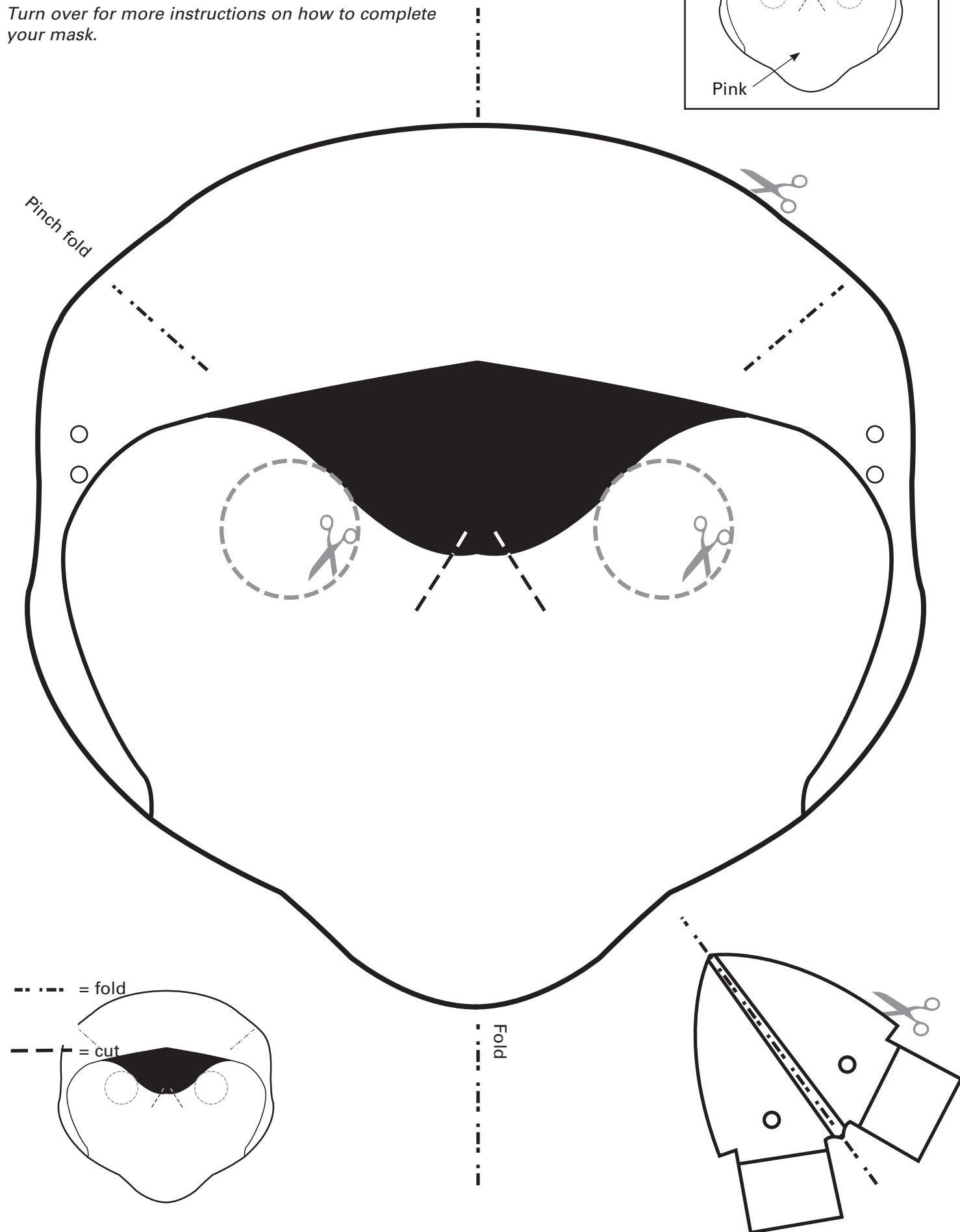
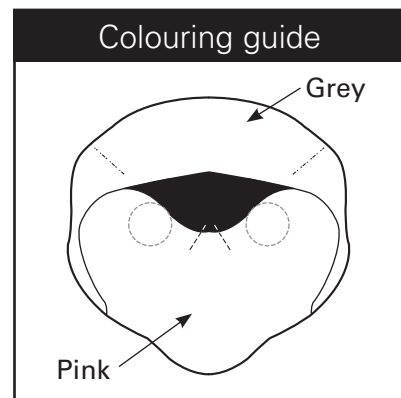


Chaffinch mask

- Colour in this great mask to look like a chaffinch.
- Look at the guide to see which colours should go where.
- Where we haven't marked a colour, leave it white.

Turn over for more instructions on how to complete your mask.



You will need:

- Grey and pink coloured pencils or felt pens
- Scissors
- About 50 cm of shirring elastic
- Sticky tape

What to do

1. Colour in your mask, following the guide
2. Carefully cut out your mask and the beak, following the thick line marked with scissors.
3. Even more carefully, cut out the eyes and cut the two slits between the eyes.
4. Ask an adult to help you push out the holes marked (two each side), ready to thread the elastic.
5. Fold the mask in half along the dotted lines.
6. Crease along the dotted lines on the bird's forehead.
7. Fold the beak in half along the dotted lines.
8. Push the beak flaps through the slots and stick to the back with sticky tape.
9. Thread the elastic through the holes from the back of the mask and stick it to the back with sticky tape. To make it stronger, tie knots in the ends before you stick them down.



Chaffinch

The chaffinch is a common bird over most of the UK. British chaffinches usually stay close to home, but in winter, lots more chaffinches from the colder parts of northern and eastern Europe come in to join our birds.

Your mask is the male chaffinch, which is easy to recognise because of its colours, but the brown female is harder to spot. Look for the white bars on their wings. When they fly, you will also see white outer tail feathers.



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