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# MAKE YOUR OWN BEASTLY HALLOWEEN MASK

Bring your mask to one of our eerie events and make this Halloween one to remember.

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This Halloween, test your nerves as you explore creepy castles and haunted houses. You can face all sorts of monsters and beasts at our properties, from the dragon-headed wyverns standing proudly at Wrest Park, to the monstrous face staring down from the gatehouse at Stokesay Castle.

To get into the spooky spirit this Halloween, here's how you can create a mask made from the scariest parts of wild beasts and mythical creatures that you might be able to spot at our sites. Some might be hidden in heraldry and others could be sitting on a statue.

Make sure you wear your mask when you come to visit.



The wyvern was the emblem of the de Grey family who owned Wrest Park and Gardens for nearly 300 years.



A wooden carving of a gargoyle at Stokesay Castle in Shropshire.

# HOW TO MAKE A BEASTLY MASK

## You will need:

- A paper plate
- A piece of elastic (two pieces of string or shoe-laces would also work)
- Scissors
- A pencil or pen
- A glue stick
- Colouring pens, pencils or paint
- (Optional: wool for hair, glitter, warty stickers for decoration)

## Step 1 - Make eye holes

You won't be a very scary beast if you can't see where you're going. Take your paper plate and carefully cut out some eye holes. An easy way to do this is to hold the plate against your face, mark where your eyes are using a pencil, and then cut out a small circle so you can peep through. Be careful when you're using scissors - ask a grown up to help you if you need to. This is also a good time to make some smaller holes on the left and right side of your mask so you can attach a shoelace or some string later on.



## Step 2 - Choose your features

Choose your favourite beastly features from this activity pack and carefully cut them out. If you're feeling really creative, you could also draw your own features or body parts to add to your mask.



## Step 3 - Make a face

Now for the fun part! Arrange the features onto your paper plate to make your own monstrous face. You can make your beast look as scary or silly as you want, and remember that all the pieces don't need to be in the right place - monsters can have mixed up faces after all!

Once you are happy with the placement of your face, you can glue all of the pieces down and let them dry.



#### Step 4 - Add some colour

Get out your pens, pencils or paint and add a splash of colour to your mask. Colouring is a good chance to make your beastly face look even stranger - have you ever seen somebody with a purple tongue, red eyes and blue ears before?



#### Step 5 - Add the finishing touches

You can now add some final details to bring your beastly mask to life. How about some wool for hair? Some glittery cheeks? Cotton wool cobwebs? Paper mache pimples? You can add almost anything to your mask; the only limit is your imagination.

#### Step 6 - Fix on your elastic

Now that your beastly face is finished, you can add your piece of elastic to your mask. Tie it on through the holes you made in step one, and make sure the length matches the size of your head. You could also attach a ruler or piece of cardboard to the bottom of your mask and hold it on your face.

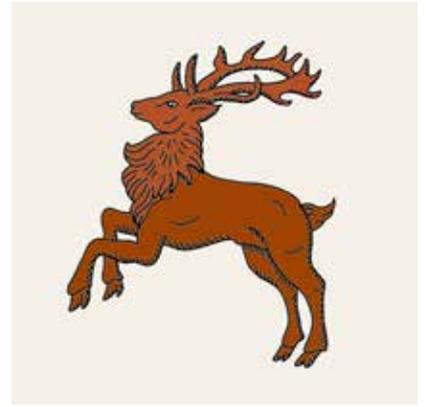
#### Step 7 - Explore spooky places

Now your beastly mask is complete, bring it along to one of our Halloween events and see if you can scare your family and friends.

