

# Masks:

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We are all artists. To help encourage creativity and diversity, look at as much quality and variety of art as you can, especially before starting a lesson or project. The ideas will flow much more readily.

**\*\*Always and often remind students not to copy. Tell them to mix what they see with what's already in them and that flow out into the art.**

Making masks are a great art exercise because so many materials, both man made and natural, can be added for interest. Plus, it reinforces the skills of constructing. It can be as simple or as complex as you think will benefit the students you work with. It can be a 1 day fun lesson or a whole unit.

**Links for Mask lesson:** (I hope they still work by the time you use them.)

Google masks of the world images and you will get an amazing number of images to see the possibilities are endless...

[http://www.google.com/search?q=masks+of+the+world&hl=en&biw=1191&bih=543&prmd=imvns&tbm=isch&tbo=u&source=univ&sa=X&ei=TumpTu\\_jHsnMsQKkhPmiDw&sqi=2&ved=0CFkQsAQ](http://www.google.com/search?q=masks+of+the+world&hl=en&biw=1191&bih=543&prmd=imvns&tbm=isch&tbo=u&source=univ&sa=X&ei=TumpTu_jHsnMsQKkhPmiDw&sqi=2&ved=0CFkQsAQ) (I know it's long. That's why it's a hyperlink.)

An educational website dedicated to masks... a well rounded site...

<http://gallery.sjsu.edu/masks/Homefram.html>

Masks in wikipedia gives an abundance of information and many interesting images...

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mask>

Masks from around the world for sale link (many thumbnails of masks to quickly see a great variety in a short time - nicely organized

<http://www.masksoftheworld.com/>

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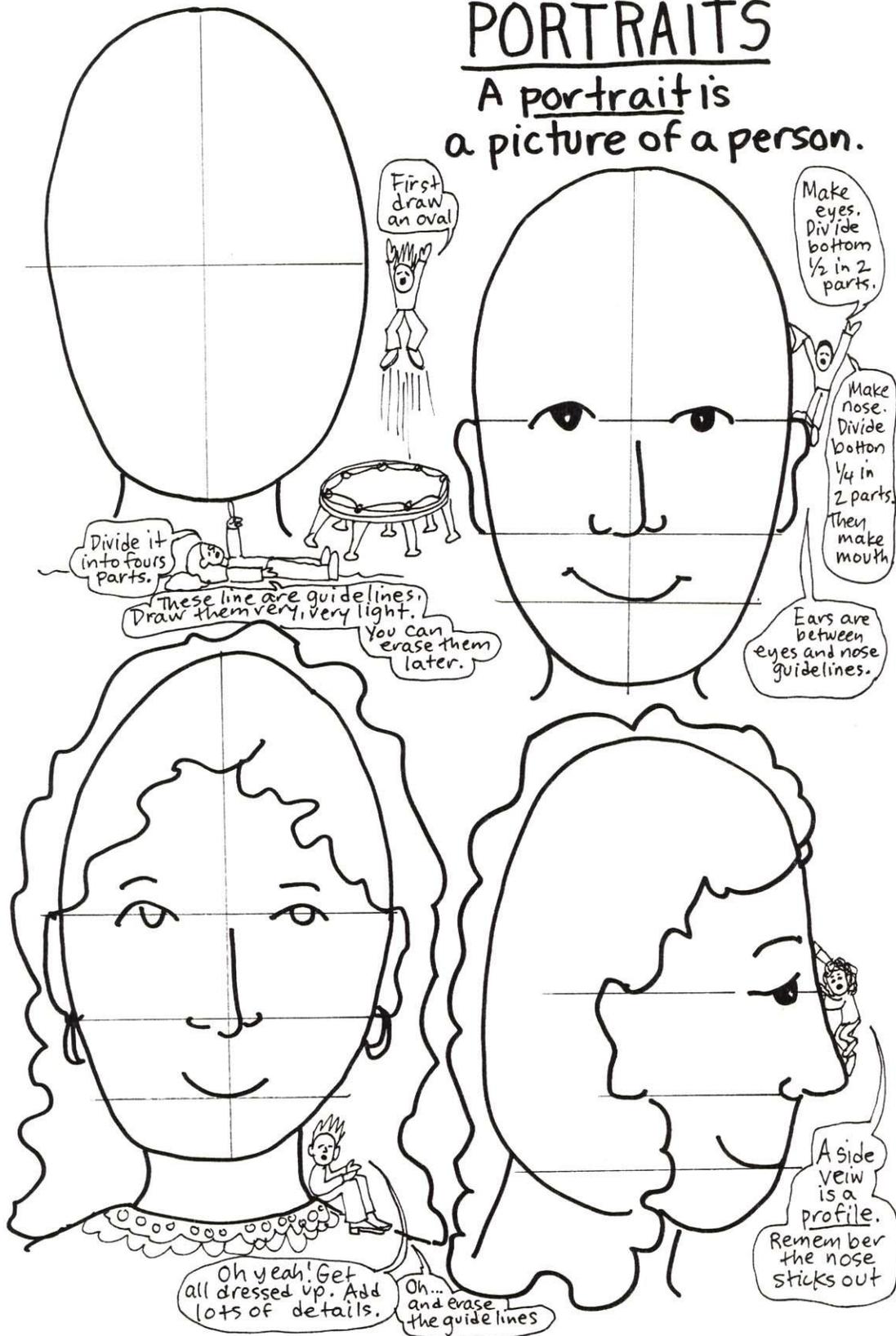


