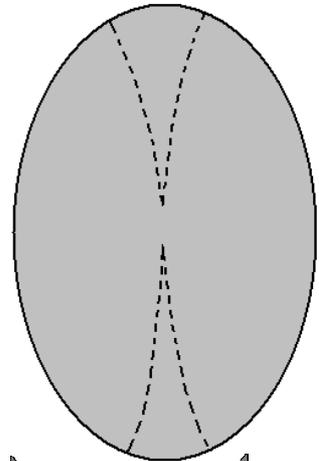
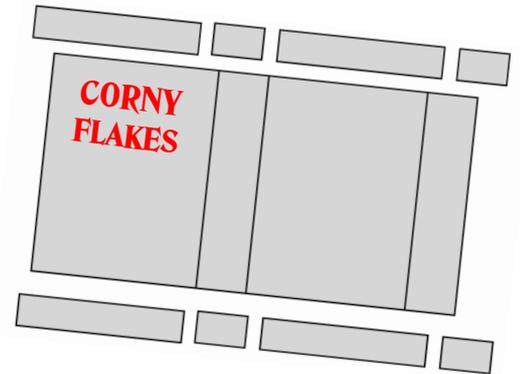


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THE ROUND MASK

Cut your cereal boxes open as per the instructions on sheet 2 then cut out the largest Rugby Ball shape you can from the card. Once you have this cut out two triangles, one from the top of the rugby ball and one from the bottom, curve these a little if you can. Once this is done masking tape the triangles together edge to edge. Now fold this and cut out whatever eye shape you wish, starting and ending in the same position. You can repeat this process for the mouth, cutting half of the mouth out while the mask is folded flat,



Now open the mask and you should have a working face with two eyes. Again this can now be decorated as you require, for instance horns and hair for aliens, Lots of black sugar paper for Blackbeard the pirate etc.

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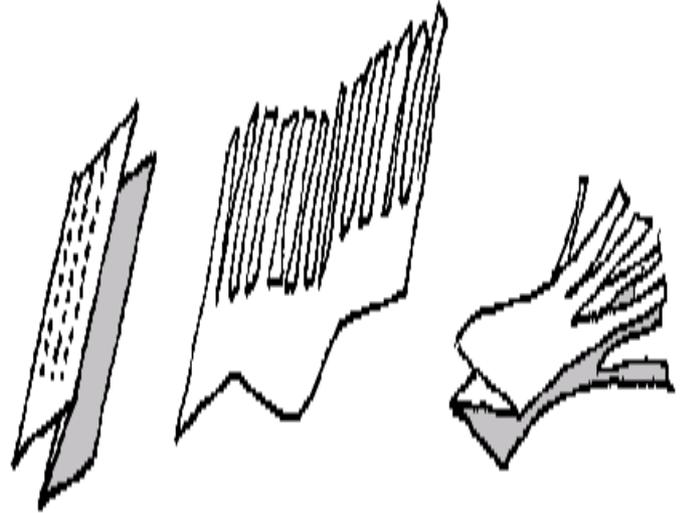
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HAIR AND FUR

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.

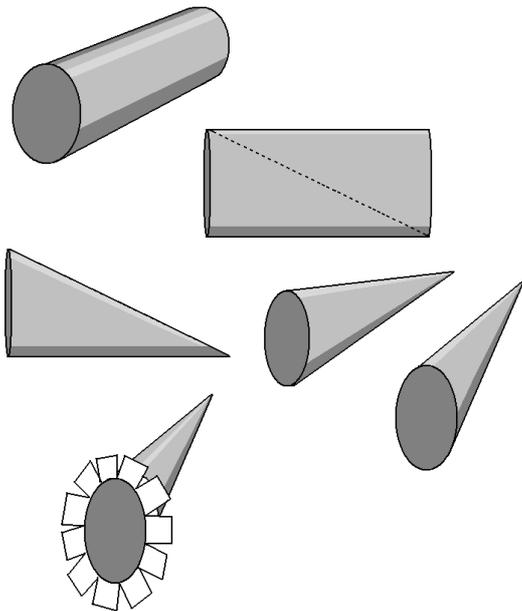
It can be hair, or a beard or even really hairy eyebrows. Choose a colour paper that matches the colour you want your finished hair or fur to be, this will save you having to paint all the paper bits later which would just get very soggy!



HORNS, NOSES & SPIKES

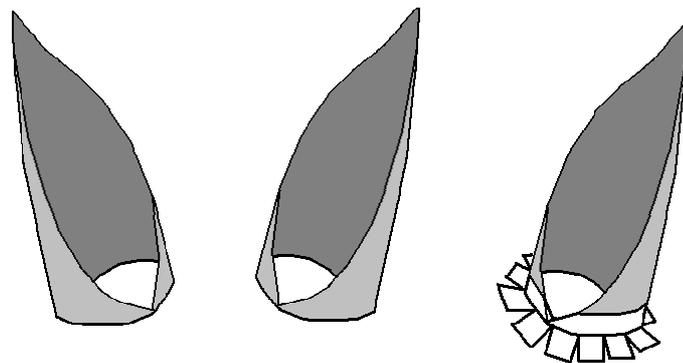
Horns can be created from toilet rolls or kitchen rolls, simply flatten the rolls and then cut from one corner to the other. You will end up with two triangular pieces of card, these now need to be stuck together with tape. Once fixed, the horns should be made 3D again and tape can be attached at their bases, half on and half off. 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 mask as you like.

They can even double up as fangs if you like.



EARS

Ears can also be created from toilet rolls or kitchen rolls. Simply squash the roll then cut from corner to corner. When made 3D again you will have instantly created two matching ears.



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