

What type of owl will you make - Barn owl, Tawny owl, or invent your own?!

Make your own OWL

Why not decorate it with feathers, or collage it with different materials?



CRAFT ACTIVITY



You will need:

- 2 paper plates for the body and wings
- Paper for the head and feet (draw your own or feel free to use the template below)
- Colour pencils - browns, oranges and yellows are good but you can be as colourful and creative as you like!
- Scissors
- Glue

Fun optional extras:

- Split pins
- Googly eyes
- Colour paper/card (yellow or orange for beak/feet)
- Feathers: you can use packs of crafts feathers, or



Tawny Owl



Barn Owl



Step 1:

Cut one paper plate in half: this makes the two wings. Keep the second paper plate whole for the body.

Colour in the body and wings—think about the type of woodland owl you are going to make. You could make a Tawny Owl, a Barn Owl, or invent your own!

Step 2:

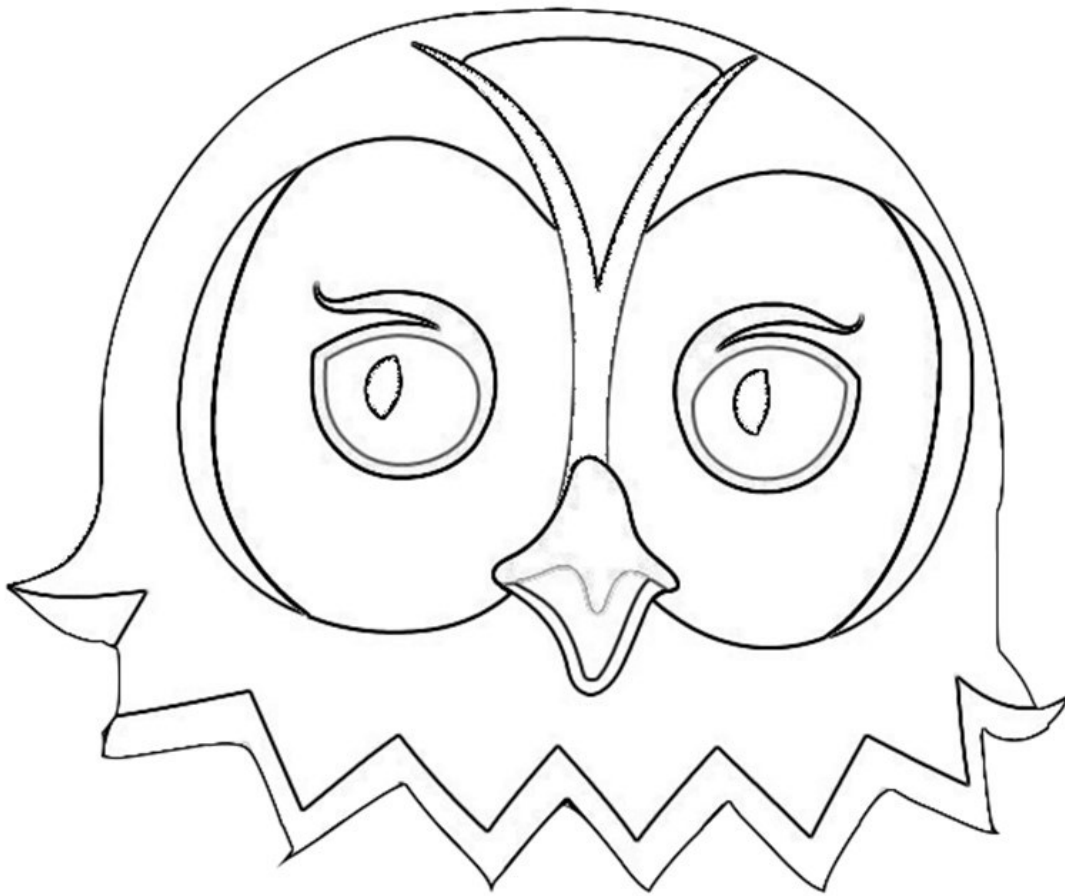
Place the two wings open at an angle on top of the body, with the wings meeting at the top.

At the top of each wing either glue it to the top of the body or make a small hole at the top of each wing and through the body beneath it, and fasten with a split pin.

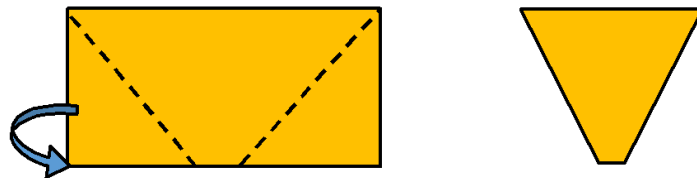
Using a split pin means you can open and close the wings, and make your owl fly!

Step 3:

On your piece of paper, draw the outline of your owl's head, or use the template below. Colour in the head, and carefully cut it out. Glue the head onto the body of the owl, at the top where the wings are fastened.



Why not make your owl more 3D by making a beak out of colour card or coloured-in paper? Cut out a small rectangle and carefully curl/fold back the top two corners. Glue these together and then glue to your owl's head.



You can also add googly eyes!

Step 4:

Draw on paper and colour in, or outline on card, two feet. Be sure to see how owl's feet look - how many toes do they have? Carefully cut these out and then glue to the bottom of your owl's body.

Step 5:

Your owl is nearly ready to fly! Why not decorate it with feathers, or collage it with other materials?

The owls in these examples were made by talented visitors to the Eton Natural History Museum, after they had a fascinating day learning about birds of prey. You can use these pictures for some inspiration when making your owls.



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