

South Dakota Animal & Bird Masks

Masks are created for performance, entertainment, disguise, concealment and protection. They have been around since ancient times and have been used in ceremonies, storytelling, and dramatic acting. Making a mask invites you to explore the person, animal or bird you are revealing to the world. Masks are all about communication through a wearable image we put on our face. Masks are a universal art form that suggests magic, imagination and mystery for both the wearer and the audience.

We invite you to become a SD animal or bird. By wearing this mask, you can tell a story, act-out a play, pretend to be that animal or bird, and learn to make that animal or bird's sound or just use your imagination to play!

In This Packet You Will Find:

- Short history of masks
- A picture of a finished animal or bird mask
- Felt with traced mask pieces on
- Two pieces of yarn to tie the mask on
- Directions to make your mask

You Will Need To Have:

- Scissors (pointed tips are best)
- Glue (Elmer's or craft glue)
- A small sharp object (like a nail or metal knitting needle) to make holes for the yarn ties

How to Make This Mask:

- 1) Cut out all pieces of the mask included – you may need an older person to help you cut out the eyes.
- 2) Glue the smaller pieces onto the mask – Elmer's Glue may need several layers before it will hold tight – use felt pieces you may have to create extra details like whiskers, etc.
- 3) Let dry completely.
- 4) Hold the mask to your face making sure the eyes fit.
- 5) Carefully poke two small holes near the eyes, threading the yarn through and tying a knot on each side.
- 6) Tie on your mask and “become” a SD animal or bird with a story to tell!

South Dakota Animal & Bird Masks



Raccoon

South Dakota Animals & Bird Masks



Woodpecker

South Dakota Animal & Bird Masks



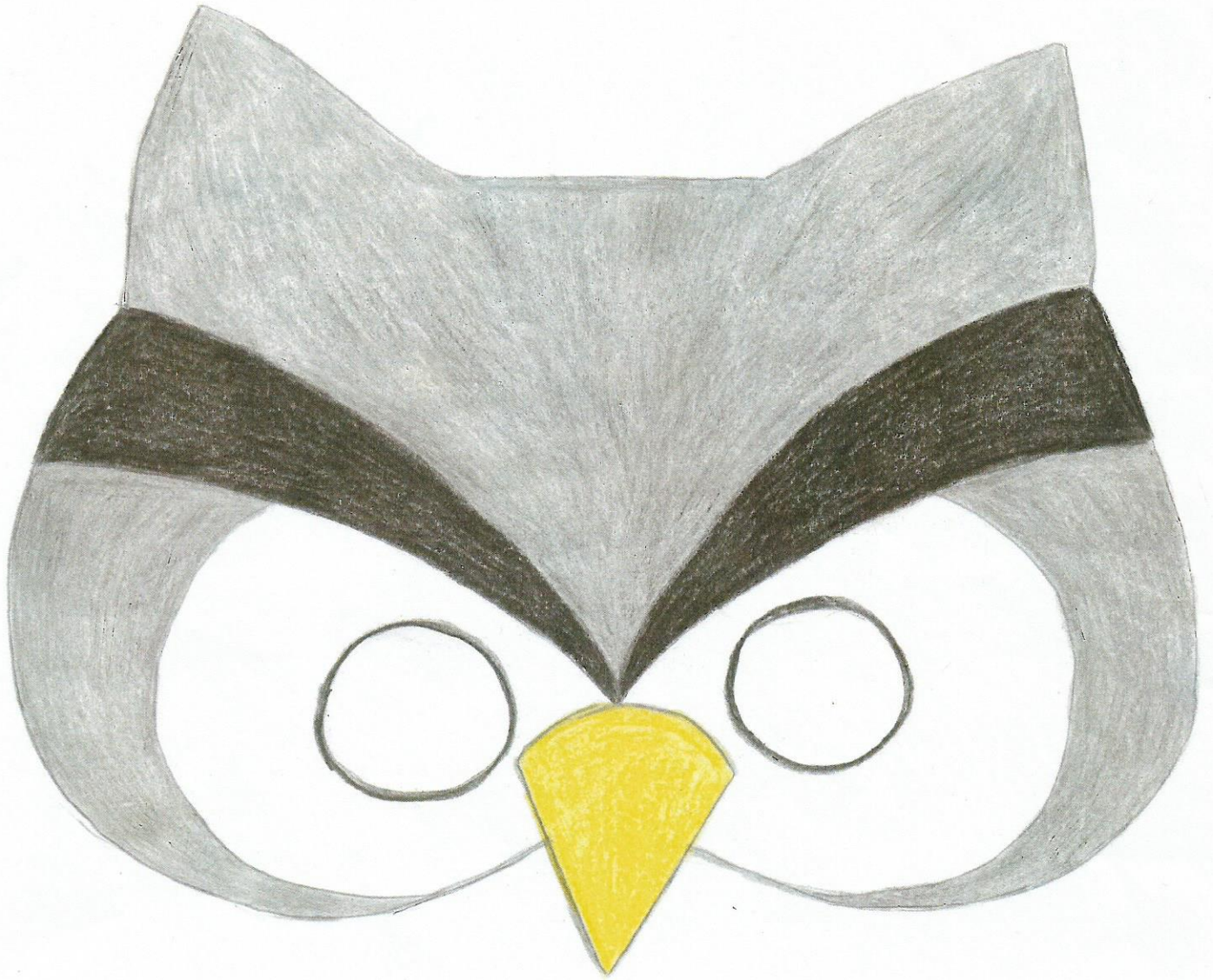
Fawn

South Dakota Animal & Bird Masks



Squirrel

South Dakota Animal & Bird Masks



Owl