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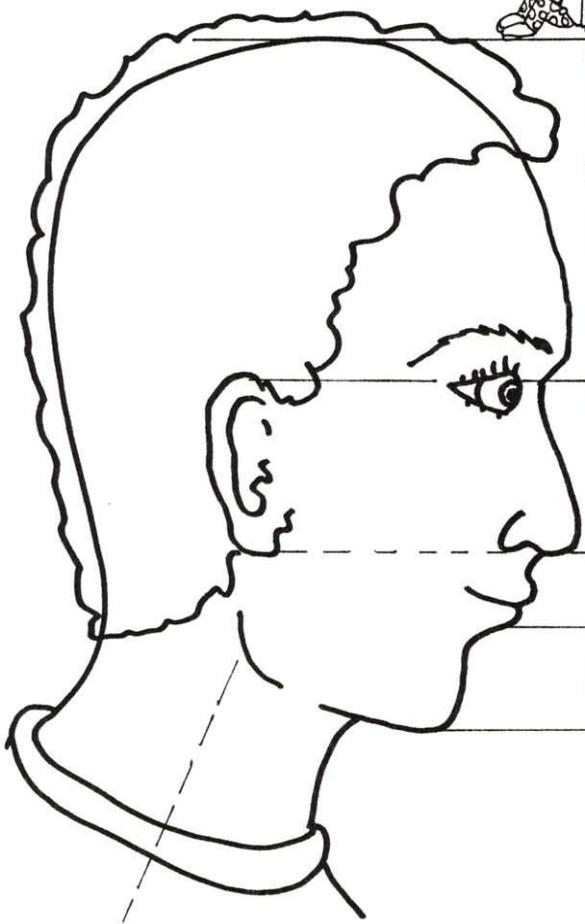
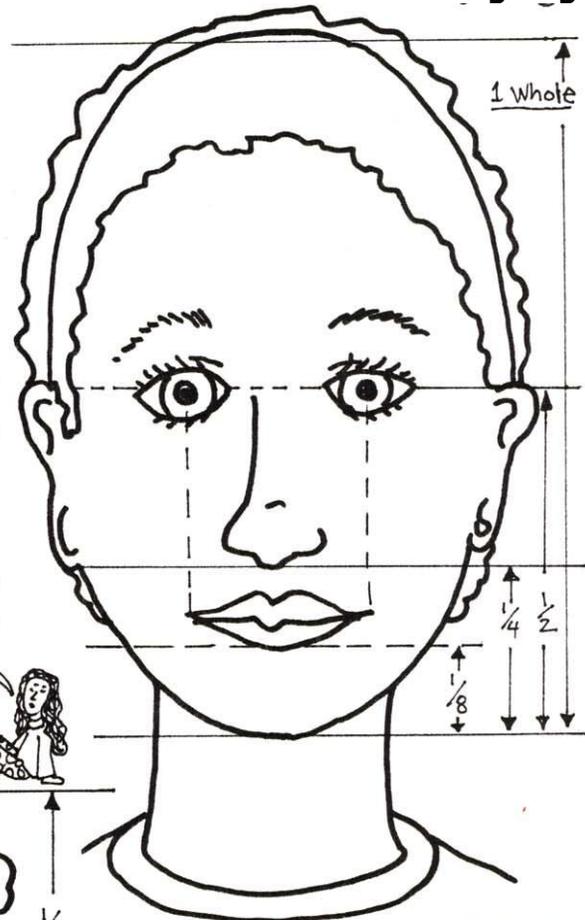
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A portrait is a picture of a person.

Portraits have proportions. Proportion is how the parts relate to the whole. Simple math comes in handy here.

The picture or image can really look like the person or simply represent the person. A portrait can be symbolic or abstract. I'm real looking.



This is a close-up portrait.

The side view of a person's face is called a profile.

Oh my goodness! Mercy me! Draw a portrait... A portrait of me!

A picture of myself is a self-portrait.

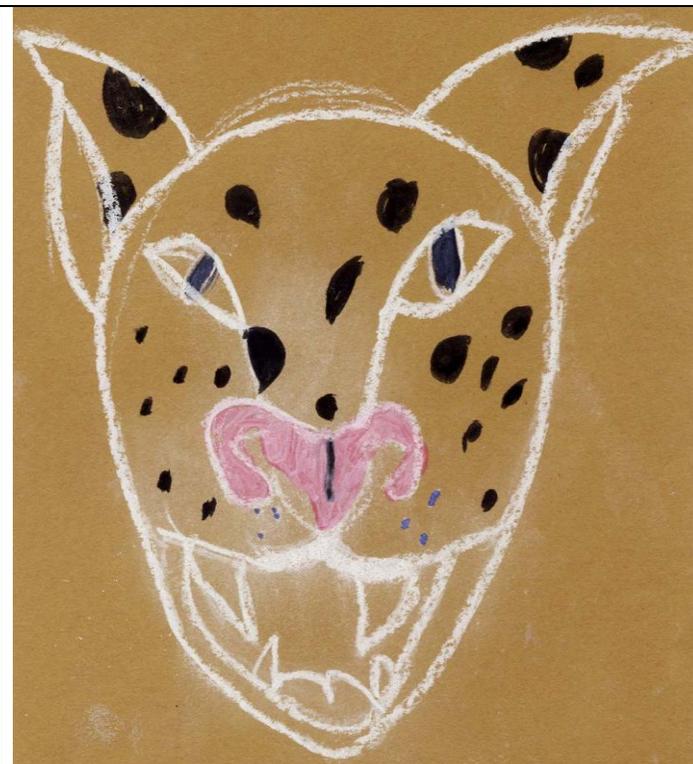
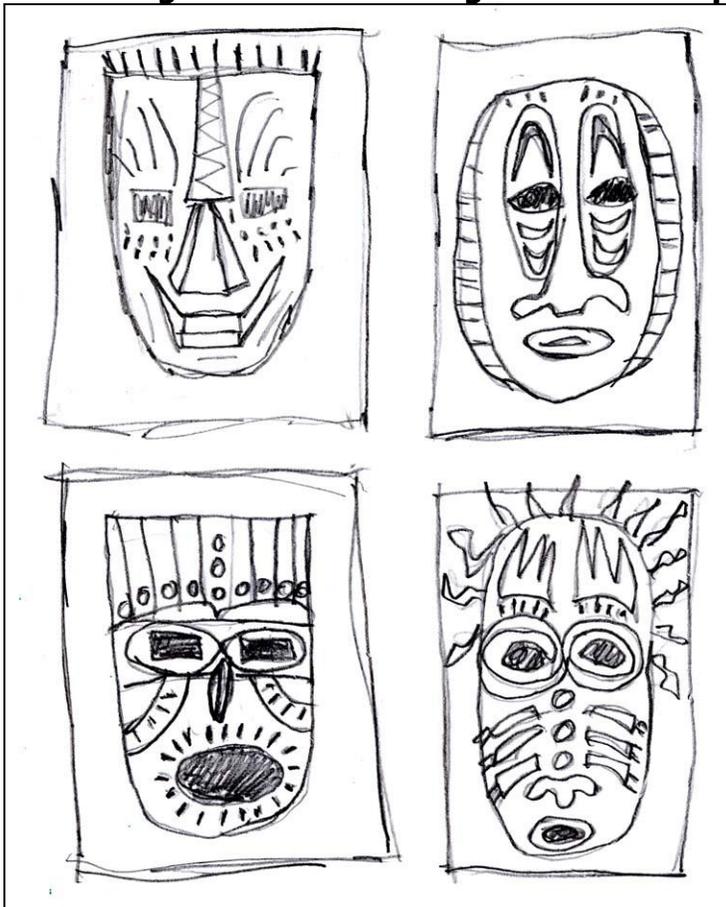
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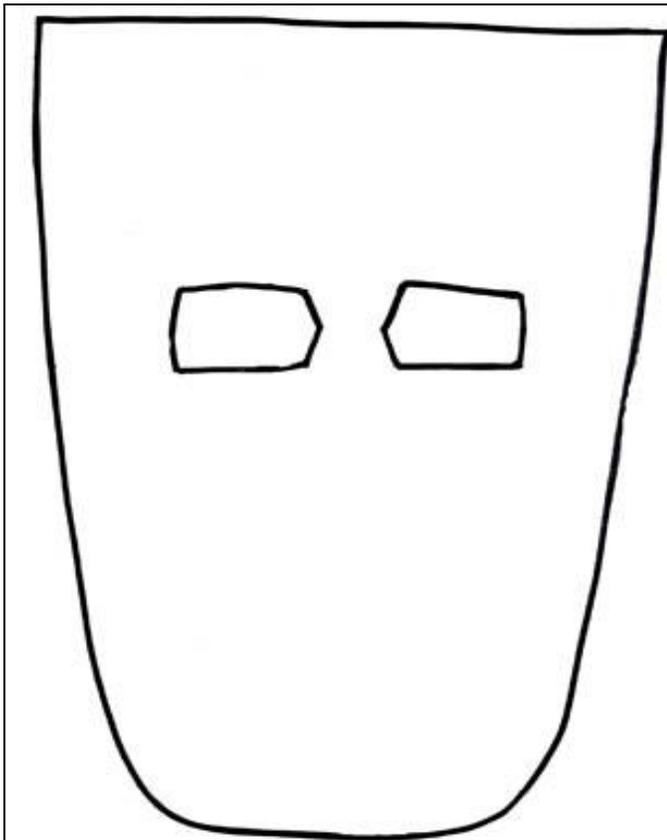
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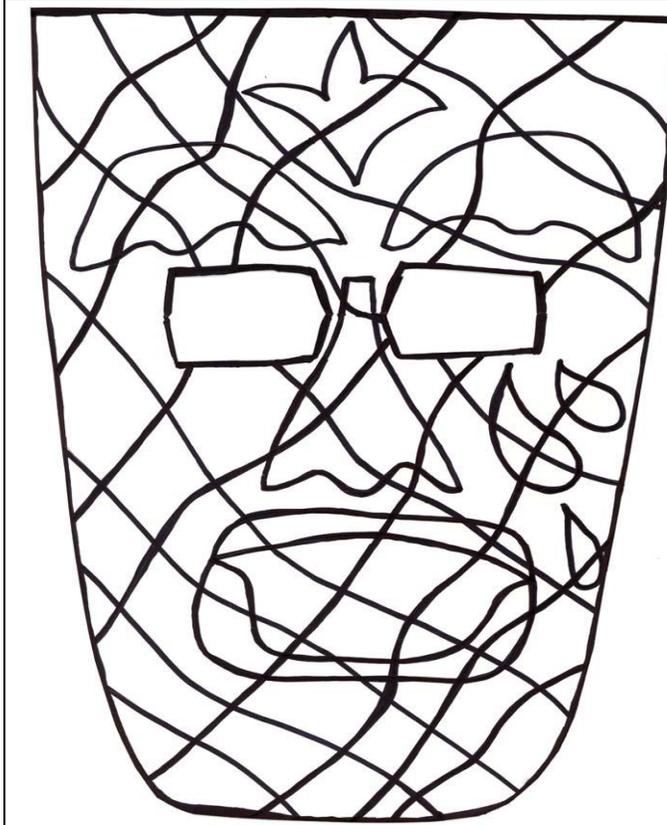


