

Ugly Mugs: Gargoyles & Grotesques of Gloucestershire!

Make a Cardboard Dragon!

This activity makes really great dragons from everyday materials. Once you know how to do it, you can alter the shape of any of the components to make lots of different dragons, gargoyles or even other animals!

What You Need:

Cardboard tubes (old kitchen rolls are ideal)

2 A4 sheets of card (coloured or white)

Glue, staples or sticky tape

Paint

Paintbrushes, water, paint and water containers and a covered work area.

What You Do:

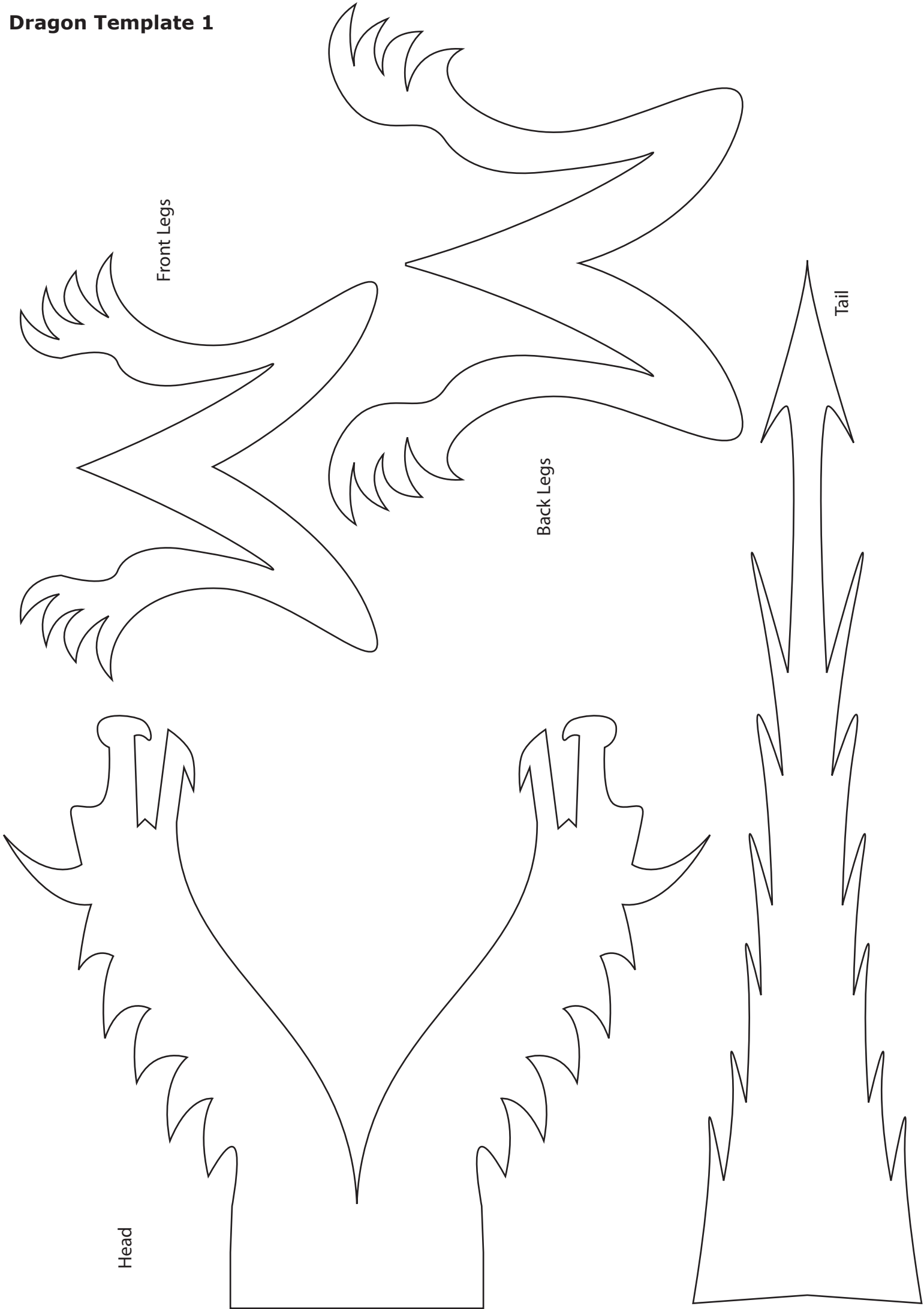
1. Cut a length of kitchen roll about 12-15cm long. This forms the dragon's body.
2. Print, trace, or copy by freehand, the Dragon Templates on pages 3 & 4 onto the 2 sheets of A4 card. (these can be made in advance by Library Staff)
3. Cut out the wings and stick them onto the tube body with the centre line on top of the roll.
4. Repeat this process for the following body parts:
 - a) Head – this is the most difficult part. The fold of the card needs to be on the bottom of the neck and you need to stick the sides of the head together.
 - b) Tail – make the same length as the body or longer. Add a pointed arrow-tail and spikes along the top if you want!
 - c) Hind legs – these are generally quite well built and muscular. Don't forget the claws on the toes!
 - d) Front legs – these are usually more slender.

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5. Once your dragon is assembled, you can paint it. Grey is good if you are making a gargoyle, but dragons can be any colour you like!
6. Once finished, place the finished dragon on a shelf or why not attach some thread and hang him (or her) from the ceiling for an 'in-flight' effect!



Dragon Template 1



Dragon Template 2

Wings

