

ACTIVITIES AT HOME

MAKING ANIMAL MASKS



SPEECH AND OCCUPATIONAL
THERAPY TARGETS TO WORK
ON WHILE YOU'RE HOME WITH
THE KIDS





Tools / supplies needed:

- A4 or Letter size cardstock
- Crayons, paint, or any coloring material
- Scissors
- Hole punch
- Elastic string
- Transparent tape
- Craft stick (optional)



Step 1



PRINT / DRAW ANY OF THESE MASKS ON A4 OR LETTER SIZE CARDSTOCK

- Bear mask (https://www.firstpalette.com/printable/bear-mask.html)
- Bunny mask (https://www.firstpalette.com/printable/bunny-mask.html)
- Cat Masks (https://www.firstpalette.com/printable/cat-mask.html)
- Dog Mask (https://www.firstpalette.com/printable/dog-mask.html)
- Elephant mask (https://www.firstpalette.com/printable/elephant-mask.html)

- Fox mask (https://www.firstpalette.com/printable/fox-mask.html)
- Goat mask (https://www.firstpalette.com/printable/goat-mask.html)
- Lion mask (https://www.firstpalette.com/printable/lion-mask.html)
- Monkey mask (https://www.firstpalette.com/printable/monkey-mask.html)
- Mouse mask (https://www.firstpalette.com/printable/mouse-mask.html)
- Owl mask (https://www.firstpalette.com/printable/owl-mask.html)
- Panda mask (https://www.firstpalette.com/printable/pandamask.html)
- Tiger mask (https://www.firstpalette.com/printable/tiger-mask.html)







USE YOUR FAVUORITE COLOURING MATERIALS

- Cut the eye holes (provide assistance if you child if any helps)
- Put the transparent tape over the marked holes (the pair of little circles on each side of the mask) and fold the tape towards the back of the mask.
- Punch holes on the pair of marked circles.
- Cut a length of elastic string.
- Tie the ends of the string on each hole.
- Try on the mask.
- Adjust the length of the string if necessary.



"Being creative is not a hobby. It's a way of life."



Speech Therapy Goals

HERE ARE SOME SUGGESTED OBJECTIVES YOU CAN PICK AND CHOOSE FROM TO WORK ON WITH YOUR CHILD.





blending and segmenting

T-AI-G-ER = TIGER R-A-BB-I-T = RABBIT

speech sounds

/M/ - MASK, MOO /D/ - DOG, DRAW, RED /P/ - PAINT, KEEP rhymes

MASK - ASK - TASK DOG - LOG



Blank's Level of Questioning

INCREASING YOUR CHILD'S UNDERSTANDING OF QUESTIONS RANGING FROM CONCRETELY PRESENTED INFORMATION TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF ABSTRACT THOUGHT AND HIGHER THINKING SKILLS

LEVEL 1

- WHAT IS THIS ANIMAL?
- FIND ONE LIKE THIS.
- WHAT COLOUR IS THIS?

LEVEL 3

- HOW ARE A LION AND TIGER
 SAME OR DIFFERENT?
- HOW WILL HE FEEL IF HE BREAKS HIS MASK?
- WHAT ELSE CAN WE USE?

LEVEL 2

- WHAT AM I DOING?
- WHAT IS NOT A SEA ANIMAL?
- WHICH ANIMALS HAVE SPOTS?

LEVEL 4

- WHY DO WE NEED TO WAIT FOR THE PAINT TO DRY?
- WHAT DO WE DO IF THE PAINT SPILLED?



