

# How to make a mask

## What you need

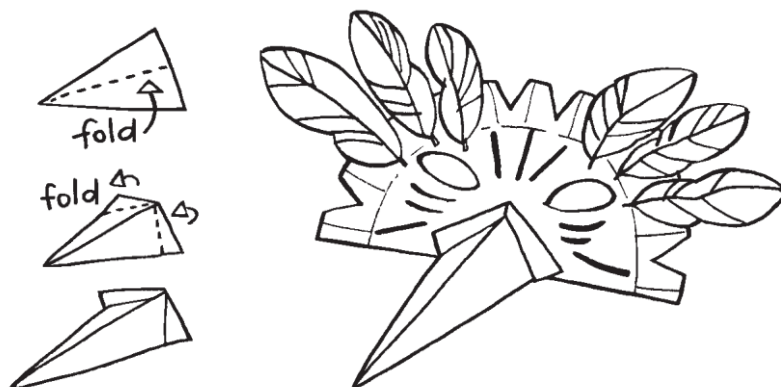
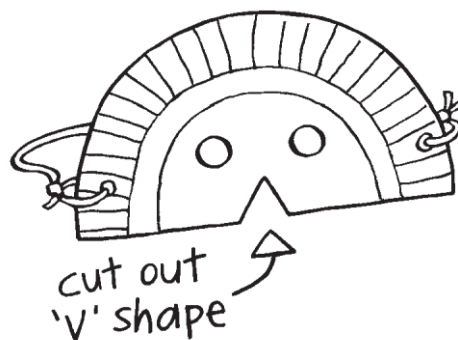
- One/two paper plates, cardboard or large paper bags to make masks
- Elastic/string to hold masks to people's faces/heads
- Collage materials (e.g. feathers, foil, cellophane, fabric off-cuts, crepe paper, wool) and/or paints to decorate the masks

## What to do

- 1 Explain to students that they can make masks from the paper plates.
- 2 Help students decide what materials they will use to decorate/make features on the mask to create the characters in the story they are going to retell. e.g. Use real feathers/cut 'feathery' crepe paper to make bird masks, cut out beak-shapes to add to the mask (above the nose), glue on brown wool to make a hairy wombat face and/or paint a mask to look like a dingo.
- 3 Help students to make a mask.

For example:

- Cut a paper plate in half (across the centre).
- At the centre of the straight side, cut out an upside-down 'V' shaped (triangle) piece (to make a space for your child's nose).
- Cut two holes in the mask so your child/ another person can see through it.
- Decorate the masks so they look like characters in the story.



**Note:** Masks can also be made using a full-sized paper plate/piece of cardboard or large paper bag (that will fit over the student's head) with eye and/or nose holes cut out.