

Create Your Own Lion Dance Mask

Lion dance performances are a common sight in Singapore during Chinese festivals such as Chinese New Year, as they are believed to bring good luck. There are two main types of lion dances – the northern lion dance and the southern lion dance. Learn more about the Northern and Southern Lion dance styles and design your very own lion dance face mask!

INSTRUCTIONS

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

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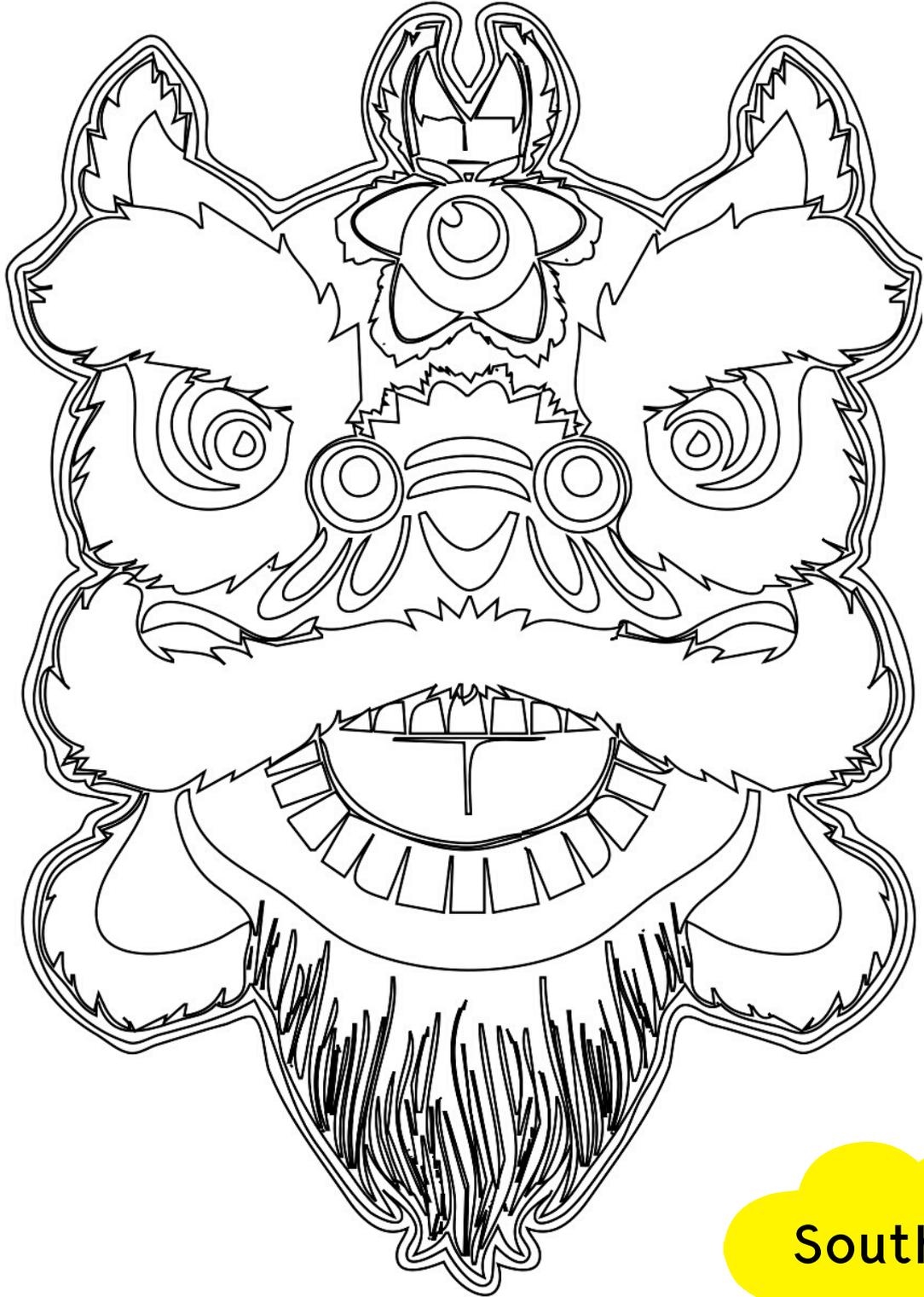
The **Northern lion** tends to sport red or golden fur, and a performance usually has two lions, led by a character known as Shao Xia. The dance performance by a northern lion is usually fun and playful. In contrast, the **Southern lion** involves only one lion. It is also known as 'Xing Shi'. The word 'Xing' means “awakened” and is deemed auspicious. The southern lion is known to be more acrobatic and powerful, with movements inspired by Chinese martial arts.

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