

Create Your Own Chinese Opera Mask

Chinese opera is a traditional performing art form with staged with stylised actions and elaborate costumes. Chinese immigrants first brought the art form into Singapore sometime during the 19th century. There are various forms of Chinese opera in Singapore, such as Teochew opera, Cantonese opera and Hokkien opera. Design your very own opera mask, and take on a new character for the day!

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Learn more about the characteristics associated with the different mask colours
2. Select your favourite mask design below
3. Design your mask, punch holes on the mask's ears, string it up and wear your mask proudly!

DID YOU KNOW? Colours play a special role in communicating the characteristics of Chinese opera actors.

- **Red** represents loyalty and heroism
- Black represents impartiality and integrity
- **Blue** represents fierceness and astuteness
- **Green** represents violence and impulsiveness
- **Yellow** represents cruelty and slyness
- **White** represents evil
- **Gold** and **silver** represents mystery or supernatural forces

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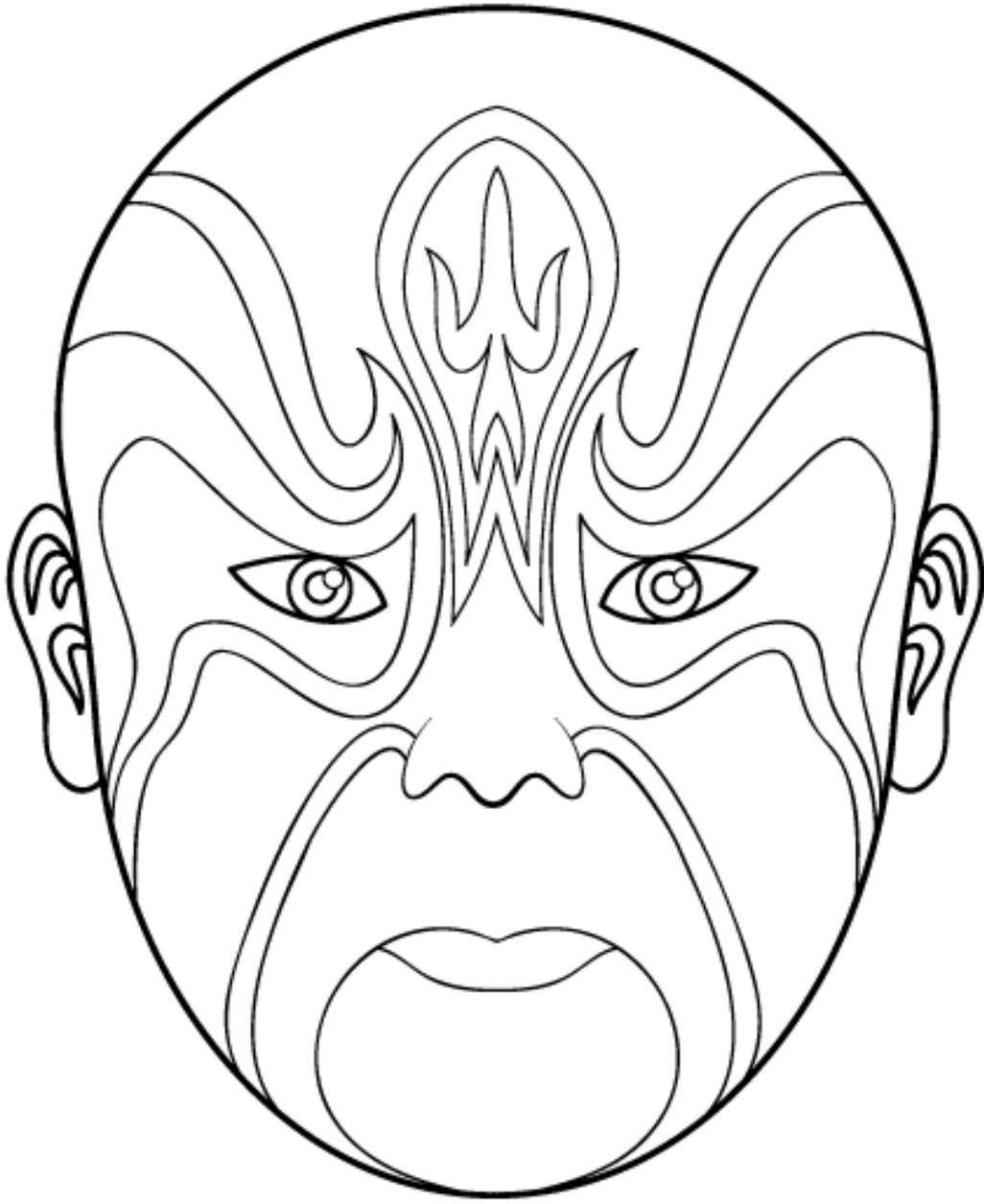
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