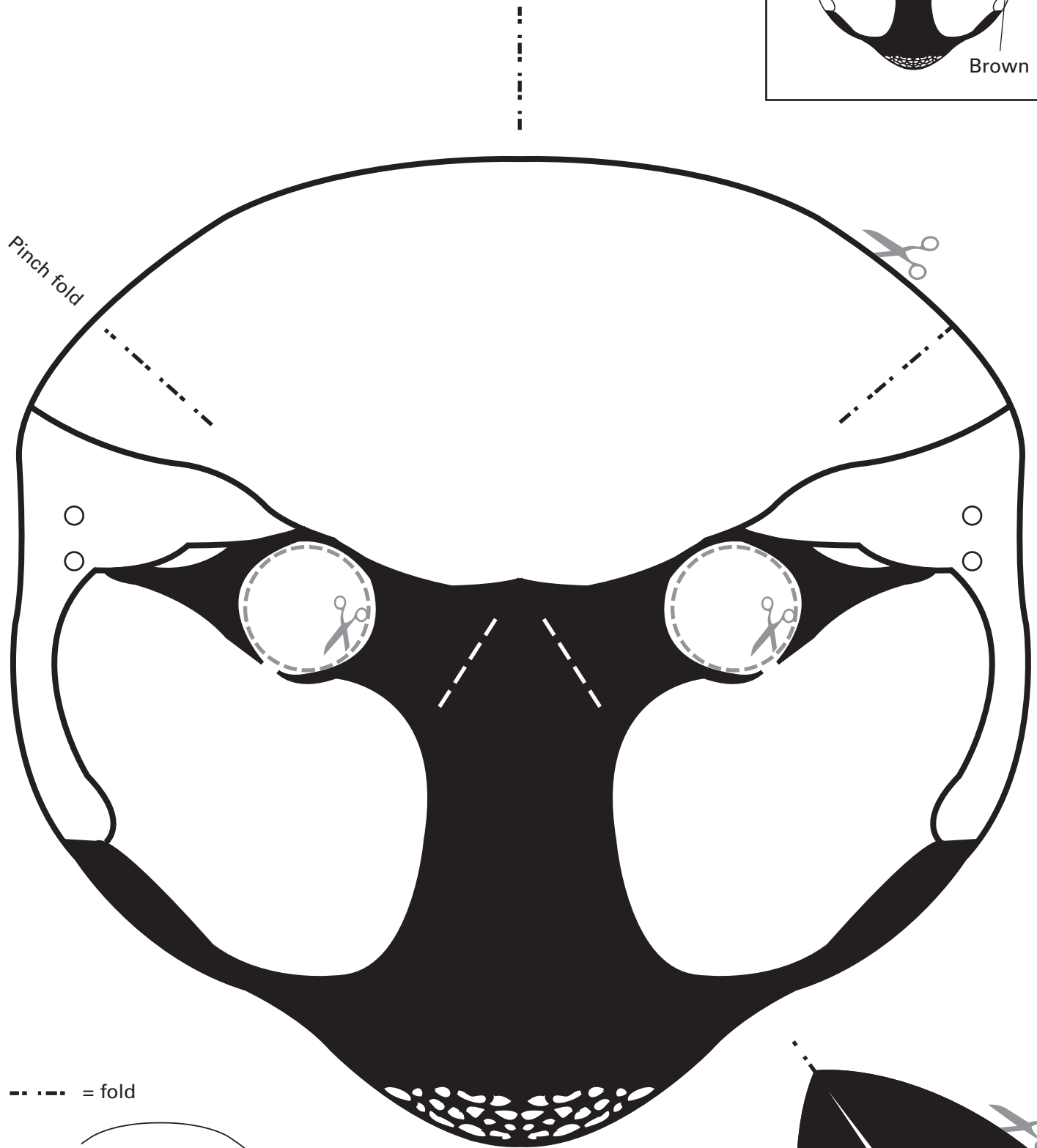
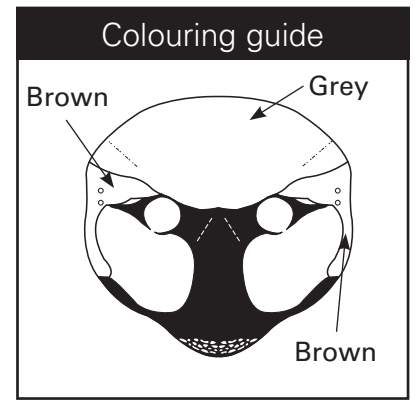


House sparrow mask

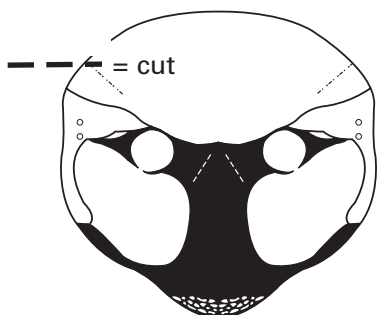
- Colour in this great mask to look like a house sparrow.
- Look at the guide to see which colours should go where.
- Where we haven't marked a colour, leave it white.

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

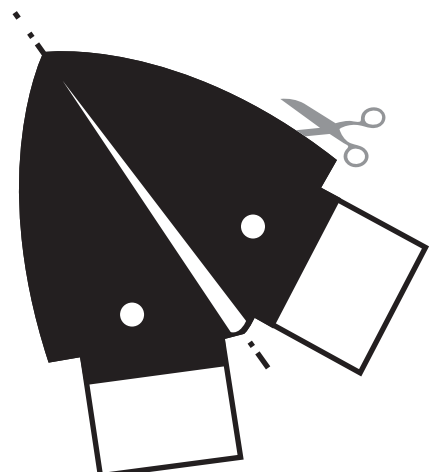


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Fold



You will need:

- Brown and grey 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.



House sparrows eat all sorts of food – seeds, buds, shoots, insects and spiders, as well as the peanuts, bird cakes, bread and pastry that people put out. This means they can live in town or country.

Although house sparrows are still common, there are fewer now than there used to be. We think that farming has changed and the countryside isn't as good for sparrows now. We are trying to find out why there aren't so many in towns and cities.



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