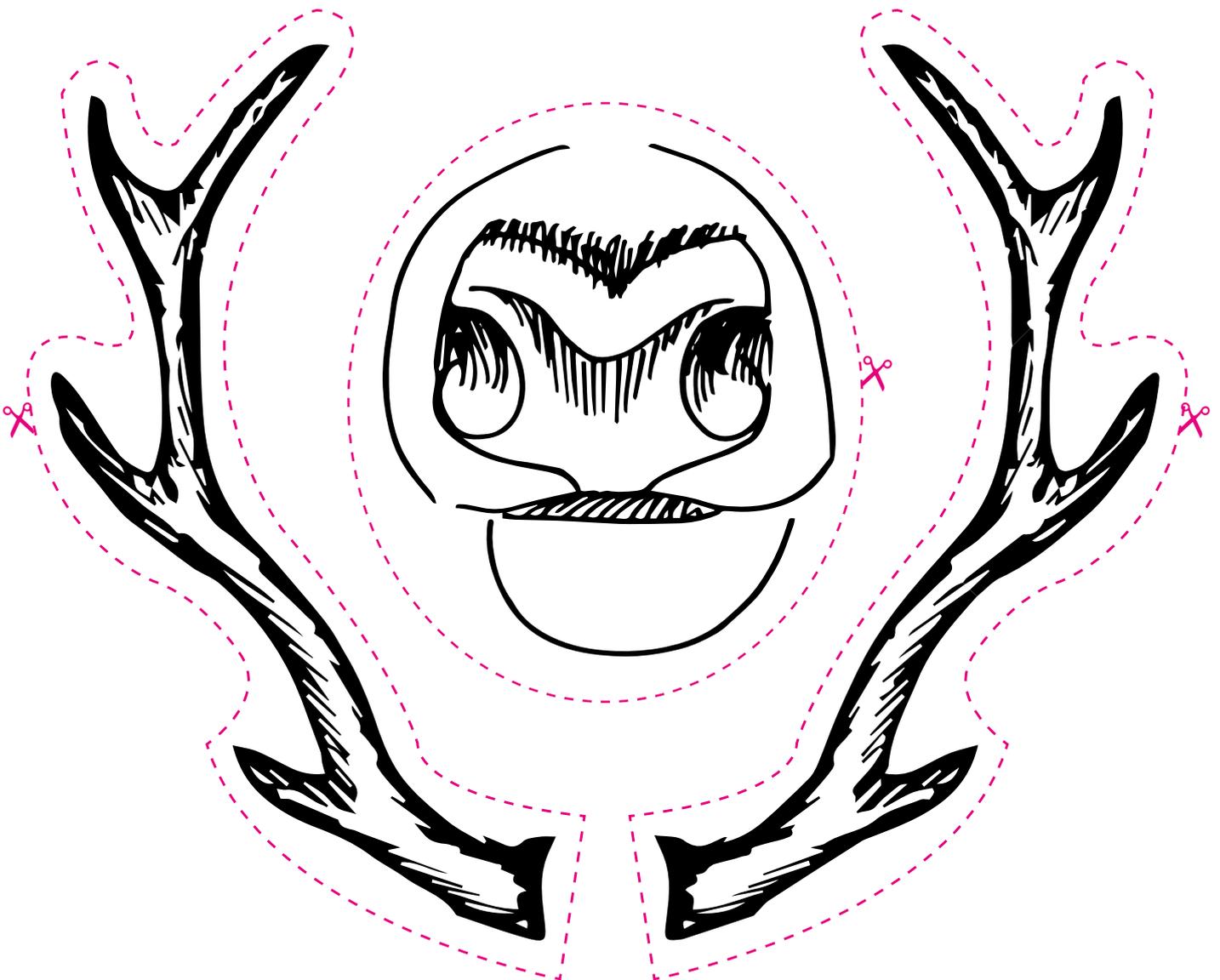
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# STAG

Stags can often be spotted on coats of arms, where they represented wisdom and long life. You'll recognise a stag by its antlers - the bigger they are, the tougher the animal. Have you ever seen a deer in the English countryside? Our ancestors certainly would have. They were an important source of meat, but only rich people were allowed to hunt them. As well as a set of antlers, you could also choose the stag's sensitive nose for your mask - this is a good choice for sniffing out danger! Left and right side of your mask so you can attach a shoelace or some string later on.



