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BATMAN COWL

PATTERN & INSTRUCTIONS

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SKILL LEVEL ●●●

01

PRINTING & SIZING THE TEMPLATE

1. Open with Adobe Reader.
2. If design needs to be tiled, select Poster in the Print Option window. Not all templates are designed to be tiled if they can fit on a standard size paper.
3. Choose your paper size in Page Setup.
   Pattern fits head circumference of 22".
   Increase scale to 105% for larger heads.
   Decrease scale to 95% for smaller heads.
4. Print Page 3 of this document.

02

CREATING & FINISHING YOUR DESIGN

1. Print & cut paper template where indicated.
2. Trace template onto 1/4" foam making sure to mirror and cut a second where indicated with x2.
3. Cut traced template from foam referring to **Specialty Cut Guide** for varying cuts.
4. Shape the foam by heating and bending the pieces so that they form to the curve of your body.
5. Follow the **Foam Glue Guide** to adhere both edges and undercuts matching numbered edges to one another.
6. If seams are visible, apply gap filler, let dry and sand to hide joints.
7. Finish with sealer, primer and your paint of choice.

Go have fun!

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STRAIGHT CUT

UNDER CUT

INWARD BEVEL

TOP GLUE

THIS BUILD USES 1/4" HIGH DENSITY FOAM

Pronounced Brow Line. The brow from the Cowl Top (E) lines up with the angle from the Cowl Side (E) to create a unique line that flows from the eye up to the ear. Make sure to adhere the top of the eye to the rest of the Cowl Top before attempting to adhere it to the Cowl Side.

Sharp & Pointy Ears. Bevel these edges pretty sharply to create a slim profile ear. Even better, use a rotary or dremel tool to really get a sharp bevel. This is what makes this verion of the cowl stand out.

Joint Transitions. There are multiple areas of this build where the seams transition from joined at an edge to being top glued. Make sure to pay attention to how the edges line up and how they should be adhered.

You can extend or retract this area to fit snugly against your neck and under your chin. Use elastic, hook & loop (Velcro) or a set of magnets as a closure to create a tight fit.

Getting Definition. After the undercuts have been made and the cowl has been assembled, use a heat gun to create the definition in the temple area. The ridge that runs from the cheek to the top of the temple should create definition that helps this cowl stand out from other versions of Batman.

Faux Stitching. First perform a surface cut and apply heat to open the line. Then use a wood-burning tool with the small round tip to create shallow dots along the surface cut to give the illusion of stitching holes. Be sure you don't cut through the foam!

Taking Shape. The Cowl Collar helps create shape to the back of the head. Start with K and work your way out to the edges to encourage the foam to bend.

Need Some Give? According to your head and face shape, the cowl may fit perfectly on, but be difficult to put on and remove. Try adding a bit of elastic instead of joining the strap under the chin (L). This will give you an extra half inch or so to assist in getting the piece on and off.

Start Here. Bevel and adhere the brows first.

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