



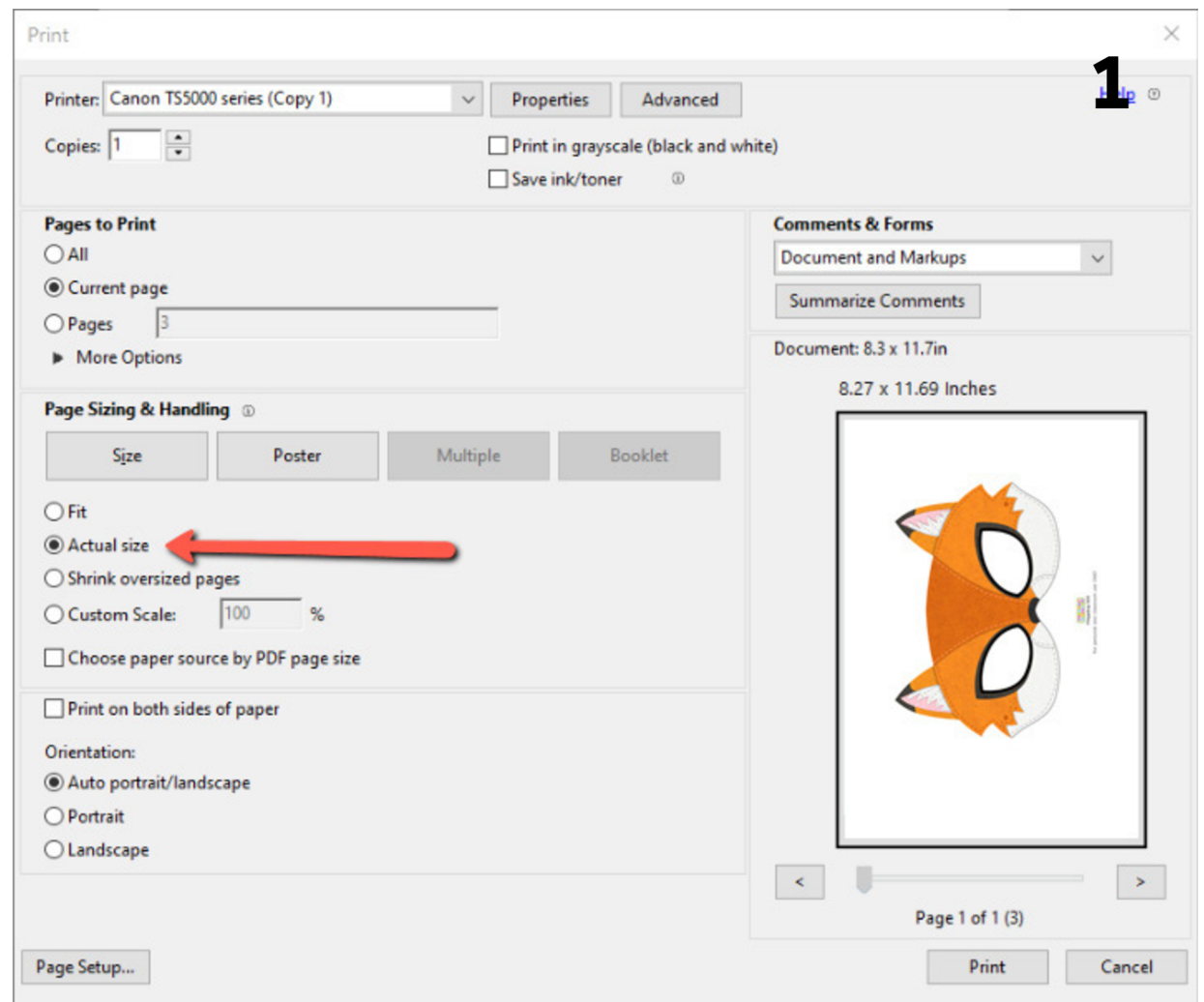
**North
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Making the masks

These masks have been designed for children from 4-8 years old. For this age range we recommend printing the masks at “actual size” from your print settings (see image 1).

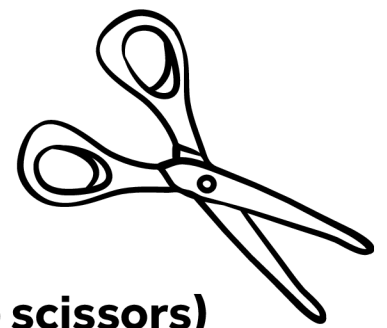
For smaller masks, you can adjust the size by choosing “Fit”, or print the masks at a custom scale. It is a good idea to do a test print of one page in black and white on normal printer paper to see if the size fits your child.

