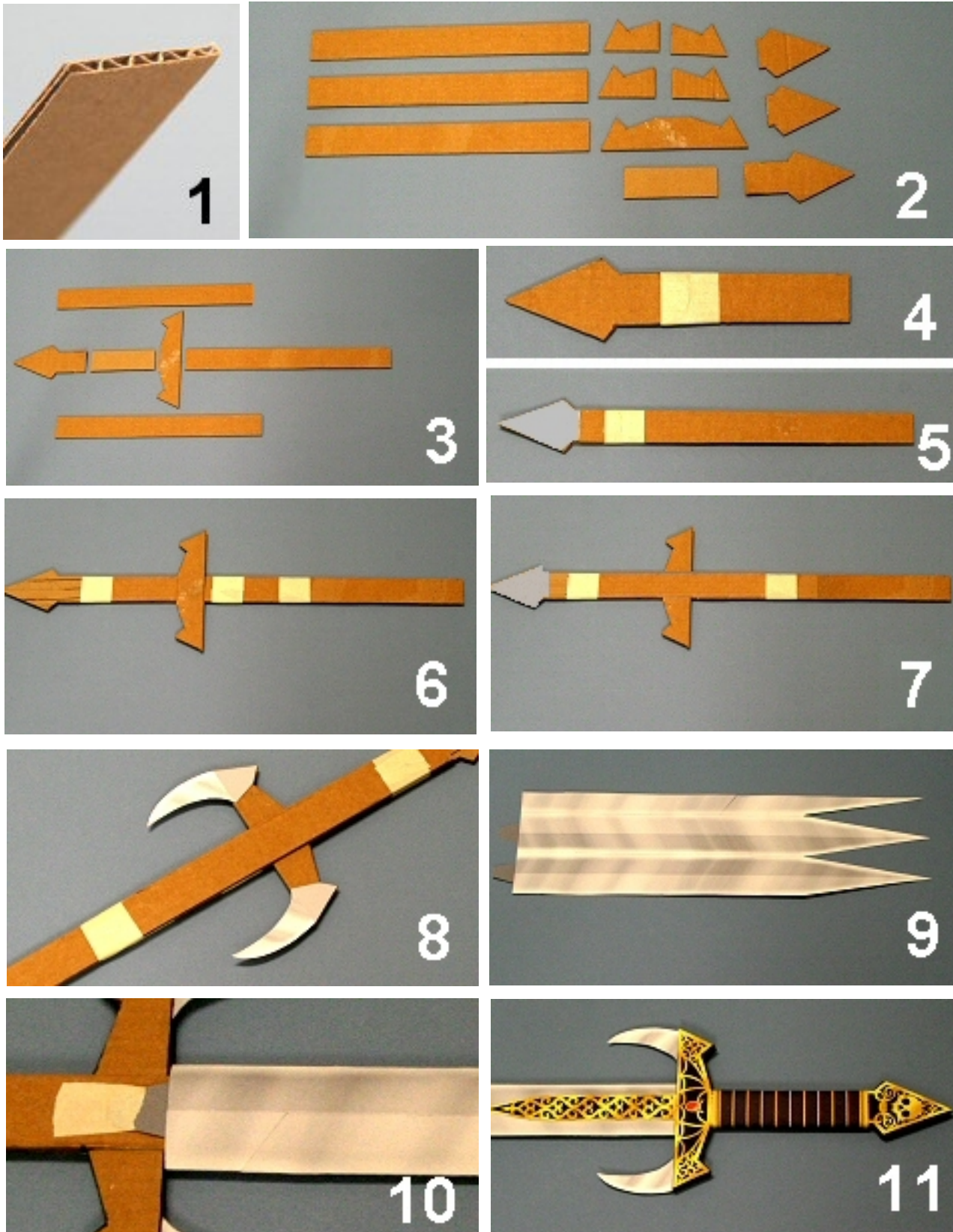


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WHAT YOU'LL NEED: Scissors, tape (masking tape is great but any kind will work), a pen or pencil, a ruler, glue (or a glue stick), a large black marker and some corrugated cardboard (about a square foot). A utility knife is recommended for cutting the cardboard. Card stock is best for printing out the parts pages (plain paper tends to wrinkle when glued).

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FOLDING TIP: It's helpful to 'score' the fold lines before folding. You can use an old ink pen, a knitting needle, the end of a paper clip, or any metal object that will crease the paper without tearing it. Scoring will help you fold much more precisely.