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### Simple Paper Mask Lesson

- 1) Trace the mask templet with pencil.
- 2) Cut out mask.
- 3) Draw a design on mask cut out.
- 4) Color using a color scheme. (See color wheels in ABCs of Art Booklet.)
- 5) Punch holes next to eye holes for adding string/yarn to tie & wear., beads, seeds, feathers, yarn, string & more can be added to add interesting detail to the mask.



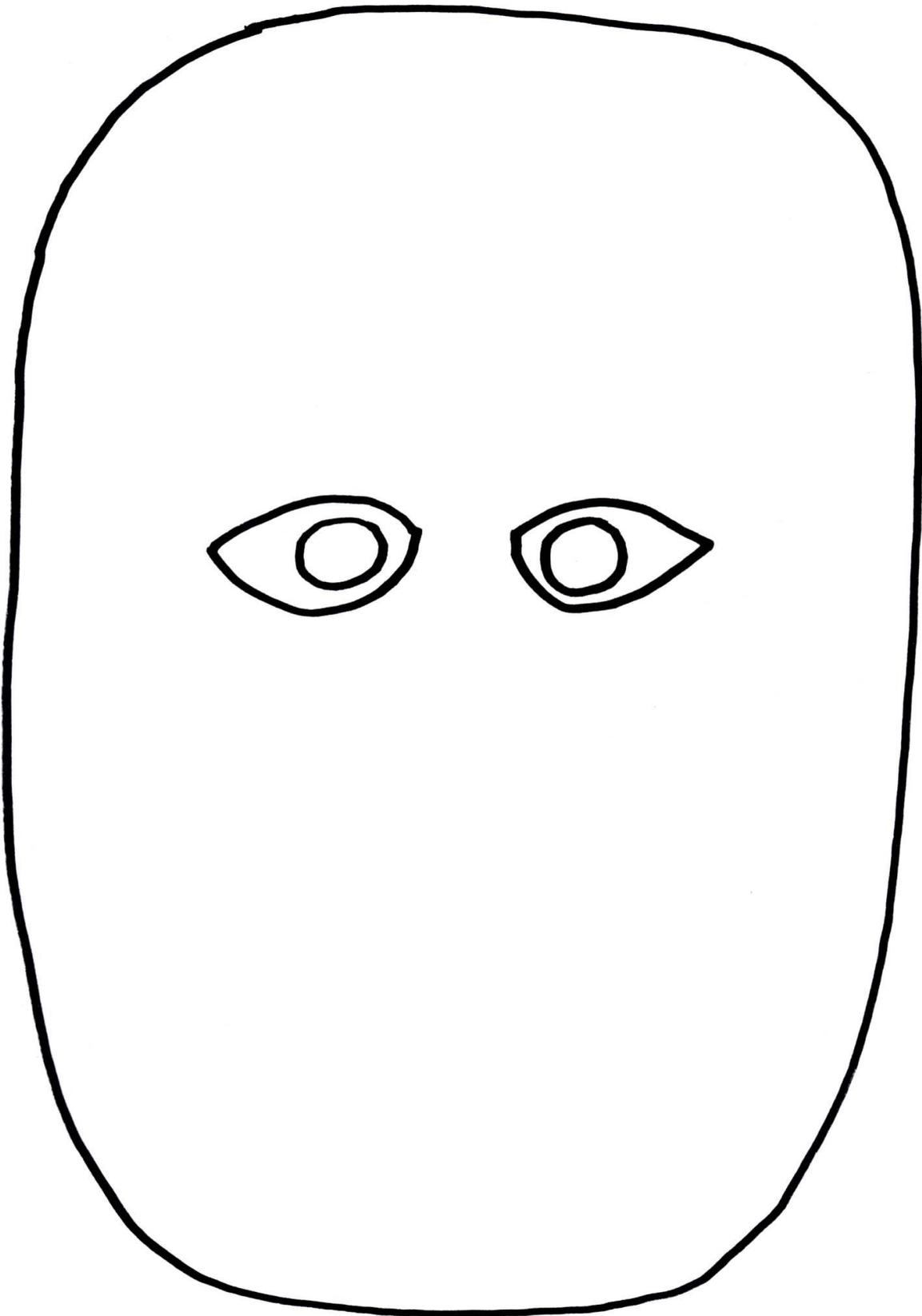
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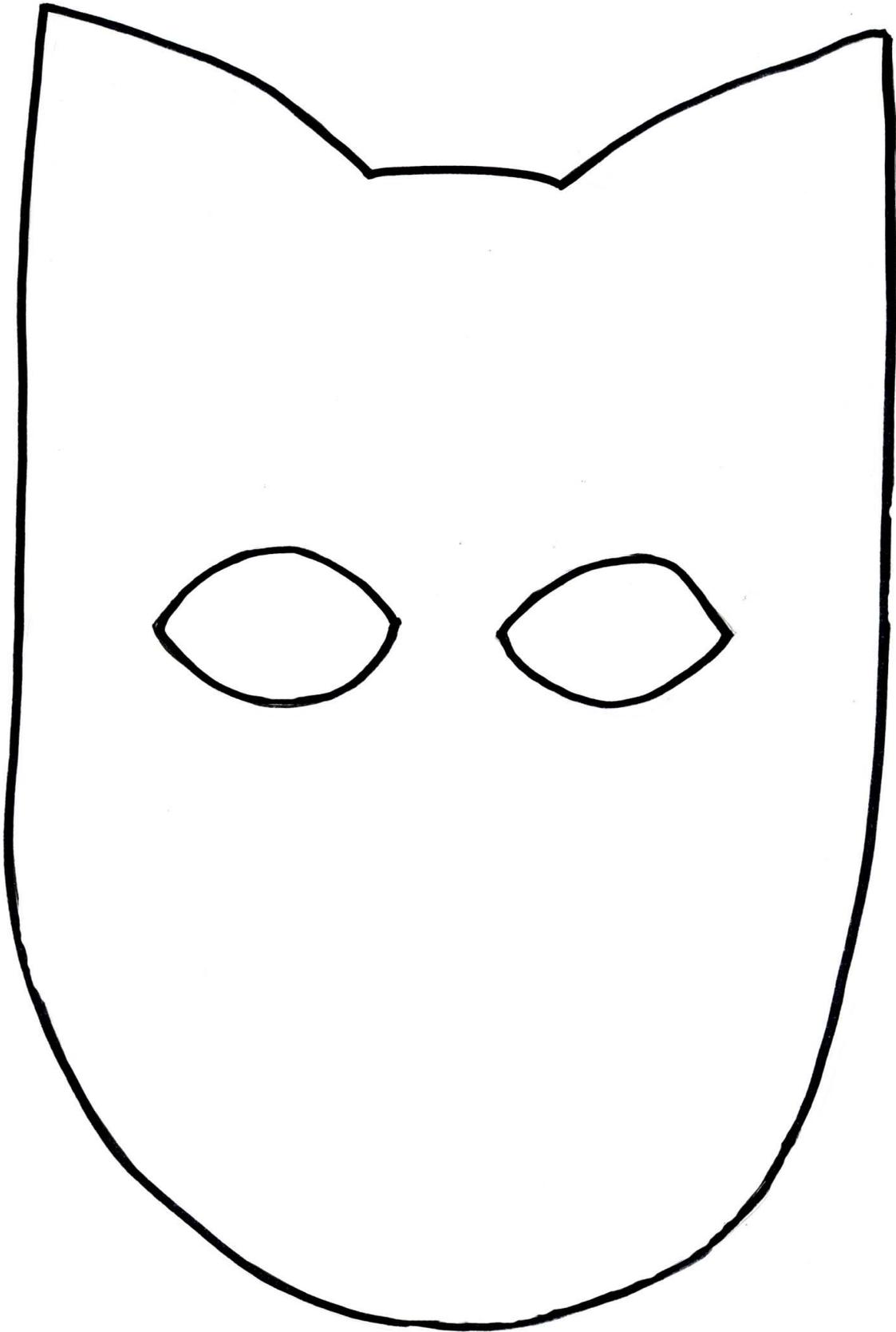
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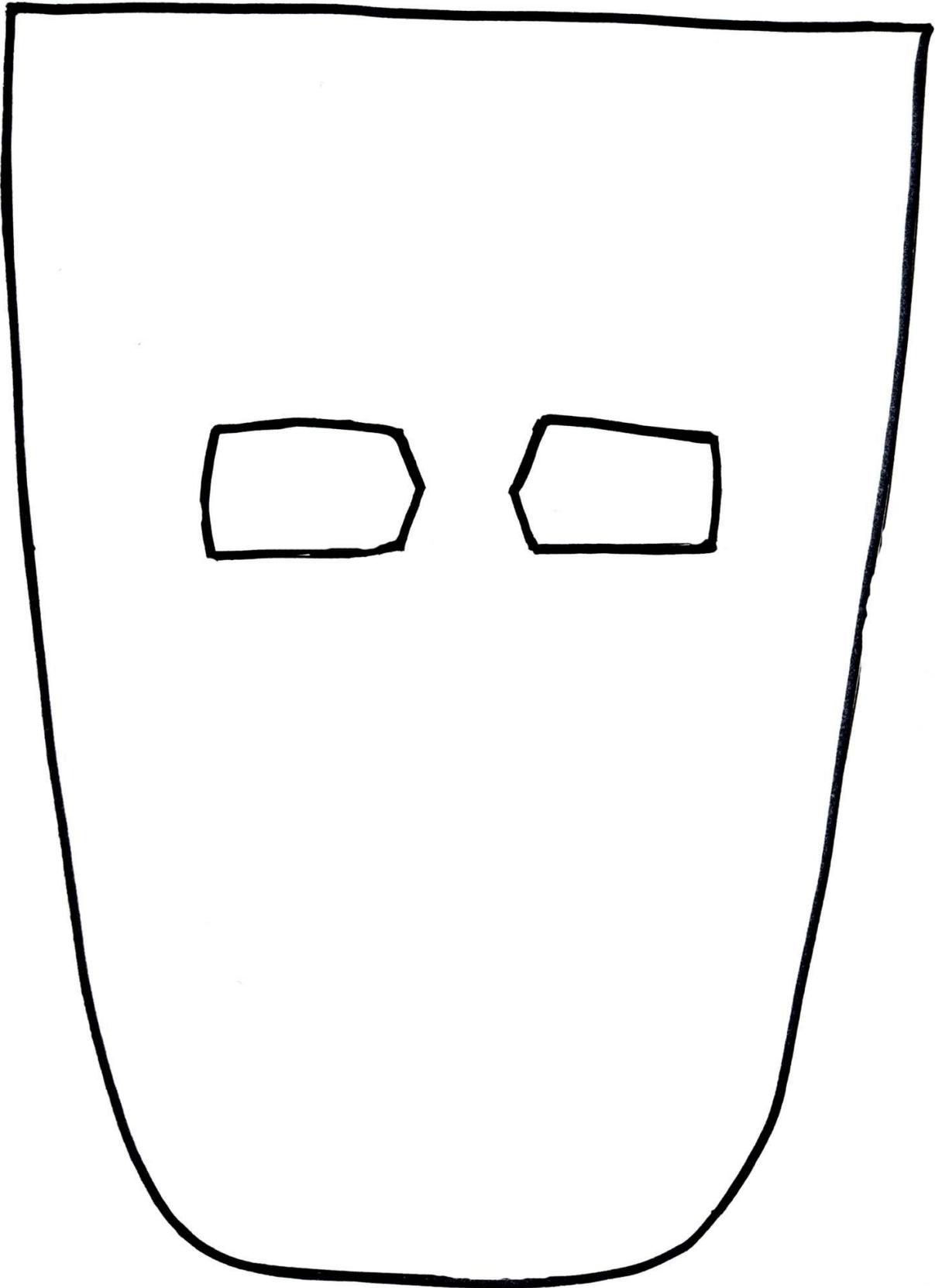
