



# Carnival Scratch-Art® Mask

(art + social studies)

Explore the history of carnival masks in various cultures, such as Mardi Gras in New Orleans, the Carnival of Venice and “Commedia Dell’arte” in Italy. Ornate and colorful masks are easy to create with Scratch -Art® Clear-Scratch™ film and permanent Sharpie® markers.

**Grade Levels** K-8

## Preparation

1. Cut sheets of Scratch Art® Clear-Scratch™ film in half to make 8" x 4.75" pieces. Will need one piece per mask
2. Make a mask shape on paper, following the pattern on page 2.

## Process

1. Trace the mask shape onto the matte side of the film lightly with a pencil. Extra features, such as ears, hair, antennae, etc. can be added to the basic mask shape if desired. Cut mask out of film (do not cut out eye areas).
2. Use the paper template to experiment with drawing patterns, lines, and eyes and other shapes to give the mask character, then scratch the design into the matte side of the mask, revealing the clear surface. It's best to work over a white sheet of paper, so that the scratched lines are visible.
3. When design is complete, turn the mask over and apply colorful Sharpie® markers to the gloss side of the sheet. Allow to dry before picking up mask.



## Materials

**Scratch Art® Clear-Scratch™ Film**, (13524-1030), package of 30 sheets, need 1/2 sheet per demi-mask, full sheet for full-face mask

**Sharpie Chisel-Tip Markers**, (21383-0089) set of 8 colors, share one set between 4-5 students

**Scratch Sticks** (14907-1045), package of 100, need one per student

**Wood Dowel** (60448-1412), 1/4" dia x 12" long, package of 12, need one per mask

## Optional

**Blick E-Z Grip Knife** (57419-2980), one or two per class

**Krylon® Low-Odor Spray Finish** (23710-1001), gloss, 11-oz can, need one

## Options

1. Cut 2 small slits on one side of the mask using a craft knife or scissors and insert wood dowel to make a hand-held mask, see photo at right.
2. To keep markers from rubbing off and remaining black areas from being scratched away, spray mask on both sides with Krylon® finish. Allow 15 minutes for the first side to dry between spraying the second side.



## National Standards

Content Standard #1 — Understanding and applying media, techniques, and processes

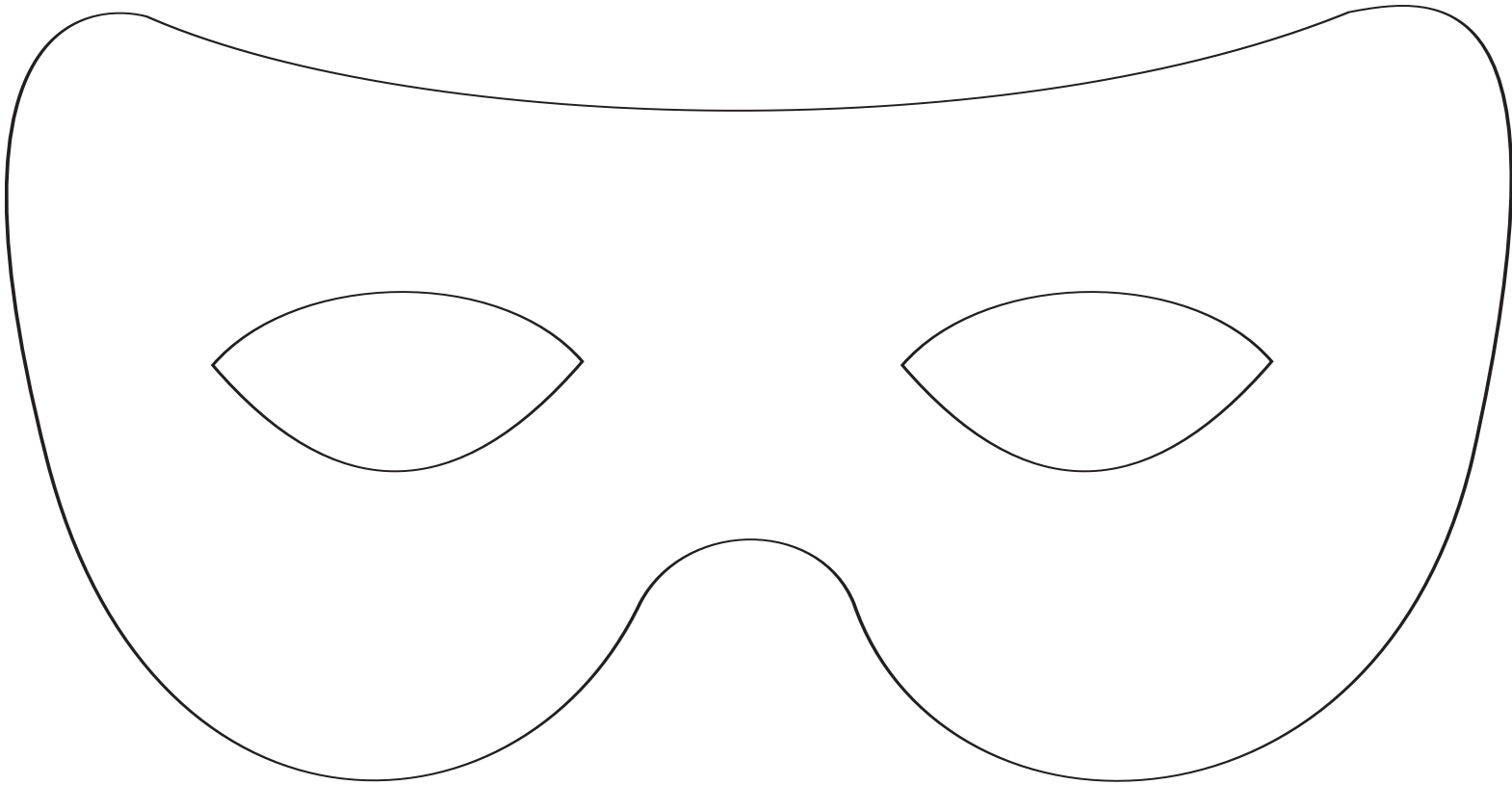
**K-4** Students use different media, techniques, and processes to communicate ideas, experiences, and stories

**5-8** Students intentionally take advantage of the qualities and characteristics of art media, techniques, and processes to enhance communication of their experiences and ideas

Content Standard #4 — Understanding the visual arts in relation to history and cultures

**K-4** Students identify specific works of art as belonging to particular cultures, times, and places

**5-8** Students describe and place a variety of art objects in historical and cultural contexts



**Demi- Mask Template, size 8" x 4.75"**  
(fits on 1/2 sheet of Scratch Art® Clear-Scratch™ film)