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WORLD CARNEVALE: Gille Mask

The *Gille* (the name refers to the popular 16th century Spanish first name Gil), is the traditional and central character of the *Carnaval de Binche* and celebrates the return of spring.

The Gille wear a brightly colored costume and an impressive ostrich-feather hat. The Gille also wears an *Apertintaille*, a belt of bells worn around the waist. Each Gille hides beneath a mask. The masks all have the same face to symbolize equality.

Nearly a thousand Gilles proceed at the town station where they meet for a champagne and oyster breakfast. From there they carry on to a long parade where they give out (or sometimes throw) oranges to the crowd.



MATERIALS

- Decorative material: markers, sequins, glitter glue , etc
- Elastic string
- Craft knife / Scissors
- Tape / Glue stick / School glue

DIRECTIONS

1. Use craft knife to remove eyes and nose. ***ADULT NEEDED**



3. Cut the longer line of triangles on the head of the mask.



4. Place glue on top of grey triangles. Pull the flap down over the gray triangle and press. Hold in place 10-15 seconds. Repeat on each gray triangle.



5. Cut out nose and fold the gray tabs.

6. Apply glue to the gray tabs. Push the nose through the back of the mask and press tabs down. The nose will stick should stick out the front of the mask and curve slightly.



7. Cut out the Side Tabs and use hole punch on make a hole on each tab. Attach tabs to sides of mask (along on the eye line) with glue. If the tab slips or pulls apart reinforce with a stapler.



8. Cut two equal lengths of elastic string and tie through the side tabs.

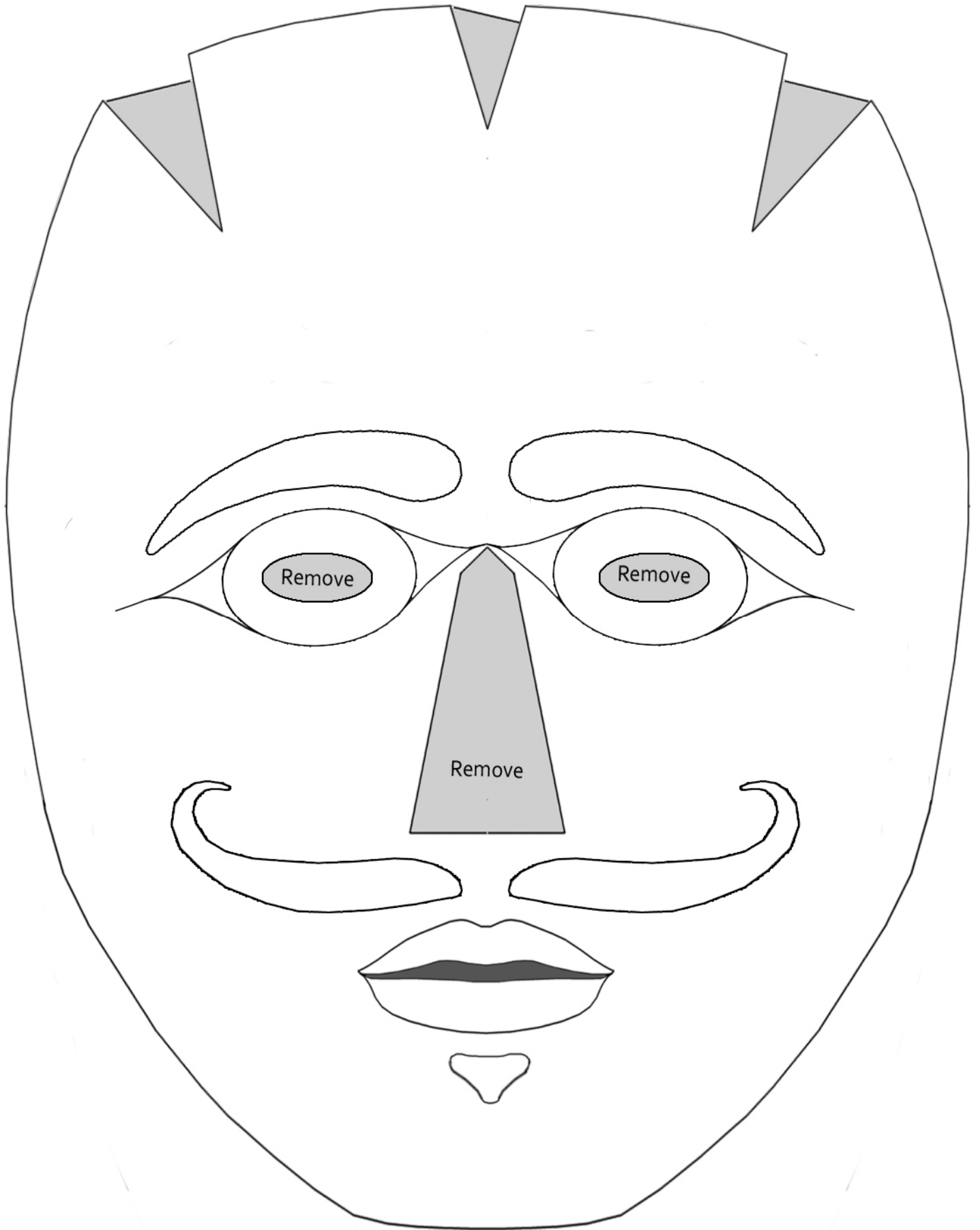
TIPS

1. For a sturdy mask print the template on heavy paper like coverstock or cardstock.
2. Add a white skull hat to make a costume.

Gilles from Binche, Belgium



Gilles Mask - Face



Gilles Mask - Nose