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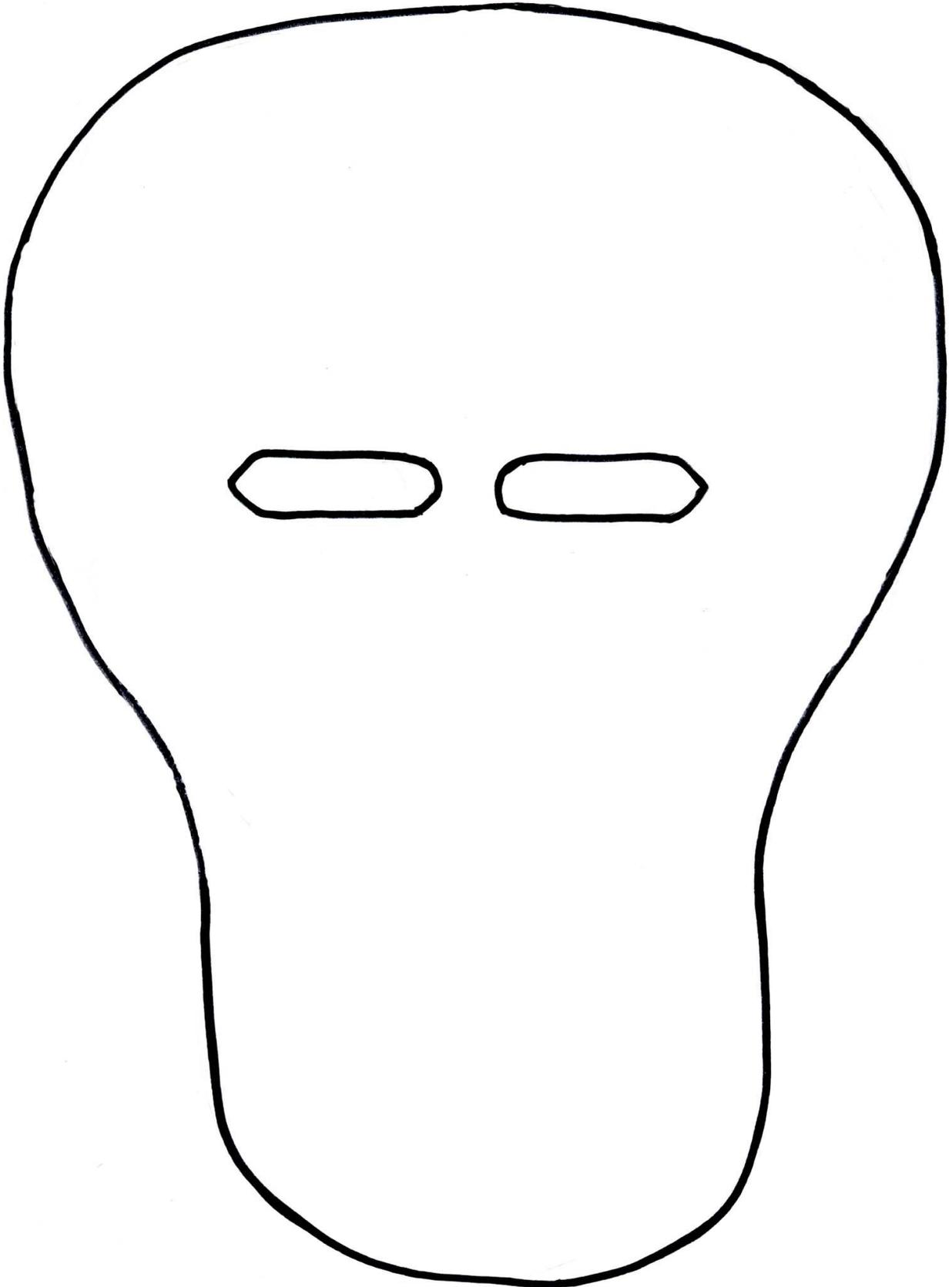
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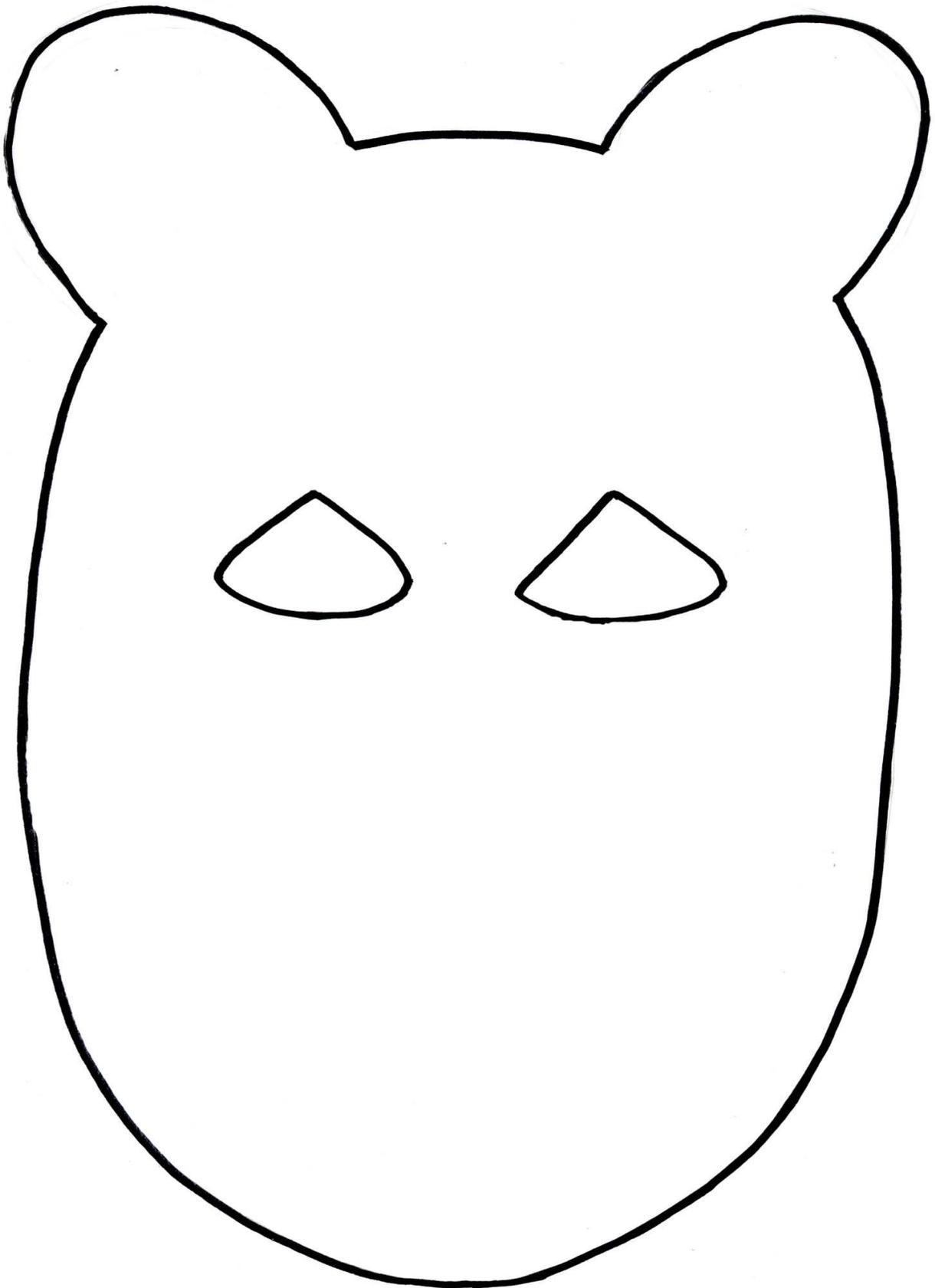
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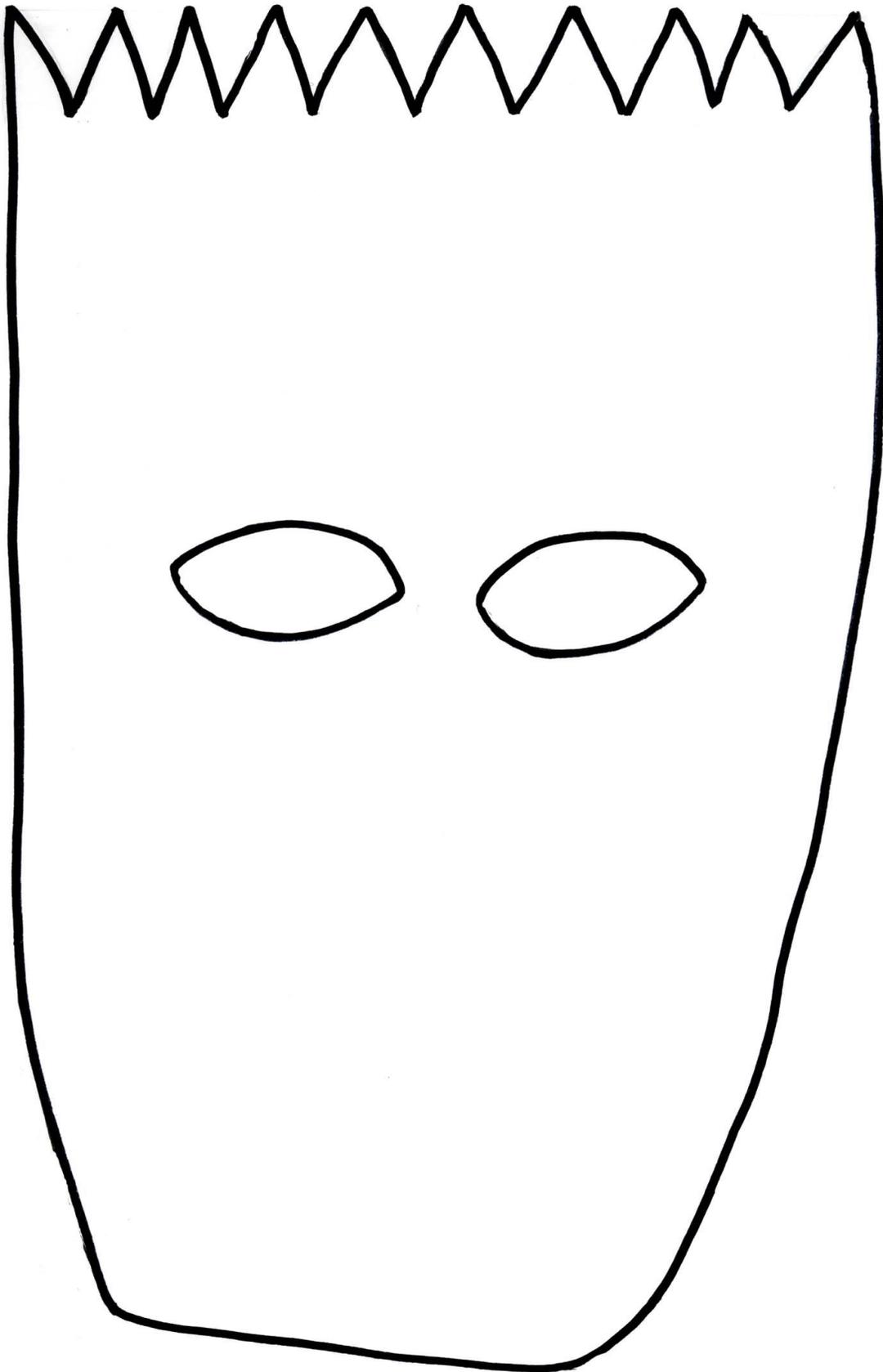
