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Falcon Mask Activity

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To begin this activity, watch a demonstration by Gregory Wotjera by clicking the play button on the video!



Watch the livestream recording of the falconry demonstration from event itself!



Falconry is the art of using trained birds of prey (raptors) to hunt. It has been around for thousands of years. Birds of prey were used to hunt in Mongolia more than 4,000 years ago. Records show that falconry was practiced in Arabia and Persia around the same time. The Greek philosopher Aristotle mentions falconry around 300 BC. Learn more about the history of falconry, and falconry in North America today at [Masters of the Skies!](#) Follow the instructions below to make your own falcon mask and become the master of your own skies!

Materials:

- Scissors
- Hole punch
- Elastic
- Colored markers or pencils
- (optional) Feathers
- (optional) Glue



Instructions:

- Print the mask template on page 2 using your printer at home, or at your local office store. If you can't print it, you can always design your own on a blank piece of paper!
- Carefully cut the mask out around its outline. Ask your grownup for help if you need it.
- Using your colored markers or pencils, color your mask to look like the feathers and colors found on real falcons! Visit [Master of the Skies!](#) for inspiration!
- Don't forget to carefully cut out the eyes of the mask. Ask your grownup for help with this, as it can be tricky!
- If you choose to use glue and feathers, you can add them on after coloring for a realistic, 3D effect!
- Using your holepunch, punch holes in the two spaces marked with black dots on either side of the mask.
- Measure a generous length of elastic around the back of your head, from ear to ear, and cut.
- Tie the elastic to one side of the mask, through the punched hole. Test and measure the elastic tightness around the back of the head, and then tie it on to the second side.
- Your mask is done! Enjoy soaring through the skies!

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