

Make-Your-Own-Sound Book

Cow Mask



TODDLER-TIME LIBRARY ACTIVITY: BARNYARD FUN MASKS

YOU WILL NEED:

- Tracing paper
- Elastic string in 10" to 12" lengths
- Black or white yarn cut in 1" to 2" lengths
- Glue
- Crayons, markers, and/or any coloring materials
- Craft paper to cover tables and paper towels for clean-up
- Mask material (construction paper, card stock, craft felt, or craft foam)

PROMOTE:

Go to www.FlowerpotPress.com to download the **cow** template. Create several **cow** masks (as well as small posters with the event details) to use as displays by the circulation desk, library entrance, and in the children's section. Five equal-sized strips could be printed on 8½" X 11" paper and cut for take-home reminders for nearby day care centers or at the circulation desk. The local radio or TV station could be enlisted to also promote the event. If so, you may wish to share free sound links with them.

To download free, real animal sounds go to:
www.animal-sounds.org

Post details on the library site and outside sign. A fun idea is to record sounds and display the **MAKE-YOUR-OWN-SOUND BOOK BARNYARD FUN** with the **cow** mask in the children's section. Occasionally play the sounds and talk to adults or children about the forthcoming event.

PREPARE:

- Purchase **MAKE-YOUR-OWN-SOUND BARNYARD FUN**.
- Assemble all needed materials above.
- Trace the **animal** faces from the book (**duck, pig, sheep**) to create templates. Use the **cow** template you already have.
- Using the templates, cut out the 4 mask types in larger quantities than anticipated for your event (extras can always be take-homes for older siblings.)

PRESENT: Children wearing the appropriate masks may be extra loud!

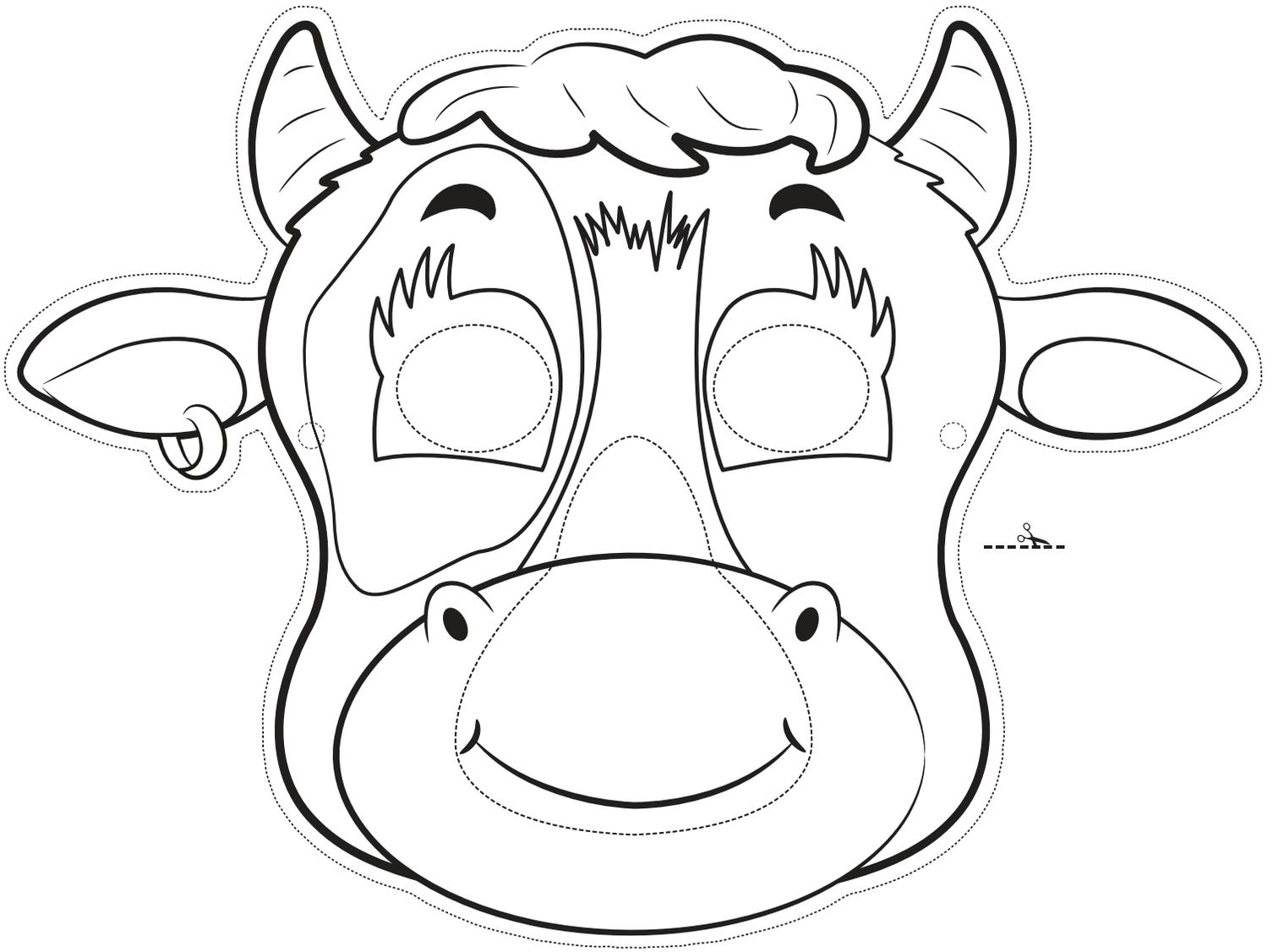
Pull nonfiction and fiction books on **farm animals** and place on a book cart or table for checkout. Decorate the meeting room or children's section for the event. Cue the **animal** sounds. Cover tables with craft paper for easy clean-up. Arrange all materials. **If you have farm animal puppets, this would be a fine time to have volunteers use them to greet toddlers as they arrive.** Encourage parents and helpers to work with children to choose their mask from

duck, cow, pig, or sheep options. Designate helpers to tie off the elastic strings to adjust the masks for each child when the masks are decorated. Read aloud the **MAKE-YOUR-OWN-SOUND BOOK BARNYARD FUN** and let children (and parents or helpers) make the sounds. The librarian is the **farmer**. You may wish to talk about **farms** and other **farmyard animals** while children work on their masks.

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FYI: We have other books in the **MAKE-YOUR-OWN-SOUND BOOK** series: **Forest Adventures, Jungle Safari, Monster Mayhem, Robots Rule!, Awesome Aliens, Pet Friends, and Fuzzy Friends.** See mask activities for engaging and exciting **MAKE-YOUR-OWN-SOUND BOOK** fun too!



INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Cut along the dotted lines. You will have the face, two holes for the eyes, and one hole for the nose and mouth.
2. Use a hole punch or scissors and make small holes on each side for the elastic string.
3. Tie the string to one side to allow the masks to be adjusted later to fit each toddler's head.
4. Give each child crayons or markers to color in their mask.
5. Allow children to decorate their mask with any other materials, such as feathers, craft foam, or stickers.
6. Have adult helpers tie the strings to fit each child's head.
7. MAKE-YOUR-OWN-SOUND!