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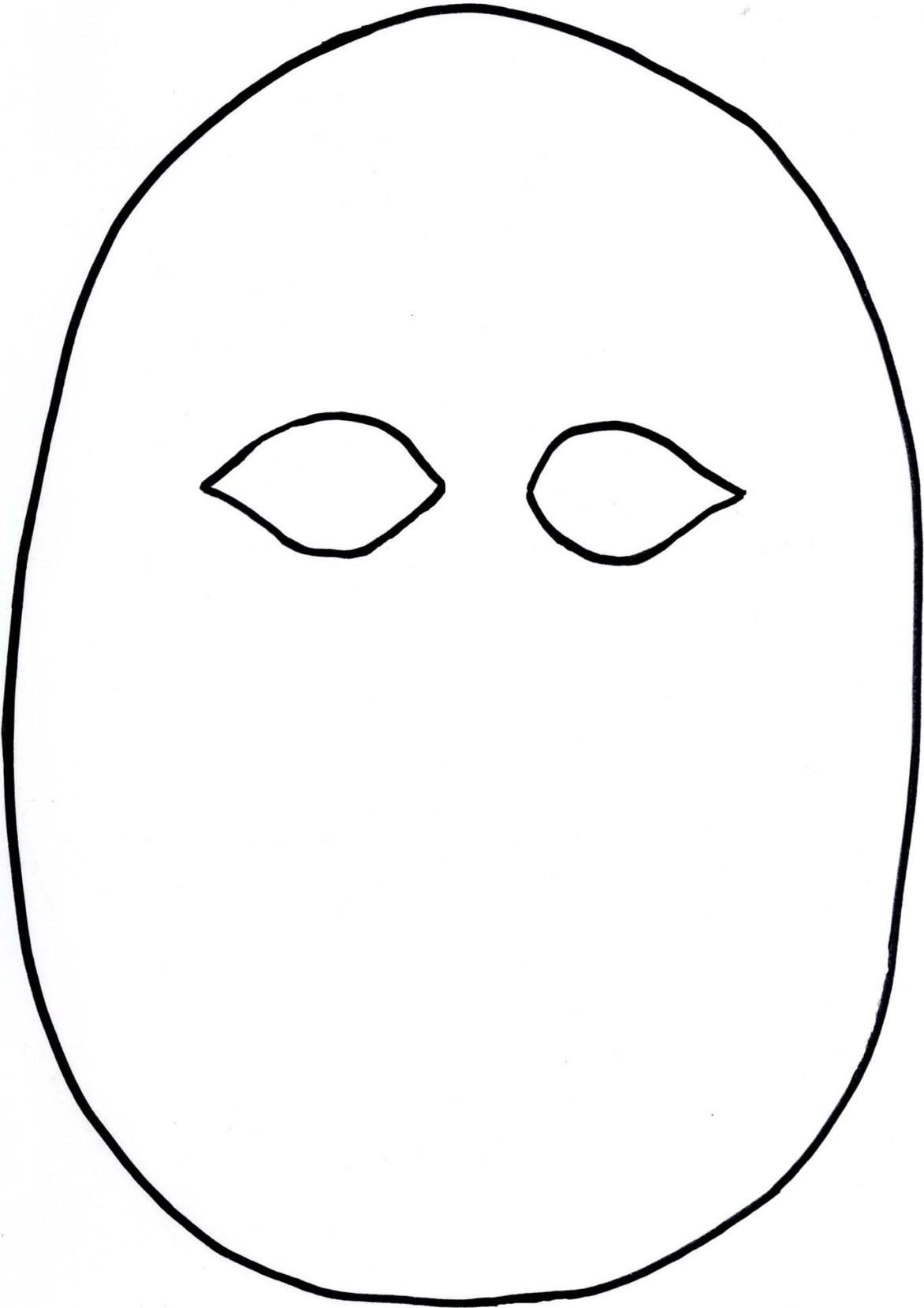
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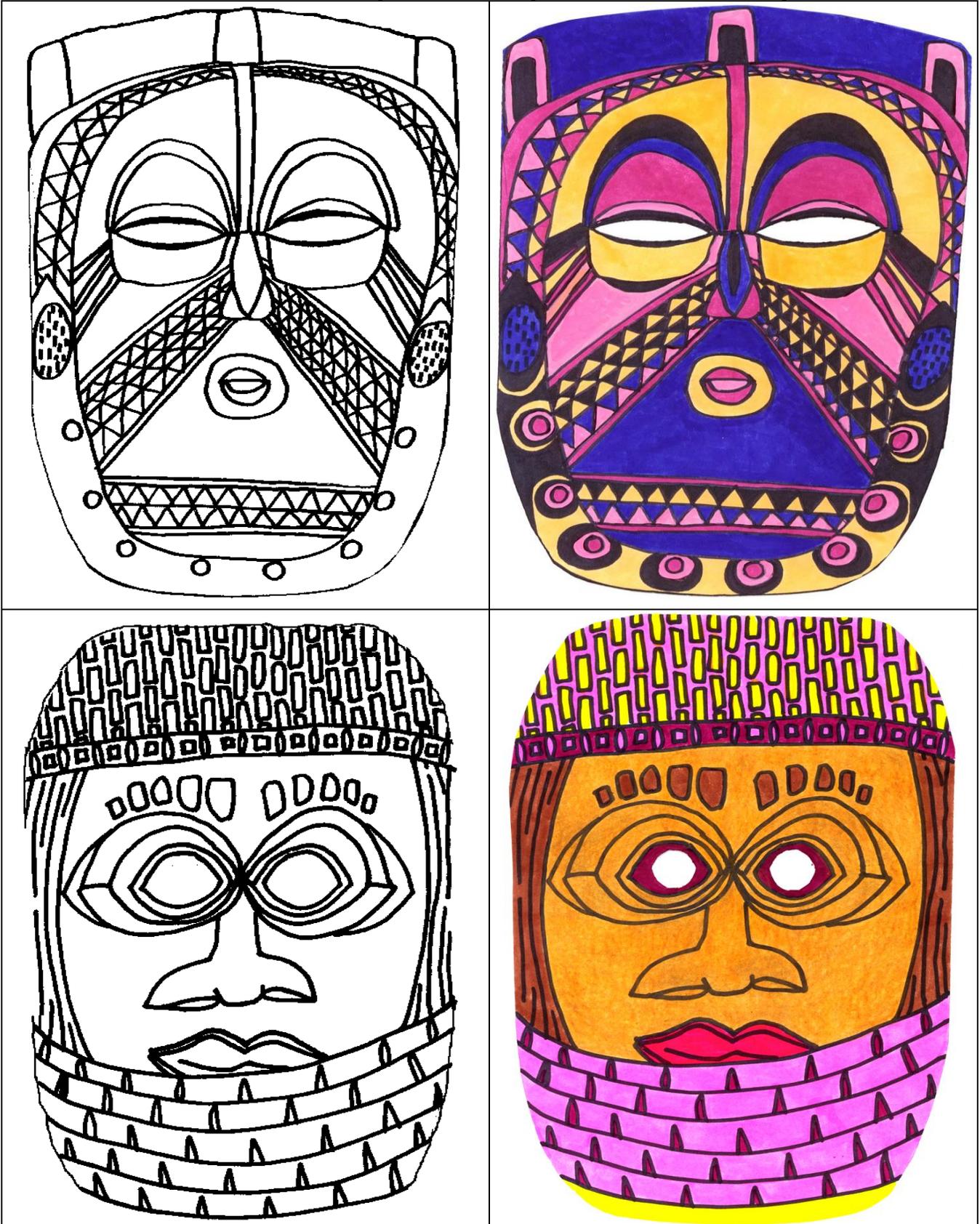
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Teacher Examples of Masks (B&W and Color of each)



