



Here is a fun mask activity that you can do with readers of the 'I Feel...When..' series. We hope you enjoy the hours of fun you will have acting out your own version of the plots in our series.

Crafting Your Feeling Friends Paper Mask

Materials:

Thick paper (construction paper, cardstock, or even a cereal box) Markers, crayons, or paint.

1 'I Feel...When...' Book of your choice

Mask patterns with all the Feeling Friends faces Scissors Hole punch String or ribbon Instructions:

Read a 'I Feel...When...' book.:

Learn about the characters in the 'I Feel...When...' book series at the beginning of the book. Compare the different characters. Think about how they are different and how they are the same.

Design Your Mask:

Color in your mask of the desired character from the 'I Feel...When...' book series directly onto the printed activity sheet. After you have read the 'I Feel...When...' story of your choice think about what the character you choose to act out would say.

Have a friend choose another character your from this book that you have both read. Glue the mask to a piece of durable cardstock. After it dries cut out the mask:

Carefully cut out the mask shape, following the lines on the pattern you colored.

Make sure to cut out any holes for the eyes, nose, or mouth.

Decorate Your Mask:

Use markers, crayons, or paint to color your mask to look like the character you choose.

Tell an adult what you think your character might say. If you want to you can even write a script and practice it to show more friends later.

Attach the String:

Punch two holes on either side of the mask, near the edges.

Thread a piece of string or ribbon through the holes.

Tie the ends of the string or ribbon to create loops.

Wearing Your Mask

Adjust the Fit:

Slip the loops over your ears.

Adjust the string or ribbon to ensure a comfortable fit.

Strike a Pose:

Practice different facial expressions and movements.

Experiment with how the mask changes your appearance and voice.

Performing with Your Mask

Create a Character:

Think about the personality of your mask. Is it silly, scary, or serious?

Read about that character's backstory and a voice for your character.

Act Out a Scene:

Use your mask to act out a scene from one of the 'I Feel...When...'books.

You can create your own original performance. Explore what it means to stay in character. What would the character you chose do or say?

Improvise:

Try improvising with your mask.

Let your imagination run wild and see what happens.

Tips:

For a more durable mask, consider laminating it.

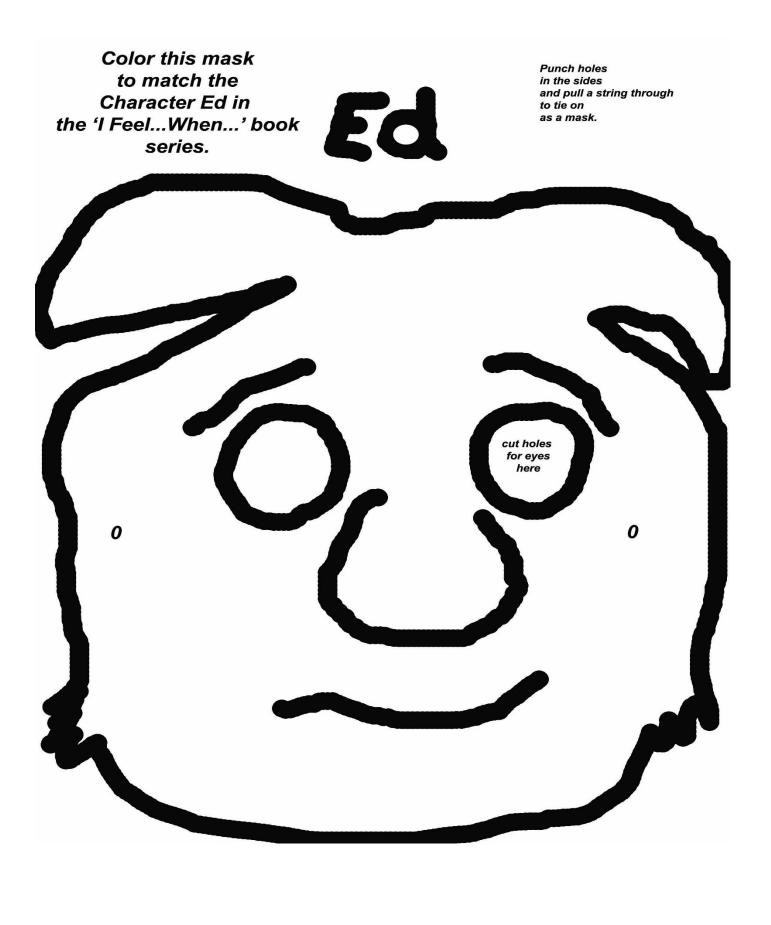
If you want to add extra dimension, use tissue paper or cotton balls for hair or fur.

Have fun and be creative!

















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