SWORD ASSEMBLY: Be sure you have CORRUGATED cardboard . Cut out 3 strips TWELVE INCHS long and ONE AND A QUARTER INCHS wide. Cut WITH the grain of the cardboard. This means the finished strip should have smooth grooves along the sides and 'wavy' cardboard on the two ends, as shown in Figure 1. (this is VERY important for making the sword sturdy).

Cut out the POMMEL A TEMPLATE and the POMMEL B TEMPLATE on Parts Page 2. Trace these templates onto the cardboard to make one of POMMEL A and two of POMMEL B. Then cut out the GUARD TEMPLATE and QUILLIAN TEMPLATE on Parts Page 2. Make one cardboard guard and four cardboard quillian pieces. Cut out the HANDLE template on Parts Page 3, and use it to make one cardboard handle piece. You should now have the cardboard parts shown in Figure 2.

Figure 3 shows how the cardboard will be layered. Begin by taping the end of POMMEL A to the end of the handle piece as shown in Figure 4. Now place the POMMEL B TEMPLATE over the cardboard pommel. Place a 12 inch strip directly above the pommel template and tape the 12 inch strip to the pommel and handle pieces, as shown in Figure 5.

TURN THE SWORD OVER. Glue the guard directly above the handle as shown in Figure 6. Then tape a 12 inch strip directly above the guard as shown in Figure 6. Place the POMMEL B TEMPLATE back over the cardboard pommel and place the remaining 12 inch strip directly above the pommel template as shown in Figure 7 (The guard should now be sandwiched between two cardboard layers). Tape at either end, above and below the guard, as shown in Figure 7.

Use the large black marker to darken the cardboard edges on the guard and pommel. Some of the cardboard will remain visible, but from a short distance the edges will appear black. (Don't worry about the edges of the handle or blade, those will be covered with paper.)

Cut out the two GUARD BLADES on Parts Page 6, cutting around the dark gray rectangles (don't separate the two sides of each blade). For each blade: fold DOWNWARD along the center line, glue the two sides together, cut out the blade and trim as needed. Position the blades onto the guard as shown in Figure 8. Glue the blank gray area of each blade to the guard.

Use the marker to darken the edges on the remaining six cardboard pieces. Glue one POMMEL B to pommel A and glue one QUILLIAN to each side of the guard. Then turn the sword over and do the same for the opposite side. (Each blade should be sandwiched between two pieces of cardboard.)

Your sword's inner structure is now complete, so we'll start adding the printed parts to dress it up. (The following three blade pieces must be cut and glued together as precisely as possible, so the long fold lines remain straight.) Cut out the BLADE BASE on Parts Page 3, the BLADE CENTER on Parts Page 4 and the BLADE TIP on Parts Page 5. Place the bottom of the BLADE CENTER over the gray area (with the red dot) at the top of the BLADE BASE and glue the two pieces together. Then place the bottom of the BLADE TIP over the gray area (with the green dot) on the BLADE CENTER and glue the tip to the blade. The blade should now resemble Figure 9.

The blade now has three sections: two full blades (each with a dark and light half) and three flaps that form a half blade. Fold DOWNWARD between the two full blades and then fold the three half blade flaps DOWNWARD, folding along the black lines. Fold the two full blades together (but DO NOT glue them) and then fold the three half blade flaps down and glue the three flaps in place to make a hollow sword blade. Finish the blade by gluing the two sides of the tip together, placing glue just inside the edges. Trim as needed. Slide the paper blade over the cardboard sword blade and tape or glue the paper blade's two gray bottom tabs to the guard as shown in Figure 10.

(For all the remaining paper parts, you may want to use a small black marker to darken the paper edges after cutting them out.)

Cut out the two GUARDS on Parts Page 1. Glue one to each side of the sword as shown in Figure 11. Cut out the two POMMELS and glue one to each side of the cardboard pommel, as shown in Figure 11. Cut out the GRIP on Parts Page 2.. Wrap the GRIP around the cardboard sword handle and tape or glue in place, as shown in Figure 11.

The BLADE DECORATIONS on Parts Page 1 are optional. If you want to add them, just cut them out and glue one to each side of the blade as shown in Figure 11.

And that's everything! Your vampire sword is now finished.

NOTE: Never swing your broadsword at another person or stab another person. Even a paper sword can do accidental damage. Better safe than sorry, particularly when dealing with such a savage blade as this.