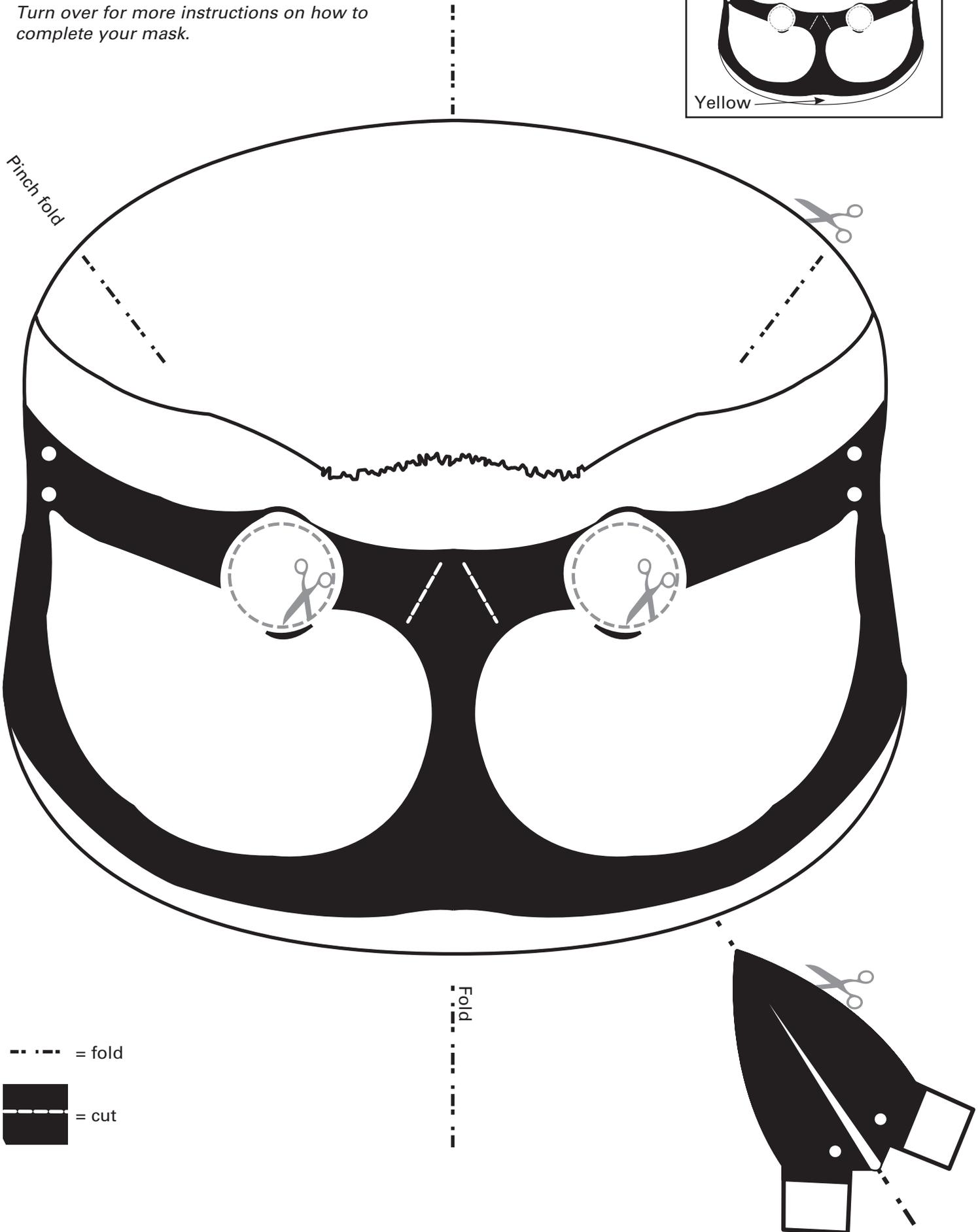
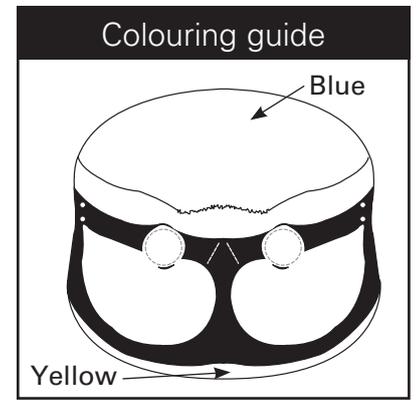


Blue tit mask

- Colour in this great mask to look like a blue tit.
- 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.



You will need:

- Blue and 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.



Blue tits are small and light, and very good acrobats. This helps them hang upside down on the thinnest twigs to look for food.

Although blue tits often come to gardens to feed and nest, they are really woodland birds. Oak trees are their favourite places because they have plenty of caterpillars and other insects to feed to their chicks.



RSPB Wildlife Explorers is the junior membership of the RSPB

[rspb.org.uk/youth](https://www.rspb.org.uk/youth)

Illustrations by Mike Langman (rspb-images.com). The RSPB is a registered charity in England & Wales 207076, in Scotland SC037654 330-0855-13-14

