Create your own gladiator mask

Many gladiators wore strong, metal helmets to protect their heads when they were fighting. The one in the picture below was probably found at Pompeii, in Italy, and is now in the British Museum. The gladiator mask you are going to make is based on this one.



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What you will need:

- Child friendly scissors
- Sticky tape
- Colouring pens or pencils
- A printout of the last page (black and white is fine)

You may need some help from adults to cut around the mask and to attach the head band. You will also need to be carefully as the edges of the paper can give you a nasty cut.

Steps

- 1. Print the last page (black and white printing is fine).
- 2. Cut around the outside of helmet and the two rectangular pieces.
- 3. Using the left-hand side of the mask as a guide, complete the details on the right-hand side.
- 4. Colour in the mask.
- 5. Stick the two pieces of the head band (the two rectangular pieces) to the side of the mask. Try on the mask for size and if it fits stick the two pieces of the head band together (if it's too small add another section and stick). Then ask an adult if they can make a couple of small holes in the front of the mask so you can see out.





