

LET'S MAKE A LION HEAD!

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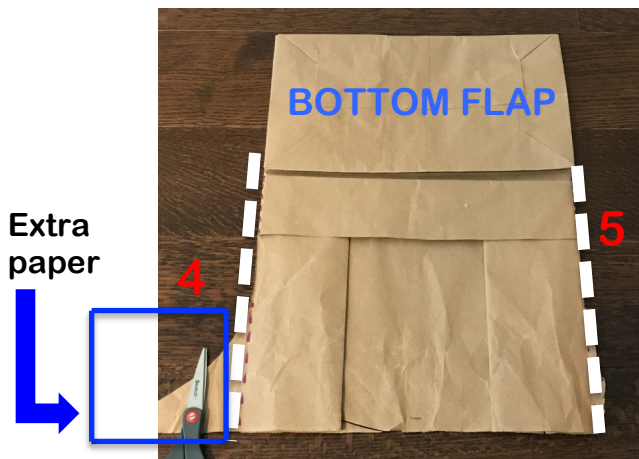
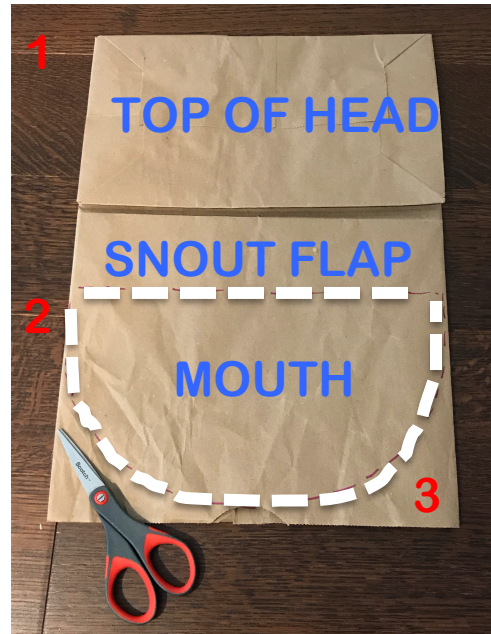
1. Gather your materials! You'll need:

- a paper grocery bag (it's okay if it has handles)
- several sheets of colorful paper
- glue stick (for paper)
- liquid glue (for everything else)
- tape (masking tape is stronger, if you have it!)
- scissors
- cupcake liners
- tissue paper
- cotton balls
- a pencil
- binder rings
- binder clips or paper clips (optional)

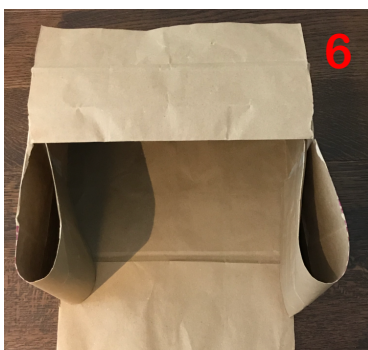


THE HEAD

1. Flip the bag so that the bottom flap of the bag is facing up.
2. Trace the MOUTH template onto the bag, as close to the bottom of the bag as possible. (You can also draw a half circle for the MOUTH).
3. Cut out the MOUTH.
4. Trim off the extra paper.
5. For each side of the bag, cut upwards until you reach the bottom flap of the bag.



6. Fold the sides up to make handles, and tape or glue them into place.
7. Fold the corners of the SNOUT FLAP in so that it will look round.
8. Fold and tape up, or trim, the back of the bag.



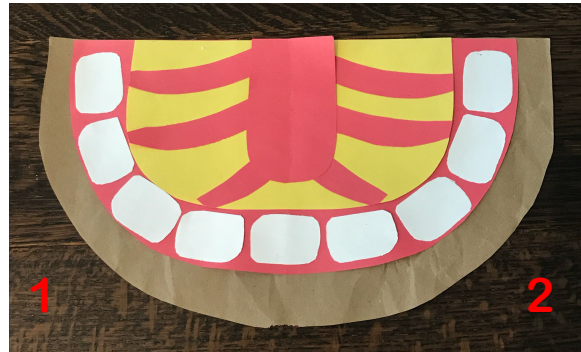
Great job! The bag should now look like this:



THE MOUTH

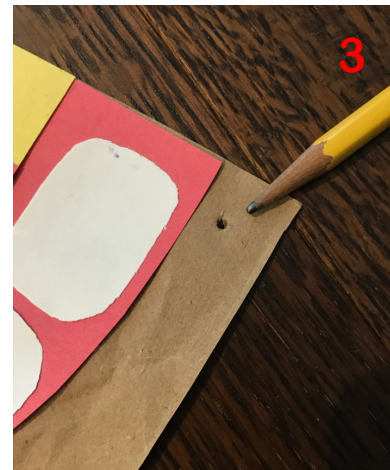
1. Time to make the mouth! Print out our template in color, or cut out:

