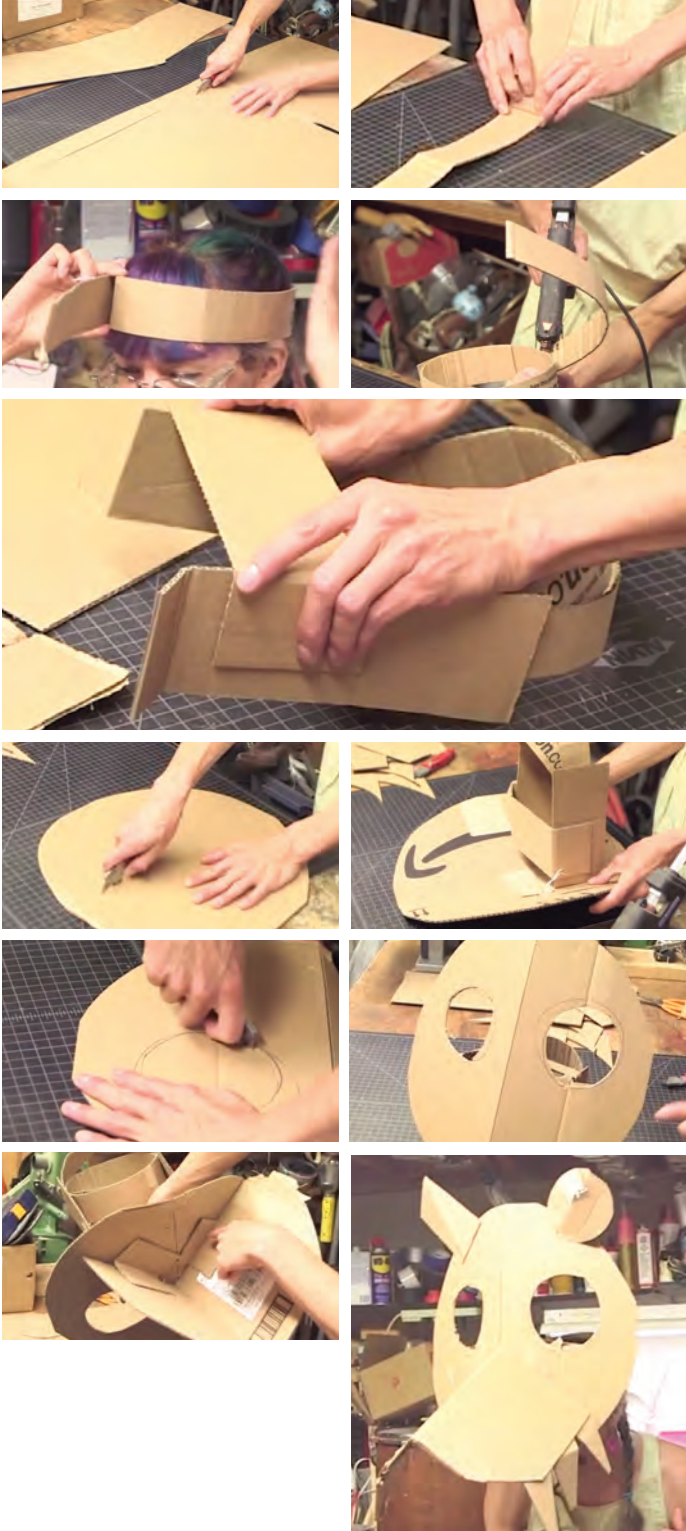




Cardboard Mask



1. Build the crown.

Cut a cardboard strip 1–2" wide, a little longer than can wrap around your head. Bend it. • Wrap the strip around your head, across your upper forehead without touching your ears. • Hold it together with one hand while taking it off your head to glue it. • Once the glue dries, put the ring of cardboard back on your head • Cut another strip about 8" long. Wrap the second strip from one ear, past the lower back of your head / top of your neck over to your other ear. • Hold the pieces together and glue them together — away from your head!

2. Build the H bridge.

Cut two 2" strips, 8" long. • Glue them to the sides of the crown like stubby antennae above your ears so that they stand out past your forehead at about 30° upward. • Fold the last inch of these into tabs. • Cut a crosspiece 2–3" wide and a few inches longer than will take to cross these two antennae like an "H." Glue it to give the H structure.

3. Make the face.

Cut a large oval from cardboard, larger than your own face. • Score the center. Bend it about 15°, and glue it to the H bridge. It will stand off your forehead a bit, facing slightly upward. • Draw large circles for eyes, and then cut them out of the mask. • Cut a large rectangle for a snout to glue to the middle of the mask below the eyes, sticking straight out. Add extras like triangles for teeth, ears, horns, etc., folding them before gluing them to give your mask dimension (instead of sticking them on flat.) Paint over it, or don't.

4. Perform!

Put it on. • Hunch over so the mask is straight. • Stalk around the room. • Make wild sounds! Scare your friends, family, monsters under the bed, etc.

Supplies

Cardboard

Hot Glue

Acrylic Paint, Glitter, etc. (Optional)

Hot Glue Gun

Utility Knife (or Scissors)

Cutting Mat (or Scrap Cardboard / wood / etc.)

Paint Brush (Optional)

