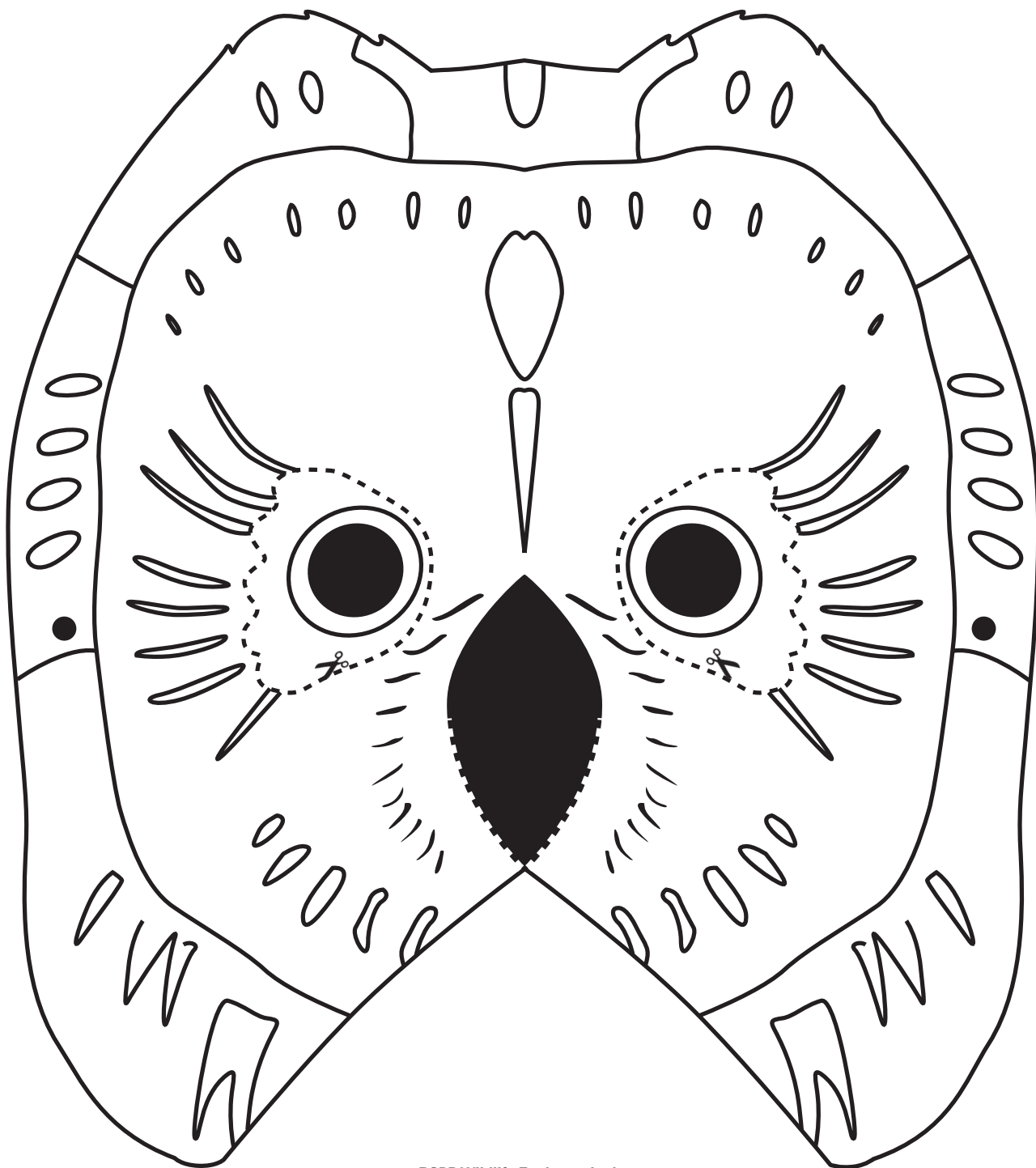
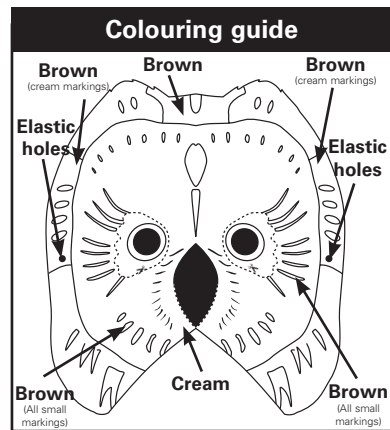




# Short-eared owl



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**You will need:**

- Scissors
- Sticky tape
- About 50 cm of shirring elastic
- Colouring pens/pencils in dark brown, light brown and cream.

**What to do:**

- Use the diagram to colour in the mask.
- Cut out your mask.
- Carefully cut out the two eyes (using the dotted lines) and push out the holes for the elastic, marked on each side of the mask. Cut up the two dotted lines either side of the beak so your nose fits through. Ask an adult to help you with these.
- Thread the elastic through the holes in the mask. Ask an adult to fit the mask to your head and tie a knot in each end of the elastic. Stick the elastic in place with sticky tape.

**Information for activity leader:**

Photocopy this template onto card for the best effect.

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**Short-eared owls are 35-40 cm tall, which is around the same size as the box your breakfast cereal comes in. They have a brown, speckled body and yellow eyes.**

**Your best chance to see them is during the day when they are hunting. In winter they will be in areas near water, but be careful not to disturb their nests in spring. Short-eared owls usually lay 6-8 eggs, but the largest number recorded was 16!**

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