

Die Fledermaus translates to 'The Bat' and is an opera composed by Johann Strauss II. It was first performed in 1874 in Vienna, Austria and tells a hilarious story of mistaken identity at a party, set at Prince Orlofsky's extravagant masked ball.

Here you can make your very own bat mask to get you ready for Prince Orlofsky's masked ball, so get creative and have your own party with WNO.



Bat mask

You'll need:

- A printer and printer paper
- Scissors
- Card
- Glue
- Sticky tape
- Felt pens, pencils or crayons
- Anything you'd like to decorate your masks with
- A lollipop stick or some string



Print out the file for the bat masks. There are two types of mask to make. A patterned one to colour in and one which you can design and decorate yourself.

Glue the print outs to pieces of thin card. Maybe use an empty cereal packet?

When the glue is dry cut carefully around the shapes. Ask an adult for help.

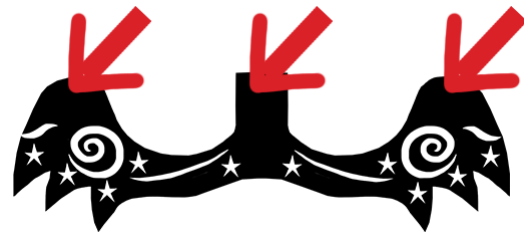
When you have your four cut out pieces choose which mask you'd like to make first.

Use pencils, pens or crayons to colour in the white shapes on the patterned mask cut-outs.



When you've finished colouring in attach the top of the mask to the bottom by putting some glue on the top of the middle and side sections (as indicated) and placing the top piece over the bottom. Leave to dry.