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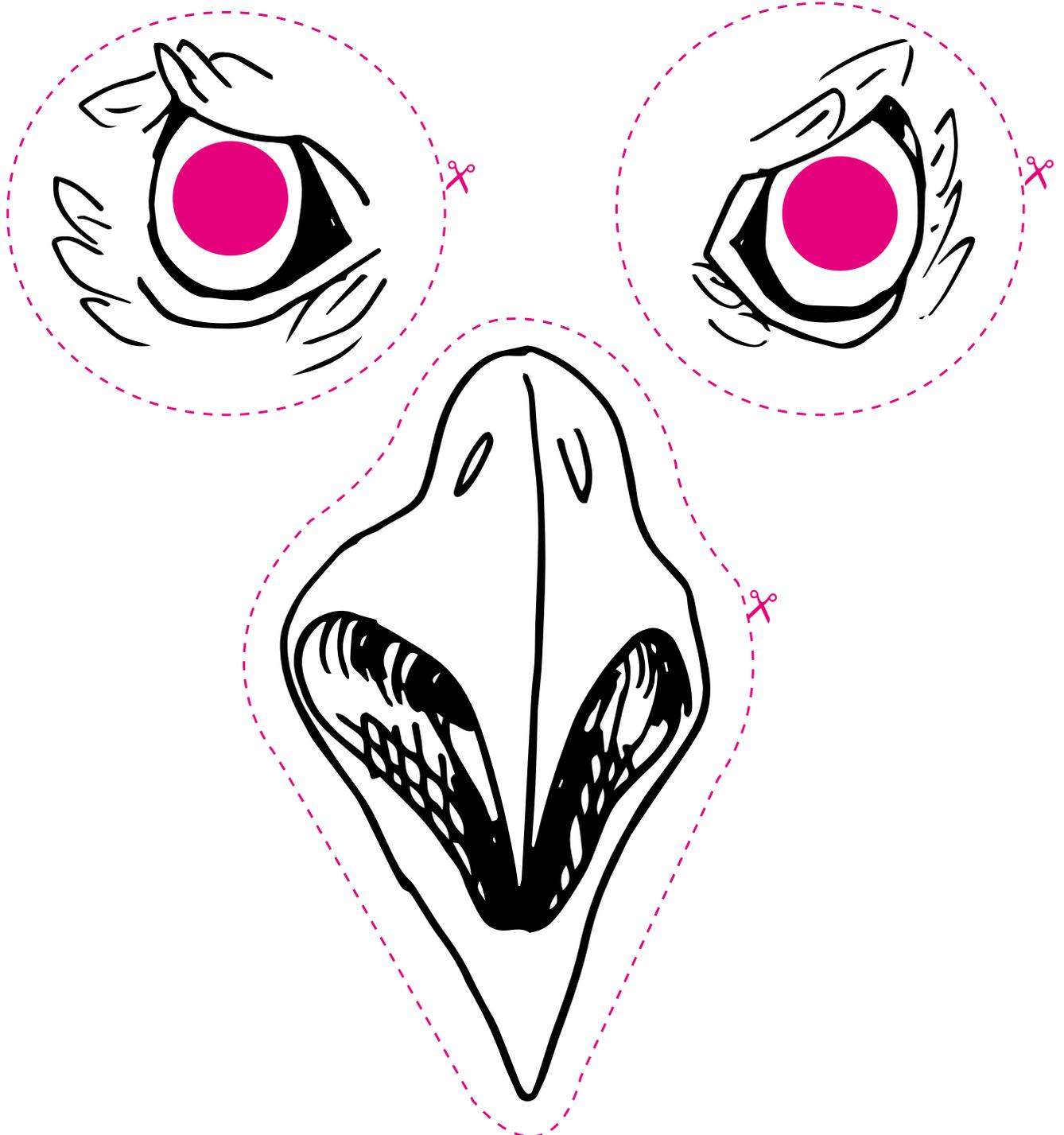


# EAGLE

Eagles were considered by many to be the king of the sky. When they appear on a coat of arms, they represent power and nobility. Will you use the eagle's beak and screech about how important you are? Or pick a beady pair of eagle eyes for spotting your prey (or some tasty Halloween treats)?



