



Masks are made by children of all ages, and they can be of many styles. Almost all masks need two holes to see through, and these present a problem, especially to younger children. On the page that deals with making holes in card, (*page 20*), you will see a suggestion that holes can be 'built' by overlapping two shapes. This is how the eye holes are achieved in these masks.

Begin by making a template. The very young child may be given a ready-made template to draw round. This page may be enlarged by a photocopier, otherwise cut out two shapes similar to those shown above. If you start by working with scrap paper, you can modify and refine the shapes before transferring them to stiff card. Drawing around the template and cutting out the shapes is a good exercise for infants. Glue the two parts together, as shown, and decorate. Older children can make their own templates, using the ones that are shown above as a guide.

It is possible to make the masks three-dimensional. Score along the dotted lines above the eyes and down the nose. They are not straight lines, so they must either be scored freehand, or the templates must be trimmed so that the scoring tool can be drawn against the dotted line.

Carefully fold the sides of the nose along the scored line and, with fingertips, fold down the brow lines. They won't fold far, just enough to stiffen the card and to induce a curve on the forehead section.

Cut along the short line on the point of the chin, and overlap the edges of the cut so that an area about the size of the shaded triangle can be glued. This will form a three-dimensional chin. Glue the two sections together.

### INTERNAL HOLES

Often the best thing to do is to begin from the edge, cutting to the area that is to be removed. After the hole has been made, the small cut can be patched with a small piece of paper or card. If the patch is put on the back, the hole is likely to end up a neater job than if it had been started by poking the scissors through the card. If you don't want the cut to show, hide it behind something else!

