



New South Wales Branch
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Story and Sun Mask Craft

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How the Sun Was Made An Aboriginal Legend

Long, long ago in the dreamtime, before there were men on Earth, there was no Sun in the sky. A dim light came from the moon, but it was still very dark.

One day Dineewan the emu and brolga had a quarrel and became very angry with each other. Brolga ran to the emu's nest and he snatched one of Dineewan's huge eggs, and with a mighty throw flung the egg high into the sky. High, high up into the sky it went, so far that it could not fall down again. Finally it burst, and the yolk landed on a pile of firewood, setting fire to it. The blazing fire lit up the plains, and the animals were very happy to see the world clearly for the first time.

Up in the sky a kind spirit saw the light and decided that the fire should be lit every day, and so it has continued, from that time on. At first, the light is only faint, then in the middle of the day the fire burns hot and strong. At night the fire dies down and the good spirit collects the glowing coals to make a new fire the next day.

To Make mask

Photocopy the Sun mask onto light cardboard. Cut out the sun mask. Colour the sun mask
Punch two holes as indicated. Tie some shearing elastic or hat elastic.

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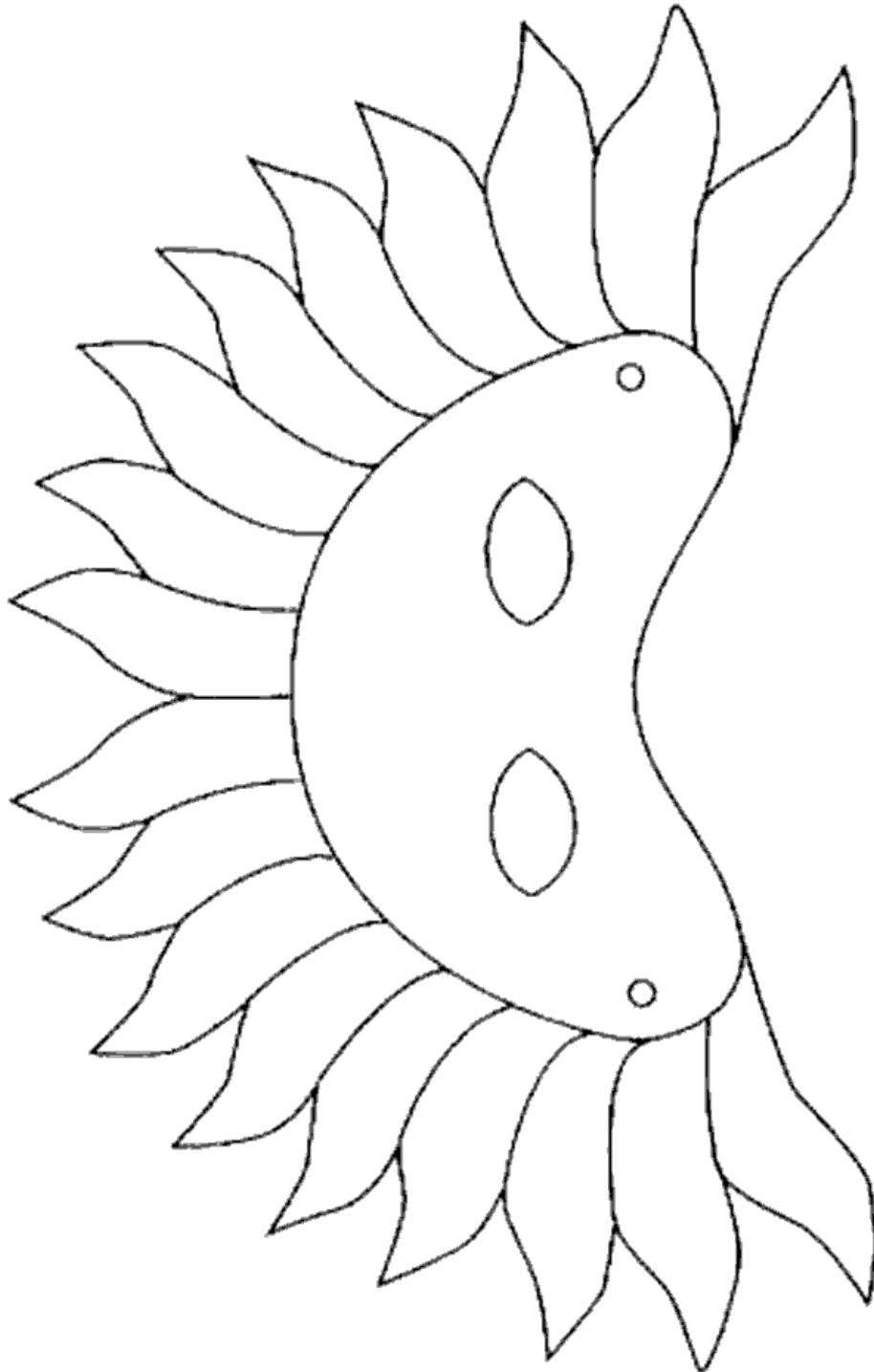
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