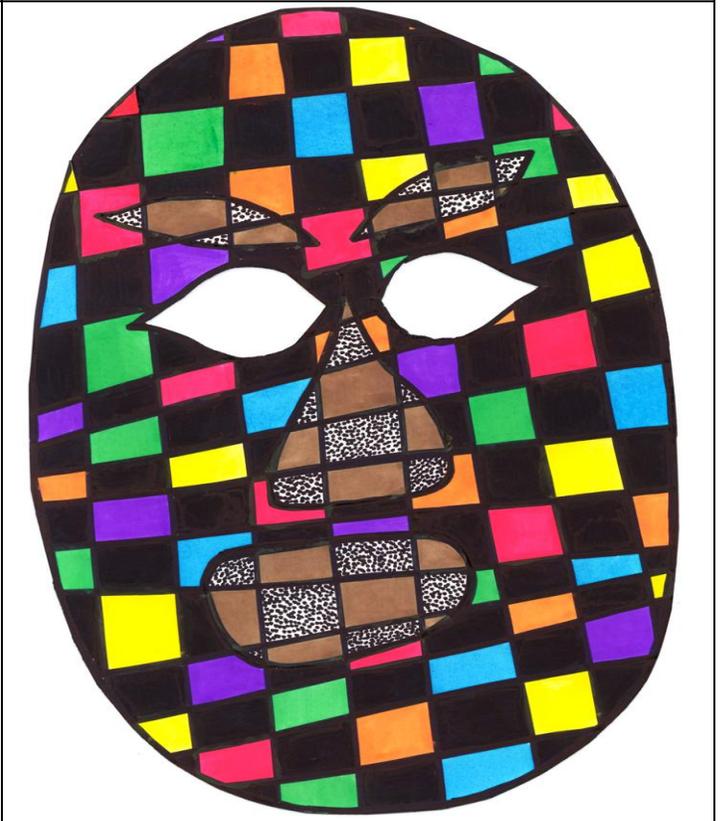
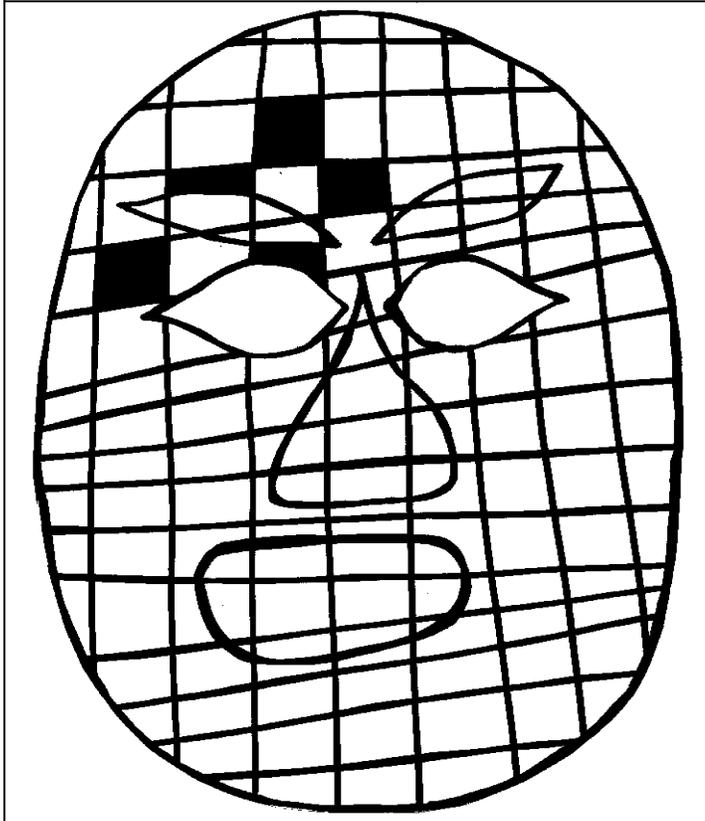
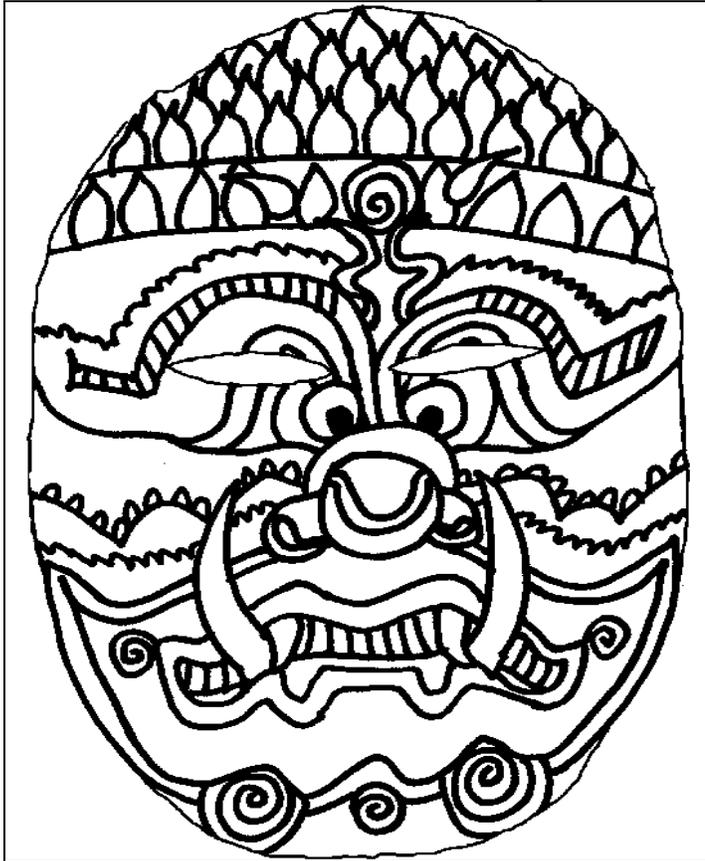
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## Mask Sampler



