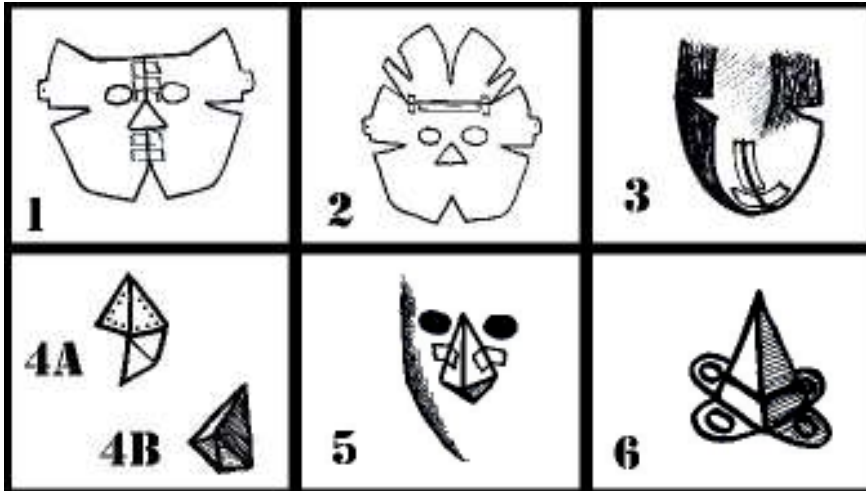


## THE FACE PLATE -ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS (page1)



**WHAT YOU'LL NEED:** Scissors, Elmer's glue, tape and about three feet of string (or elastic cord). You may also want to use some thin black nylon (such as panty hose material) to cover the eyes.

**To Assemble:** Begin by cutting out the LEFT FACE PIECE on page1 and the RIGHT FACE PIECE on page2. Notice that there is a very slight corner (indicated with a red arrow) on the edge of each FACE PIECE near the center of the teeth. Be sure to cut this corner very carefully. Now cut away the white area inside each eye (you may want to use an Ex-acto knife for this, but scissors should also work). Place the two FACE PIECES face down as shown in Figure1. Be sure the top edges create a straight line. Tape the two pieces together between the nose hole and the top edge, and then between the nose hole and the two corners marked with the red arrows. Next cut out the TOP PIECE on page3. This piece has four very slight corners (indicated with red arrows) along the edges of the center gap. Cut these edges carefully. Position the TOP PIECE face down over the FACE PIECES as shown in Figure2, and tape the bottom edge of the TOP PIECE to the top of the FACE PIECES.

Now it's time to start giving the mask some form. We'll start by bringing together the two edges of the gap in the chin. Tape the two sides of the gap together as shown in Figure3. It's handy to start with an outer piece of tape to hold the gap closed, and then add a second piece of tape along the length of the gap. Next tape the gaps in both cheeks in the same manner, and then tape the gaps between the FACE PIECES and the TOP PIECE. Tape the two outer gaps in the TOP PIECE this way also. For the gap in the center of the TOP PIECE, start by joining the edges as far as the inner red arrows, and tape together in the same way as we did the other gaps. Next join the edges between the inner and outer red arrows, and tape together. Finally, join the edges between the outer red arrows and the outer edge of the mask, and tape together. Trim around the outer edges of the mask if necessary.

And now it's time to add the nose.

Cut out the NOSE TOP and NOSE BOTTOM on page3. Fold both nose pieces downward along the black center lines, and then flatten them back out. Tape the NOSE BOTTOM to the NOSE TOP along one of the edges marked with green arrows, as shown in Figure4A (placing tape on the back of the pieces), and then connect the other edge of the NOSE BOTTOM (marked with a green arrow) to the NOSE TOP, forming a nose like the one shown in Figure4B. Place the nose in position on the mask and tape the sides of the NOSE TOP to the face (placing the tape inside the nose and mask) as shown in Figure5.

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## THE FACE PLATE -ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS (page2)

You now have a basic Face Plate, but it's much more interesting to add some spikes! Cut out some spikes from page4. The 'standard' assembly uses 7 spikes... three on the forehead, one on each temple and one on each cheek. You can, however, use as many spikes as you wish and place them wherever you prefer. For each spike, fold the four rounded tabs upward, fold the black panel downward, and then fold downward between the four sides. Glue the black panel to the back of the opposite side panel, forming a square spike like the one shown in Figure6. Place the spike where you want it on the mask and glue the four tabs to the mask. Repeat this process for however many spike you wish to add.

Now's a good time to add some string so the mask will be wearable. Very carefully use a pen or pencil to punch out the white dots in the two black side tabs. Place tape over the front and back of both tabs to strengthen them. Trim the tape and then re-punch the holes. Tie a piece of string (about a foot and a half long) to each tab. Having the string this long will make it easier for you to tie the mask on by yourself. Place the mask over your face and tie the two pieces of string together to hold the mask in position.

You may use elastic cord instead of string to make the mask easier to put on and take off. If you don't have either elastic cord or string, you can join several long strips of paper to hold the mask in place.

If you want to make the mask look more sinister, tape a piece of THIN black nylon (such as panty hose material) to the inside of the mask behind both eyes. If you do this, be sure the material is thin enough to see through easily (it doesn't have to be very thick to hide your eyes) and use extra caution when wearing the mask.

**Variations:** There are several variations you can choose from when creating this mask.

To add the EYE PLATE or the JAW PLATE from page5, just cut out the piece and join the gap in the same way we joined the gaps on the FACE PIECES (again taping on the inside). For the EYE PLATE, be sure to cut out the white area inside the eye. To use the EYE PLATE or the JAW PLATE, you don't need to remove the 'bone' areas of the mask. Just place the new piece over the exposed bone, with the outer panels of the piece directly over the matching panels on the mask, and glue in place. You can also CUT AWAY either the upper bone section (with the eye socket) or the lower bone section (with the teeth) to reveal your own features instead.

Possible variations include:

Use the EYE PLATE and JAW PLATE to create a 'complete' Face Plate.

Add the EYE PLATE but leave the teeth exposed.

Add the JAW PLATE but leave the eye socket exposed.

Use the mask as printed (with eye socket and teeth exposed).

Cut away both bone sections and reveal your own face inside the mask.

Cut away the teeth and add the EYE PLATE.

Cut away the eye socket and add the JAW PLATE.

You may want to build several face plates and experiment with different variations, as well as different placements for the spikes. One's face plate should, after all, be as unique as the individual lurking behind it.