- a) an outside mouth (red, in this example)
- b) an inside mouth (smaller than outside mouth, and a different color, yellow here)
- c) a tongue (red in this example)
- d) gums (the lines coming out from the tongue, red here)
- e) teeth (white in this example)

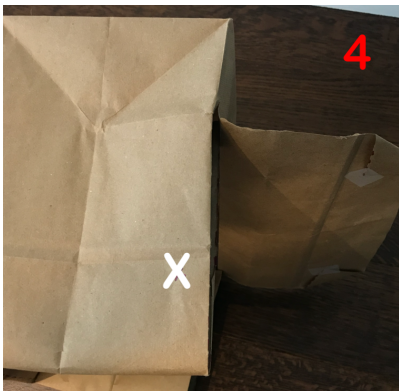


2. Use a glue stick to glue the outside mouth (red, in this example) to the MOUTH (the piece of brown paper bag which you cut out earlier). Then glue the inside mouth (yellow here) on top of the outside mouth (red). Continue to glue on layers by adding the tongue, gums, and teeth on top.

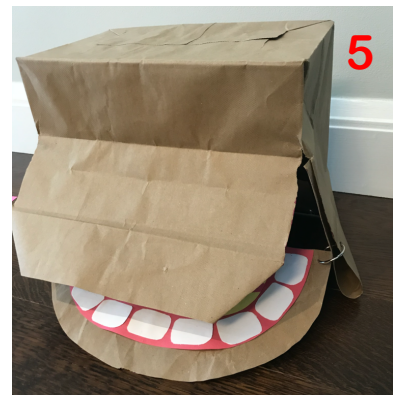
3. Use a pencil to carefully poke a hole into each side of the MOUTH.



4. Make a hole on the side of each hand flap, close to the edge. If you need to, use a hole punch or a pair of scissors to get the hole started.

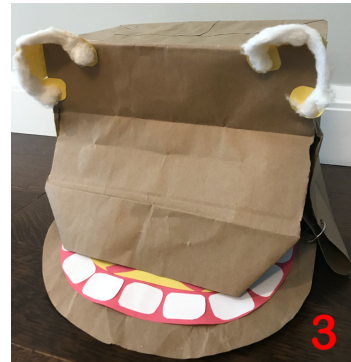
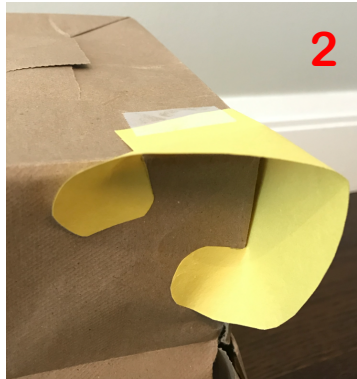
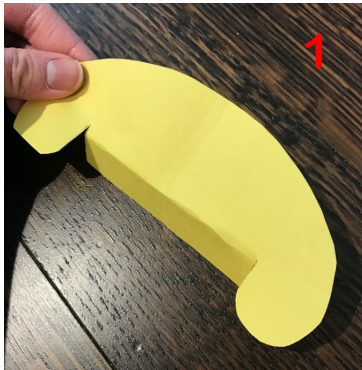


5. Loop a binder ring through the MOUTH and the side of the bag—chomp chomp!



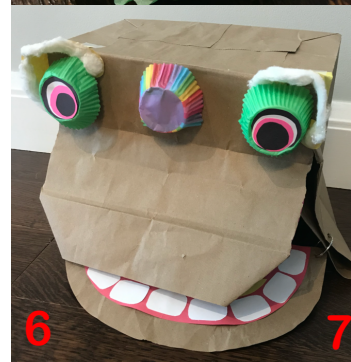
EYEBROWS

1. Time for the eyebrows! Print and cut out our eyebrow template, or draw and cut out a shape that looks similar.
2. Glue the back of each end of the eyebrow onto the corners of the bag.
3. Unravel a cotton ball or two and glue it onto each eyebrow.



EYES

1. For the eyes, cut out circles (anywhere from 2-4 per eye!) of different sizes and colors (or print out the eyes we've included).
2. Glue the circles on top of each other, then to the outside bottom of a cupcake liner.
3. On the inside of the cupcake liner, place one piece of tape on each side, with the sticky side facing out.
4. Then, place a piece of crumpled up tissue paper inside. This will help the eyes pop out more!
5. Bend the pieces of tape towards each other until they meet to make a loop of tape. The crumpled tissue paper should be underneath the tape and the sticky side of the tape should be on top.



