THE VAMPIRE MASK - Assembly Instructions

What you’ll need: Scissors, tape, glue and about three feet of string (or elastic cord).

To Assemble: Begin by cutting out the RIGHT FACE PIECE on page1 and the LEFT FACE PIECE on page2. Don’t remove the black areas. Also notice that there is a very slight corner (indicated with a red arrow) on the edge of each FACE PIECE near the teeth. Be sure to cut this corner carefully. Now cut away the white area inside each eye (you may want to use an ex-acto knife for this, but scissors will also work). Place the two FACE PIECES face down as shown in Figure1. Be sure the top edge creates a straight line. Tape the two pieces together between the nose hole and the top edge, and between the nose hole and the corners 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 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 piece, and tape together. Trim around the outer edges of your mask if necessary.

Next cut out the NOSE on page3. Fold the two nostrils downward along the lines, and then fold the two sides of the bridge of the nose downward. Flatten the nose back out. Tape closed the two gaps between the nostrils and the bridge of the nose (in the same manner as we did the face pieces). When viewed from the back, the NOSE should now resemble Figure4. Place the nose in position on the mask and tape the inside of the nose to the inside of the face, as shown in Figure5.

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Now cut out the two EAR pieces on page 3. The ears have flaps to connect them to the sides of the mask. For each ear, fold the flap upward so the ear is at a 45 degree angle to the flap. Position the folded edge of the ear piece along the back edge of the mask, with the top of the ear flap level with the top of the black tab (as shown in Figure 6). Glue the flap to the side of the mask and then repeat this process for the other ear.

We’ll finish the mask by adding some string so it’s 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 sides of both tabs to strengthen them. Now re-punch the holes and tie a piece of string (about a foot and a half long) to each tab. Having the string this long will make the mask easier to tie 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 take on and off. If you don’t have elastic cord OR string you may use strips of paper to hold the mask in place.

If you want to make the mask extra creepy, you can tape a piece of THIN black nylon material (such as black panty hose material) behind the eyes. If you do this, be sure the material is thin enough to see through easily, and be extra careful when wearing the mask.

You’re mask is now complete. Put the mask on and gaze timidly into the nearest mirror. If there’s a horrible nightmarish visage peering back at you…you’re mask has been assembled successfully. Enjoy!