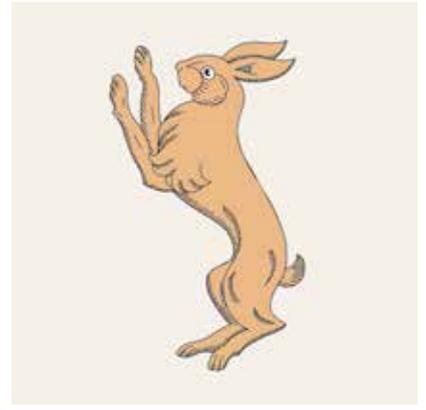
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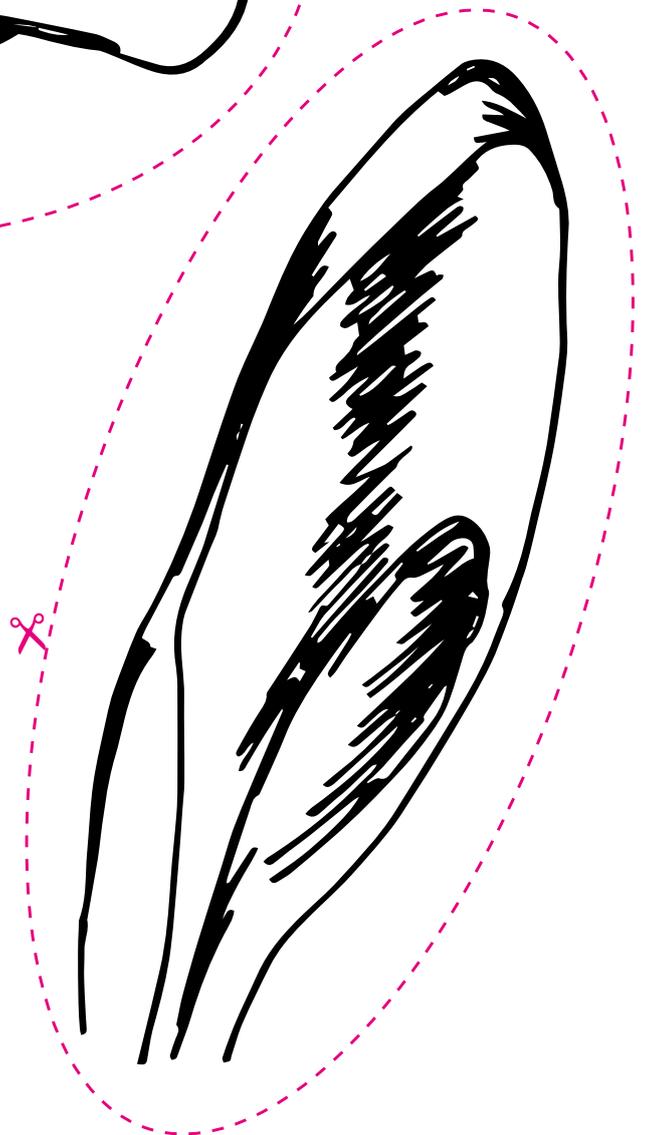
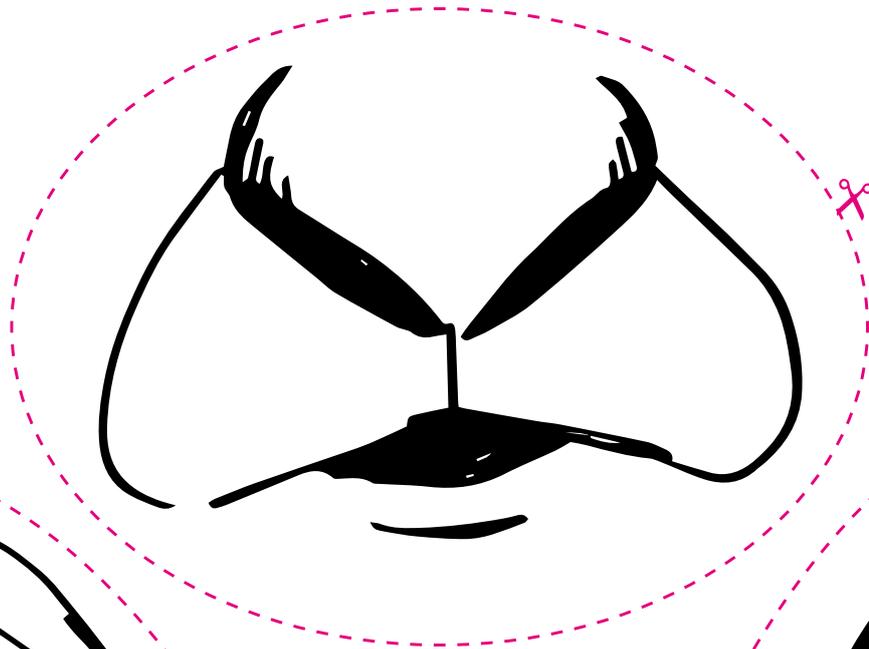
# HARE

Do you think you could tell the difference between a rabbit and a hare? Hares are usually bigger than rabbits and have much longer back legs and ears. Rabbits are also known for digging holes called burrows to live in, whilst hares spend all their time above ground.