The type of paper will affect the colour quality, and thicker card or paper will last longer. For best results, we recommend printing the colour masks on photo paper or card and the black line masks for colouring in are best printed on card.



To make the masks you will need:

- **thick elastic**
- **scissors**
- **craft knife**
- **stapler, or a way of making holes (hole punch, screwdriver, or sharp scissors)**



1. Cut out the mask. A trick to cut out the eye holes more easily is to make an “x” shape with a craft knife (image 2 below). Children may need help with this stage.



2. Use a pair of sharp scissors to completely cut out the eyes (image 3). Some children may need help with this stage.

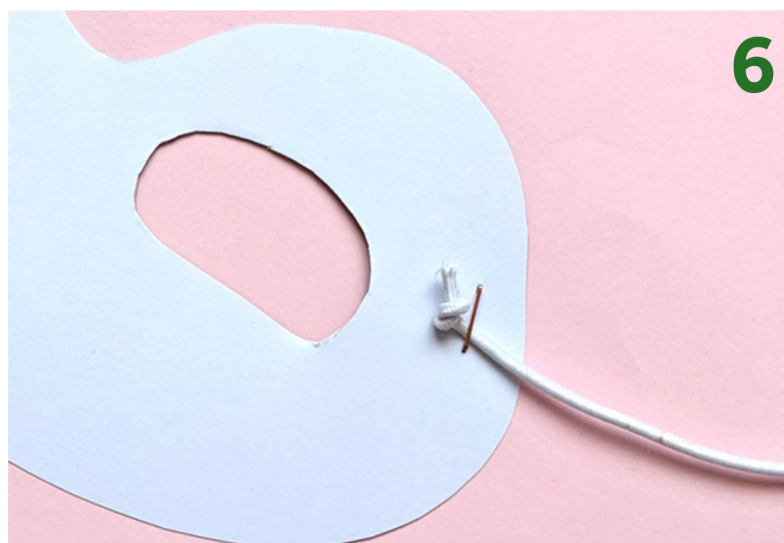
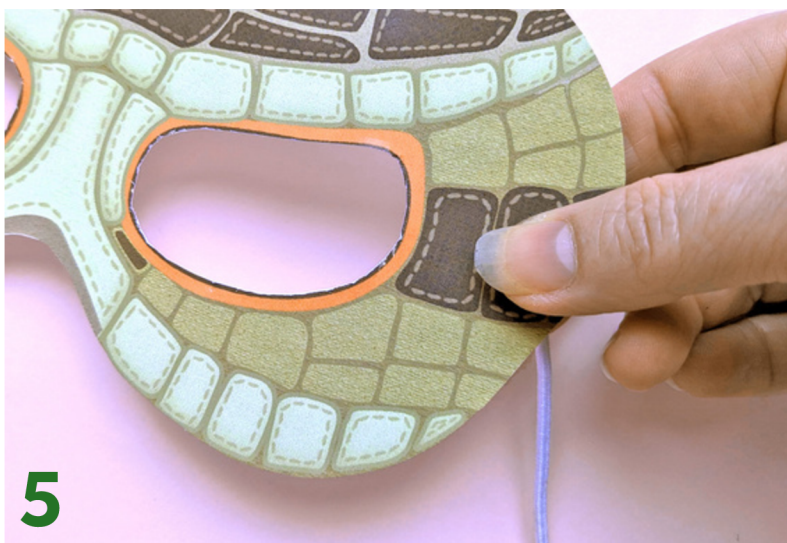


3. Measure the elastic around the head of your child, allowing about 3 cm for the knot at each end. As a rough guide, a piece of elastic about 42 cm long (approximately 17 inches) is a good average for most children, but you will have to adjust the length for each child individually (image 4).

There are two ways you can attach the elastic:

Method 1: Use a stapler

This is the quickest and easiest way. Make a knot in each end of the elastic and use the guide marks on the front of the mask to help position each end (image 5).



Staple the ends of the elastic in place on the reverse side of the mask, as shown in the photo. You need to use fairly thick elastic, or it will slip through the staples (image 6).

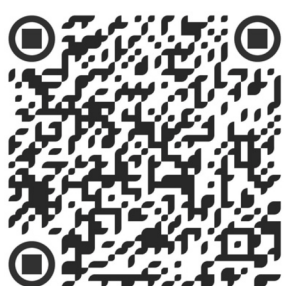
Method 2: Punch holes

Make holes in the masks where indicated. If you use a standard hole punch you'll need to use very thick elastic, as the holes will be quite big. You can also make holes with a screwdriver or the point of some sharp scissors (image 7 below).



Make a knot in one end of the elastic. Thread it through one of the holes, back through the other hole and tie a knot to secure in place (image 8).

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