



What you need:

Lily's Cat Mask Template

Paper Plate

Something to color with, we used Paint & Paint Brush & Kwik Stix

Scissors

Xacto Knife

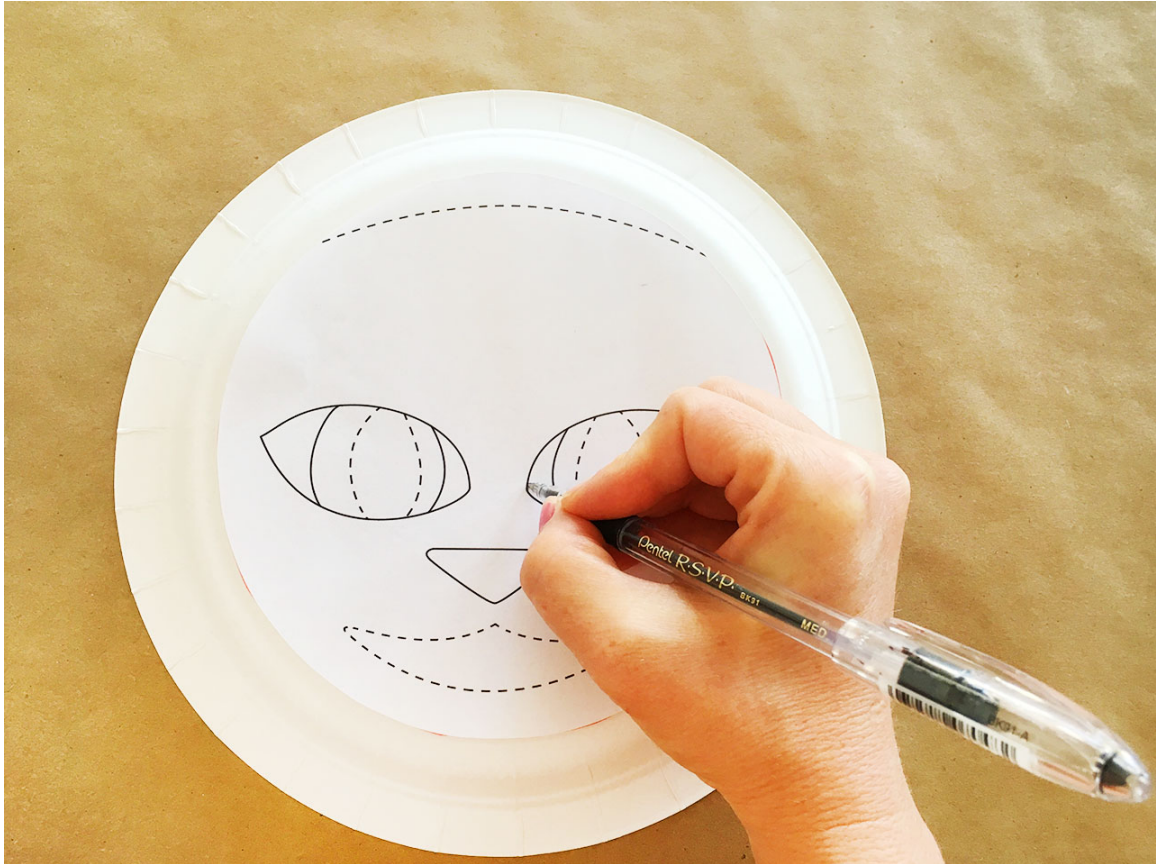
Hole Punch

Pen or Blunt Pencil

Pipe Cleaner or String



Start by cutting the outer (red) circle on mask template.



Once cut, take your paper plate and turn it upside down. Center the template on the bottom of your plate and trace the features you want to use with a ball point pen or dull pencil. You want to make an indentation in the plate, so it looks like the picture below. The eyes are probably the most important.





Trace the dotted line on the top of the head, then draw 2 curved lines from the top dotted line to the edge of the plate; these will be the edges of the ears.



Use your scissors to cut the top section (the part between the ears) out. Then use your x-acto knife to cut out the inner most pupil, this is the dotted line part of the eye on your template. If you want to cut out a mouth, use your x-acto knife to cut out the mouth too.



Now its time to personalize your cat! I put out a bunch of things to color with for my little creatives to decorate their masks. Their favorites were paint and Kwik Stix.



This is a great time to look at the cat masks in the book and discuss what features their cat mask might have. We discussed spots, stripes, tigers, rainbow cats and cats with different colored eyes. Have fun.





Once the paint has dried its time to hole punch and add the pipe cleaner / string. Because everyone's head is a little different, place the mask on your child and see where its best to hole punch.



Now thread your pipe cleaner or string through the hole and twist, or tie. We like using pipe cleaner because it's easy for my little creatives to put their masks on by themselves.