Hares often make an appearance on heraldry because they represented speed. If you'd like your beastly monster to be fast, make sure you pick the nose or ears of a hare for your mask.



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# DRAGON

Long ago, people believed that dragons existed - perhaps because they'd heard stories from travellers to distant lands, like crusading knights or merchant adventurers. Dragons can be spotted on coats of arms as well as symbols on shields, weapons and artwork. They represent bravery, cunning and are really good at defending treasure. If you're a clever monster, pick the dragon's horns. If you'd rather breathe fire and scare people away, choose the dragon's snout for your mask.



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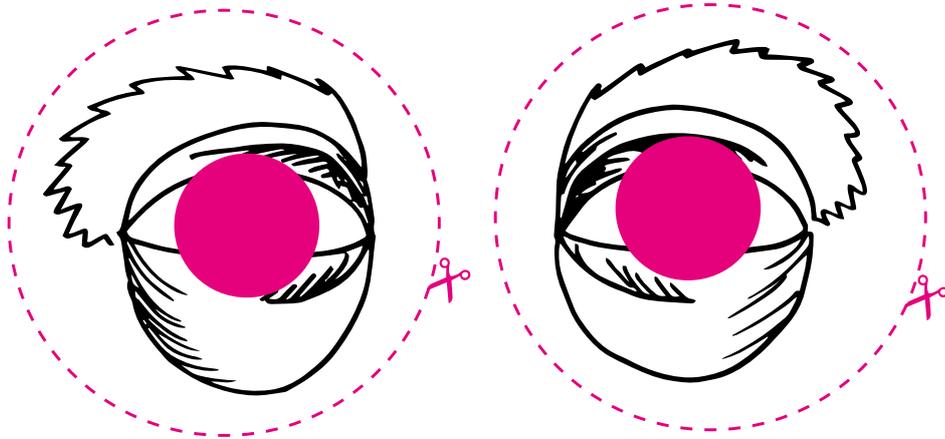


# MANTICORE

The Manticore was a fearsome man-eating creature with a lion's body, man's face, tusks, horns and a deafening trumpet-like voice. Because of this, it was also known as a 'man-tiger'. Fortunately, like dragons, manticores don't really exist - but they're the perfect beastly creature to feature on your Halloween mask. Give yours a big bushy beard or some glaring eyes and scare everyone away.