Creativity develops when divergent thinking is encouraged  
I brainstormed these masks to show how line, shape, and color  
can be combined to form an endless number of possibilities.

These are just a few mask ideas from my head.



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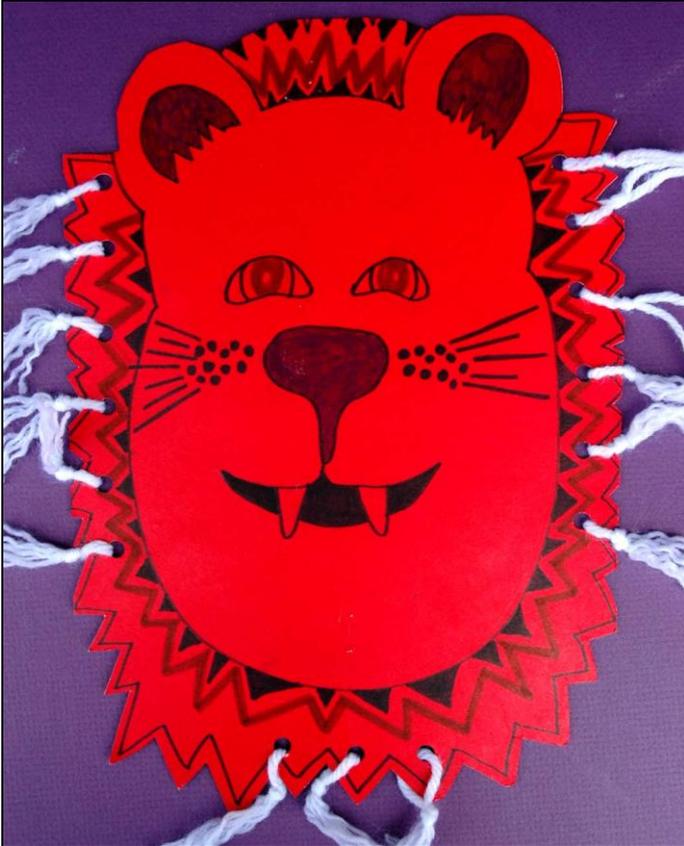
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Student & Teacher Mask examples can be used as wall decoration.



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With more time & space, masks can be made in 3-D. These are paper mache.



Above Paper Mache Mask  
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cut up plastic milk jugs.

The two on the right  
were made over balloons.

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