

## SHRUNKEN HEADS – Assembly Instructions Page 1.



**WHAT YOU'LL NEED:** Scissors, Elmer's glue (or a glue stick), a ruler or other straight-edge, a pin or needle, a toothpick, a pencil, and a few feet of string to hang the model. A black marker is optional.

**PREPARATION:** The first page can be printed on either regular paper or card stock. The second page should be printed on regular paper.

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**ASSEMBLY:** Begin by cutting out the FRONT piece on Parts Page 1. Then cut out the FRONT LINER on Parts Page 2. Glue the FRONT LINER to the unprinted side of the FRONT piece as shown in Figure 1. Trim as needed, by cutting or by darkening with a black marker. If you want, you can now use a black marker to darken any edges that don't have gray tabs (by laying the tip of the marker sideways against the paper edge, or by laying the piece face down and tracing around it with the marker).

Now place the pencil vertically (from top to bottom) behind the FRONT piece and gently curve the piece around the pencil to make a curved piece as shown in Figure 2. Don't worry about curving the triangular upper areas, just curve the face.

Glue the tabs with yellow dots to the unprinted side of the adjacent panels, and then do the same for the tabs with green dots, and then the tabs with red dots. The FRONT piece should now resemble Figure 3.

Next, cut out the BACK piece on Parts Page 1. If you want, you can again use a black marker to darken any edges that don't have tabs. Place the pencil vertically (at a right angle to the bottom edge) behind the BACK piece and gently curve the piece around the pencil, making a curved piece as shown in Figure 4. Again, don't worry about curving the upper triangular areas, just curve the lower portion.

Glue the nine gray tabs with colored dots to the unprinted sides of the adjacent panels, forming a piece like the one shown in Figure 5.

Now we'll connect the FRONT piece to the BACK piece. Begin by positioning the top of the two pieces so the center is lined up, as shown in Figure 6. Glue the small upper tab on one side and then work your way down that side, gluing the remaining three tabs. Then do the same for the opposite side. The model should now resemble Figure 7.

This is a good time to add the string you'll be using to hang the model. There are two small red dots on the upper part of the head. Puncture both of these dots with the needle, and then push the toothpick through each hole to make them larger. Further enlarge the holes with the pencil until they're large enough to push your string through.

Push the string into one of the holes and then pull it back out through the opposite hole. Pull the string until you have about 3 inches on one side and then tie a knot in the other side, about 3 inches from the head, as shown in Figure 8. Tie the shorter string to the longer string, tying just above the knot as shown in Figure 9.

Next, cut out the HAIR piece on Parts Page 1 and the HAIR LINER on Parts Page 2. Don't remove the green area on either piece yet. Glue the HAIR LINER to the back of the HAIR piece. Give the glue time to dry and then cut away the green area. Trim as needed, by cutting away any white areas or by using a black marker. (Again, if you want you can use a black marker to darker any remaining paper edges.)

The side of the HAIR with a large gray tab will be the outside. Place the pencil vertically (top to bottom) on the inside of the HAIR, at a right angle to the upper edge, and gently curve the piece around the pencil. The piece should now resemble Figure 10.

Now put glue on the large gray tab and glue the tab to the inside of the head, as shown in Figure 11.

We'll finish the shrunken head by adding ears. Cut out the two LEFT EAR pieces (one front and one back) on Parts Page 1. Fold the dark tab on the back piece UPWARD and then glue the two pieces together. Trim as needed. (As before, you can use a black marker to darken the finished edges.)

Place the LEFT EAR along the seam on the left side of the head and glue the ear tab to the head, as shown in Figures 12 and 13. Then repeat this entire process for the RIGHT EAR.

And that's everything! You now have your own ghastly little Shrunken Head.