6. Next, press the sticky eye onto the lion (use extra tape to keep it in place if needed)!
7. If you want, stuff and tape a third cupcake liner (without the pupils, or paper circles!) for a horn or third eye.

SNOUT

1. Let's make the nose pieces! Repeat steps 3 – 5 from the EYES two times. On the inside of a new cupcake liner, place one piece of tape on each side, with the sticky side facing out.
2. Place a piece of crumpled up tissue paper inside. (Again, this just helps to make the snout pop out).
3. Connect the two pieces of tape to form a loop of tape.
4. Next, press the nose pieces onto the snout of your lion (close to the bottom).
5. Unravel another cotton ball or two and glue them onto the edge of the snout flap.



TRY ON YOUR LION HEAD!

Does it fit?
(if not, see SIZE ADJUSTMENTS)

TRY A LION DANCE!

YOU CAN ALSO:

- Paint, draw on, or decorate the bag beforehand!
- Add glitter, ribbons, or sequins if you have them at home to make the lion sparkle!

SIZE ADJUSTMENTS

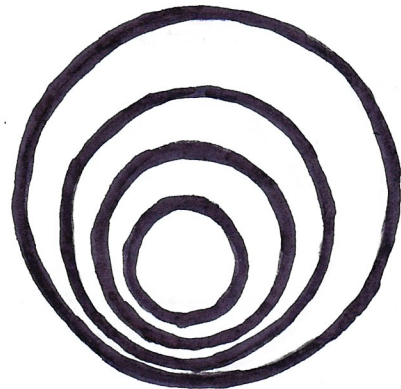
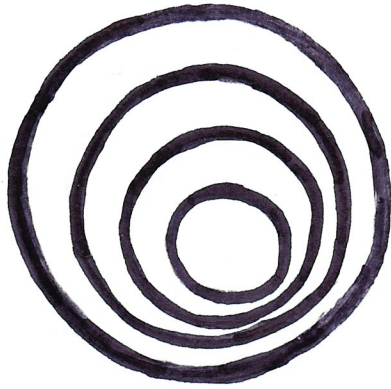
- If the lion head covers your eyes and you can't see through it, cut the sides of the bag (near the handles) a little higher.
- If the snout flap falls down or is too flimsy, fold the back of the snout (the area close to the eyes) in a V and glue, paper clip, or binder clip this fold into place:



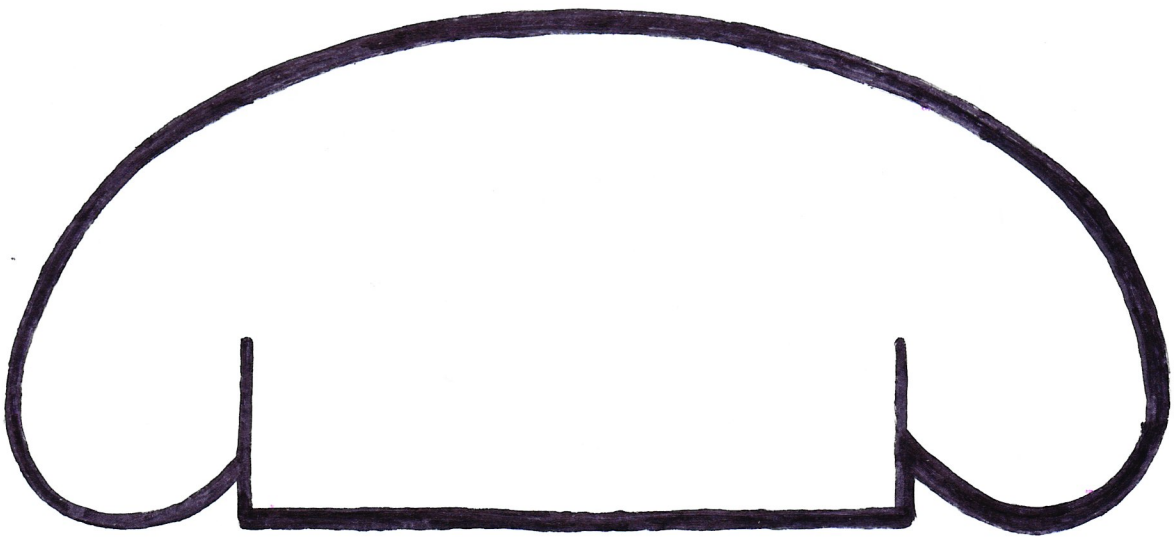
Much Better!

Now we're ready to dance!





EYES!



EYEBROWS!



don't forget to cut here, too!

