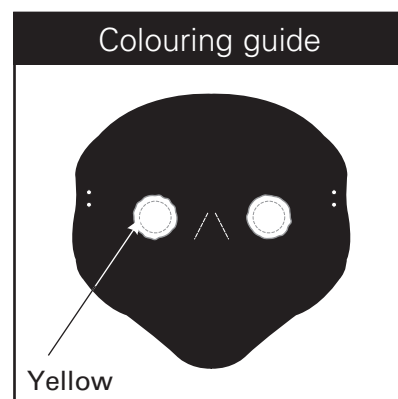


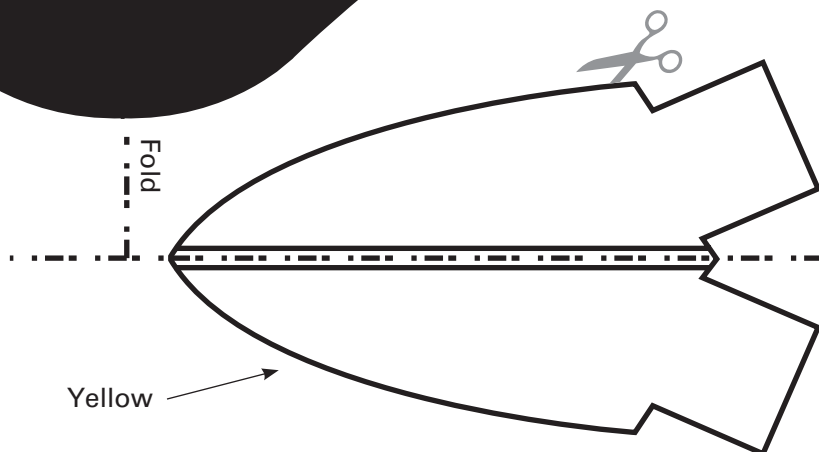
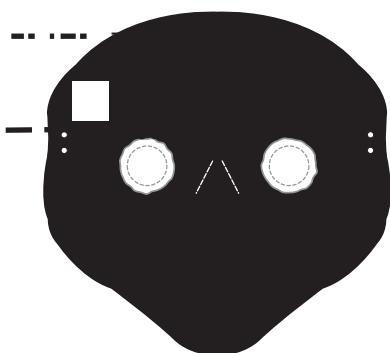
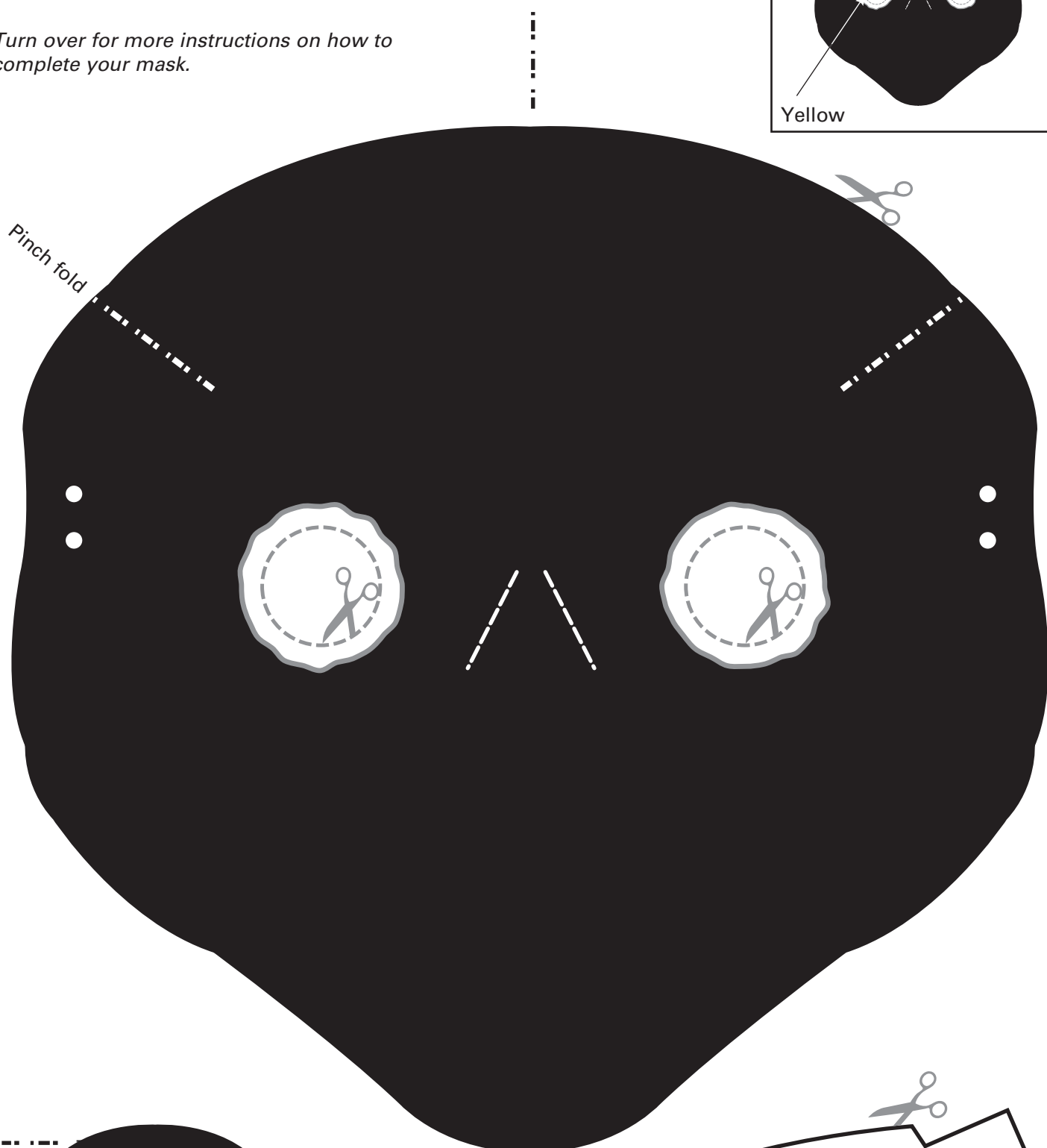
# Blackbird mask

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

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



Pinch fold



## You will need:

- Yellow 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.



## Blackbirds

If you have a garden or school field, you are likely to see blackbirds hopping about looking for worms or feeding on fruit and berry bushes. In spring and early summer, listen for the male's beautiful loud song – usually from a perch high up in a tree or on a television aerial. Your mask is a male blackbird. The female is not black at all, but brown!



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