

Pretend to be...

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MERCURY

a printable planet mask

(See instructions for assembly
on the next page)



Tell your friends a few fun facts about yourself:

- You're the smallest planet in our solar system
- You're the closest to the sun
- You have a very thin atmosphere and no moons

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Instructions

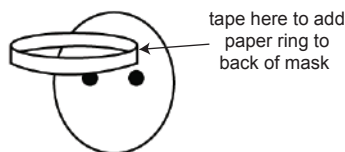
What you'll need:

- Planet mask activity (pages 1 and 2)
- Scissors
- Tape

Safety Note: Adult scissors (i.e. scissors with a sharpened edge) should not be used by children under the age of 10 without adult supervision.

What to do:

1. Use scissors to cut out planet shape (page 1) on the dotted line.
2. Use scissors to cut out the mask's eye holes on the dotted lines.
3. Cut out 3 strips of paper (page 2) on the dotted lines.
4. Tape ends of paper strips together to make one long strip.
5. Place center of long paper strip on the back of your head.
6. Wrap the long strip around your head until you have a snug fit. The strip should form a ring around your head. Tape the ends of the paper strip so that the ring will stay the right size.
7. Take paper ring off of head. Tape it to the back of the planet cutout near the center and top of the planet.



8. Place the paper ring on top of your head and see the world through a planet's eyes!