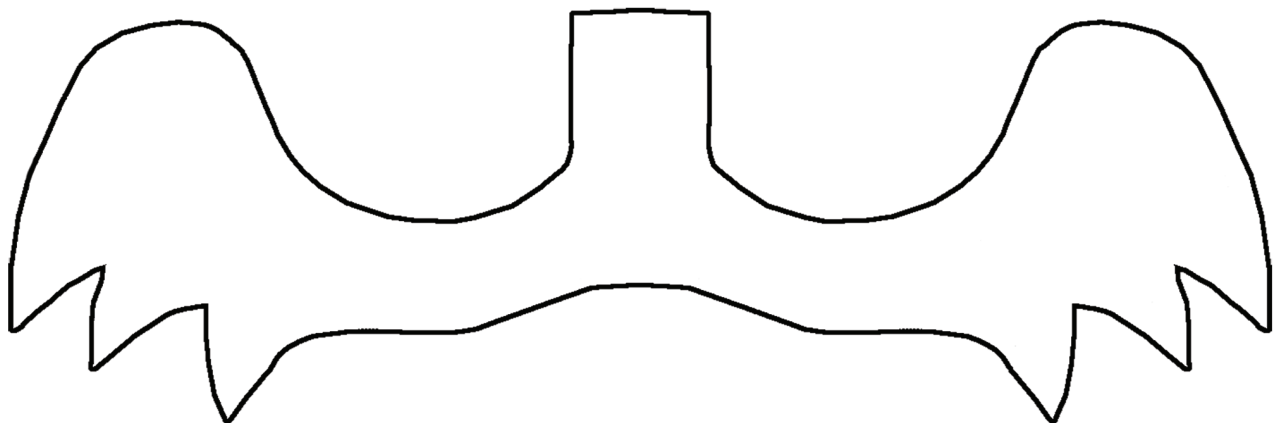
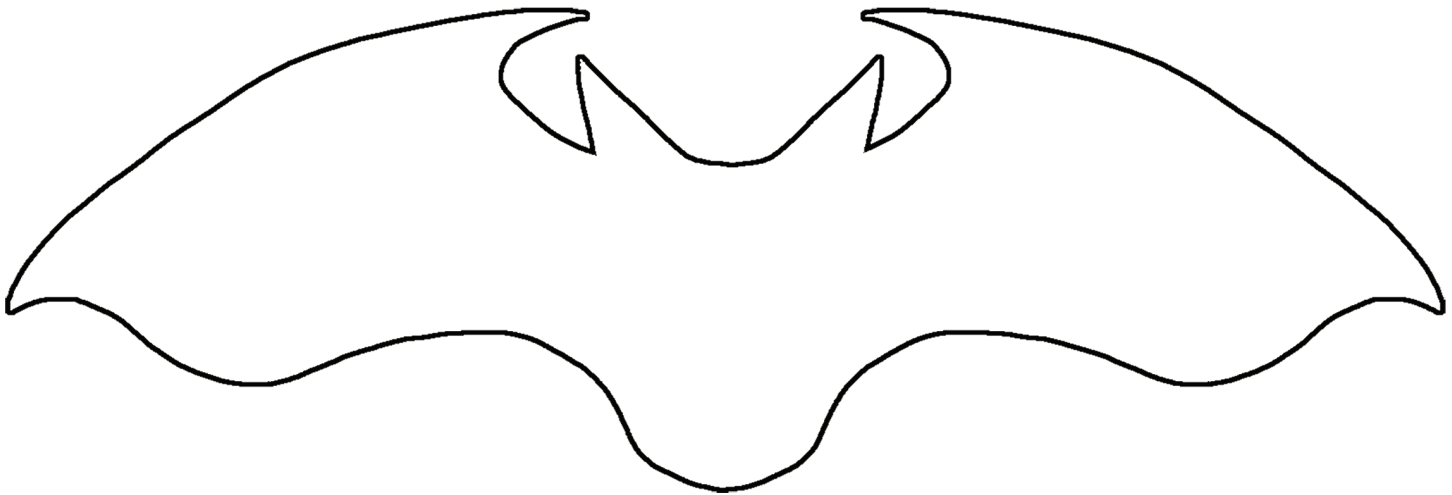
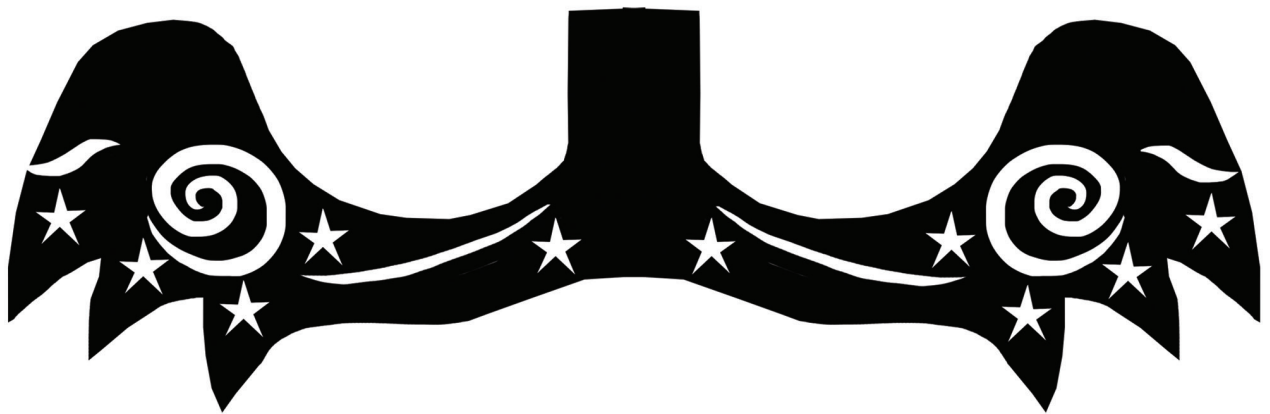
Place glue here



Put the other mask together before you decorate it. Then add colour, glitter, feathers, gemstones... whatever you like! It's up to you, this is your design.

You can use tape to attach a lollipop stick to your mask so you can hold it, or use string or wool and ask someone to tie it carefully around your head.





Print out, glue to thin card and cut out carefully!