How to make... a lion mask

Suitable for ages 3-6 with some adult help

You will need:

- A paper plate (or a circle of thin card)
- Yellow tissue paper cut into squares (or yellow crayons)
- Strips of coloured paper in yellows and oranges
- A black pen
- A stick (e.g. a lollipop stick, barbecue skewer or plastic spoon)
- Sticky tape
- Glue

If you enjoyed Rachel Leonard's reading of _The Lion and the Mouse_, why not try making a lion mask so you can act out the lion in the story?

Adult prep:

Step 1:
Draw two eye holes on your paper plate - you could check this on your little one to make sure they are in the right place.
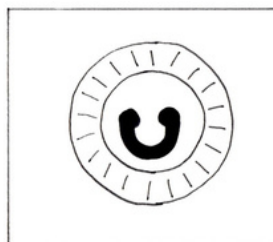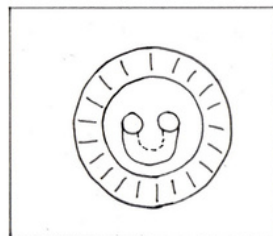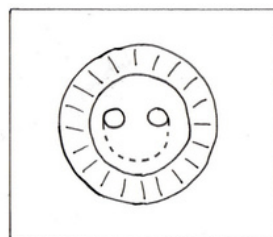
Step 2:
Draw a line from the outer edge of one eye hole down and round the bottom of the chin and back up to join the outer edge of the other eye hole.

Step 3:
Mirror the same line from the inner edge of both eye holes. You should end up with a horseshoe like shape in the centre of your paper plate.

Step 4:
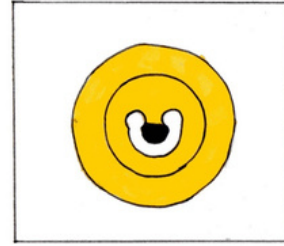Cut out this shape. You could fold the paper plate in half and cut a small slit first to help start you off.
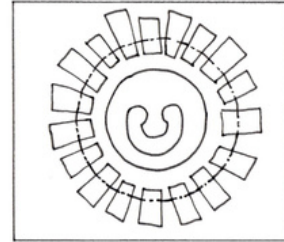
With your child:

Step 5:
Colour in your plate. If you are using tissue paper, cover your entire plate in glue and stick the tissue paper on. If not, you could use crayons, felt tip pens or paint, if you are willing to get messy!

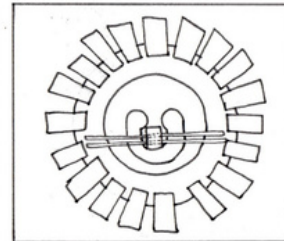Colour the nose in black, then leave your plate to dry.

Step 6:
Turn your plate over and put glue all around the edge. Take your coloured strips of paper and glue them around the edge. If you don't have coloured paper you could paint or colour in white paper.
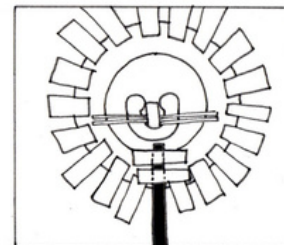
Step 7:
If you have straws, tape them to the back of the nose. If you don't have straws you could try twisting a narrow strip of white paper instead. These will be your whiskers.

Step 8:
Tape your stick to the bottom of the plate. This will act as the handle for your mask.

Step 9:
Turn the plate over and pull the whiskers through the hole in the centre so that they come out on top of the plate.

Now practise your roar!