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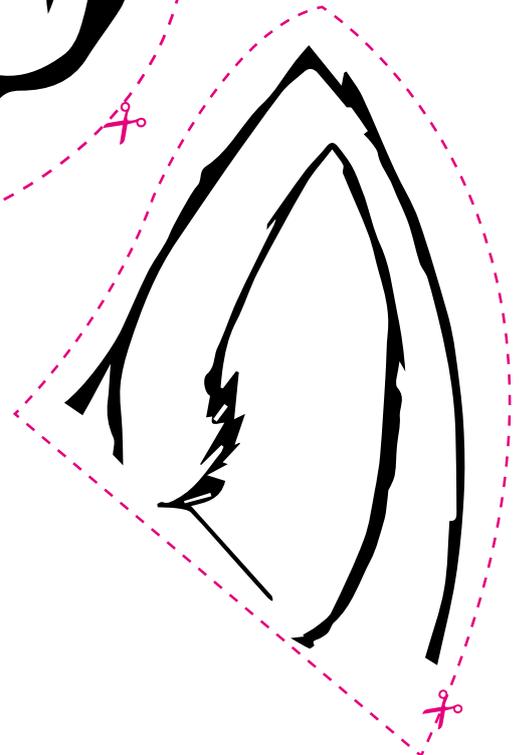
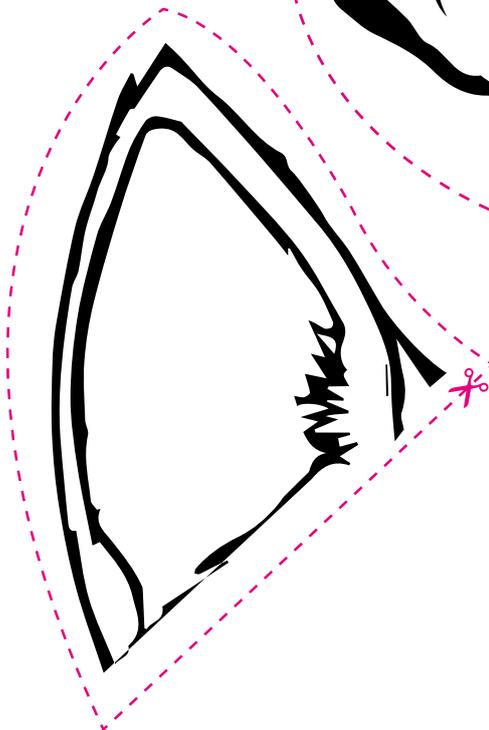
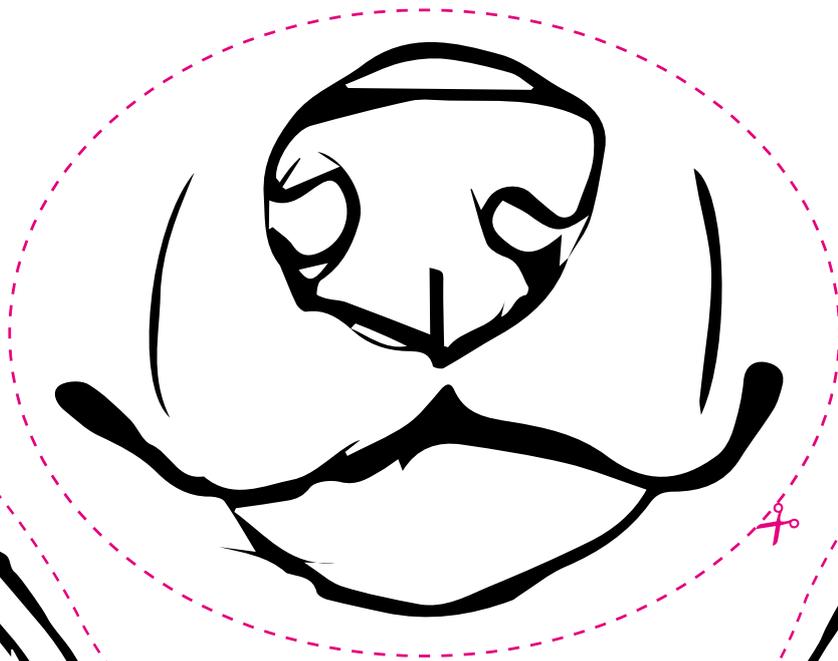
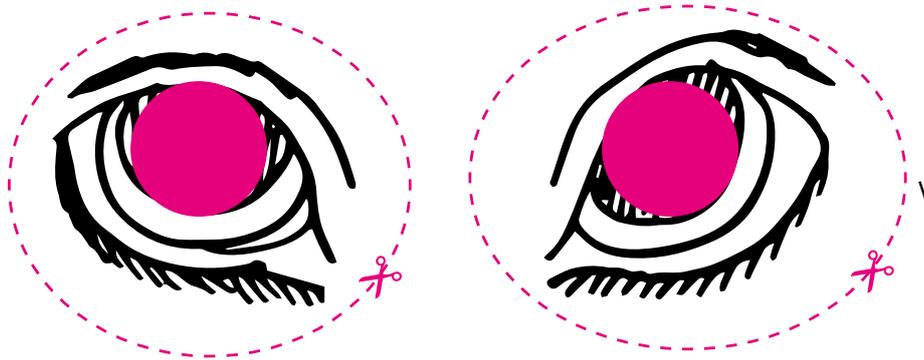


# DOG

Dogs have our best animal friends for a very long time - there are even doggy paw prints from Roman times discovered on a tile at Lullingstone Roman Villa in Kent. In heraldry, dogs were used as heraldic symbols it means faithfulness and reliability. Choose a dog's mouth or eyes if you'd rather be a friendly monster than a scary one.



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# LION

Lions are one of the most popular animals to be used as a symbol. They are sometimes known as the 'king of the jungle' - and they're often used as royal symbols (including the English royal family's crest). Lions also represent bravery. Choose a roaring lion's mouth if you're brave, or pick a lion's nose to look down if you're very important.



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