introduce a variety of words

BRUSH
MASK
U
GIRAFFE
S MARKER

PAINT
COLOUR
CUT
DRAW

AD PAINT
JE COLOUR
CT CUT
IV DRAW

calegories

ANIMALS: TIGER,
GIRAFFE, PANDA
COLOURS: RED,
BROWN, YELLOW

synonyms & antonyms

CARNIVORE-HERBIVORE | WET-DRY SPOTS-DOTS | DISGUISE-CAMOUFLAGE



Protesting & Requesting

- I WANT THE RABBIT MASK
- I DON'T WANT TO USE CRAYONS

Taking-turns

 YOUR TURN TO PAINT
 MY TURN TO USE THE BLUE CRAYON Roleplay

- HELLO, MR. BEAR - TIGER WANTS TO EAT





I AM DRAWING
I DREW
I HAVE BEEN DRAWING
I AM GOING TO DRAW

COLOURS MICE



Occupational Therapy Goals

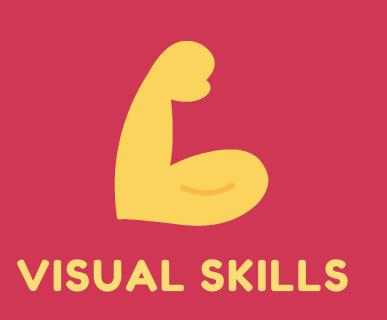
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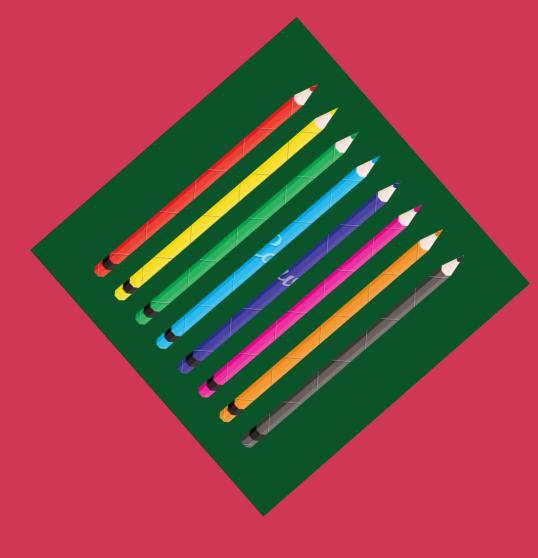
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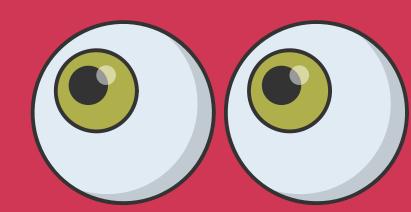
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- Body Awareness
- Touch
- Gross Motor Skills
- Fine Motor Skills

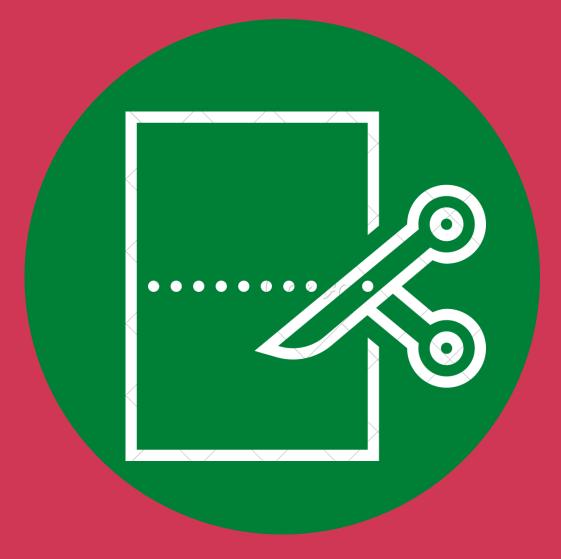




Tracking and scanning required when colouring and cutting the face mask.













 Awareness of where the blade of the scissors are in relation to one's fingers (of the opposing hand).













- **Eye-hand coordination** required when colouring the face mask.
- Shoulder stability when colouring or using utensils such as scissors and hole puncher.
- Appropriate sitting posture.









- Age-appropriate grip for pencil and scissors.
- Dexterity to control **finger movement** for cutting and colouring and tying a knot.
- Develop strength and web space during tasks such as colouring, cutting and hole punching.



SENSITIVE TO TOUCHING DIFFERENT TEXTURES

Provide an alternate method if the child refuses to use watercolours, crayon or colour pencils, e.g. use the different colour stickers to decorate the face mask.

Possible Challenges

ANIMAL FACE MASK

LOW STRENGTH (GROSS AND FINE MOTOR)

- Draw a dark and thick outline for the child to cut.
- Refrain from using card/cardboard to decrease resistance when cutting/hole punching.
- Provide assistance when using hole puncher.

Possible Challenges

ANIMAL FACE MASK

INAPPROPRIATE GRIP (COLOURING UTENSILS/SCISSORS)

- Short colour pencils/crayons may encourage a child to hold the utensil with a tripod grip.
- Encourage a child to 'grip' a small item (small ball of paper, playdough) with their last two fingers tucked will highlight the three fingers to use for holding the pencil/crayon/brush.



THANK YOU!

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