

Make Your Own

# Samurai Warrior Costume!



*Easy make. Some help with stapling and cutting from a grownup required.*

*Suitable for ages 5 and up.*

*If you have a scrapstore in your area, go and check them out, they are a great resource for all kinds of wonderful recycled materials.*

*Just to let you know, there were women samurai warriors too. Go girls!*



## **Materials**

2 large pieces of cardboard - enough to cover your chest and back

2 small pieces of cardboard, approx 30x12cm

Fabric, coloured paper and card, silver foil, paint, felt tips and crayons to decorate your costume.

Buttons, shiny, colourful bits and bobs

## Tools

PVA glue or pritt stick

Scissors

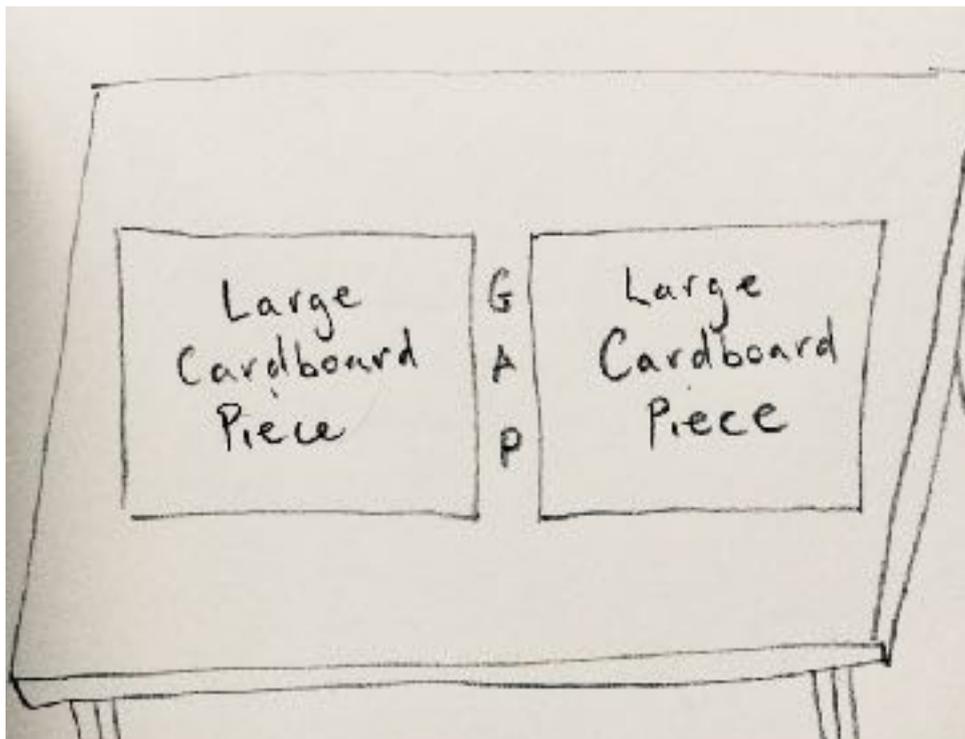
Stapler and staples or sticky tape

Glue gun, if you have one.

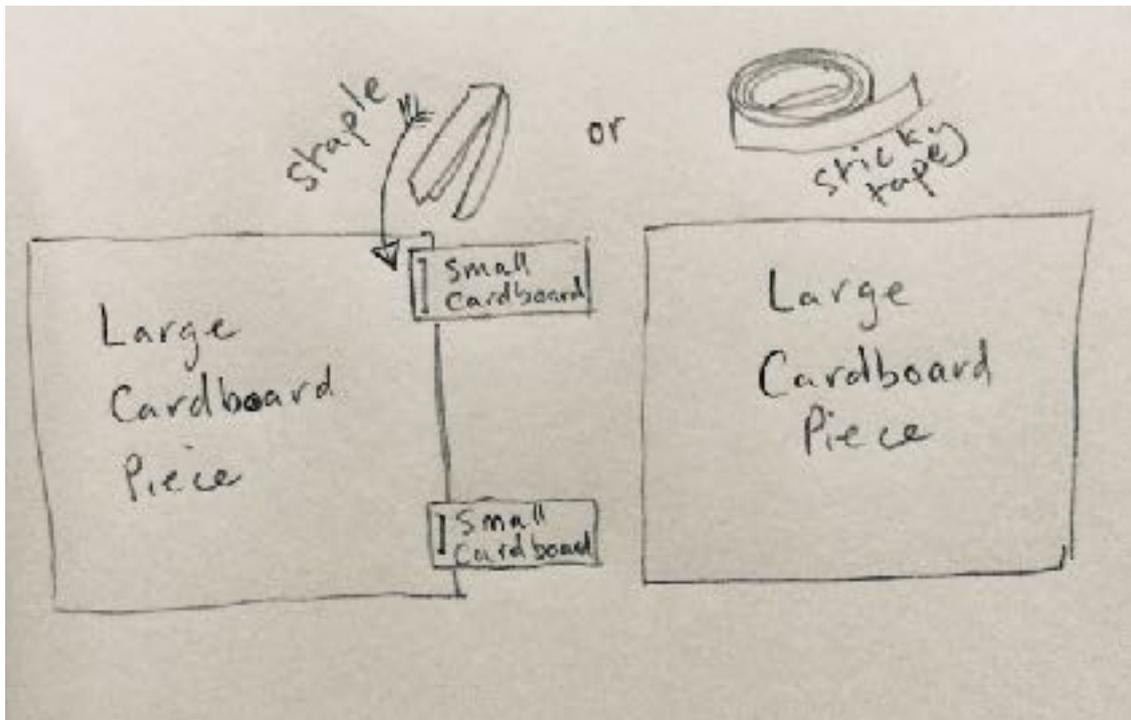
*\*Make sure a grownup helps you with the scissors, glue gun and stapler\**

## Method

**1.** Lay out your two large pieces of cardboard on a table, and place them end to end with a gap in the middle. They will make the front and back of your costume



**2.** Get your two small pieces of cardboard and attach them **shoulder-width apart** to the short edge of Large Cardboard Piece 1, either with staples or sticky tape. These will be your shoulder straps.



**3. Now get someone to help you for this bit:**

Hold Large Cardboard Piece 1 against your chest and ask your helper to hold Large Cardboard Piece 2 against your back and staple/sticky tape it to the ends of the small pieces of card, to make your basic costume.



**\*MAKE SURE YOU CAN GET YOUR HEAD IN AND OUT OF YOUR COSTUME!\***

**4. Now for the fun bit - decorate your costume!**

If you are using paint, do that first, and give it time to dry.

Cut out paper, fabric, silver foil, etc and glue on, adding buttons and any other shiny or colourful bits and bobs you have to hand.

You can draw on other patterns and details with crayons and felt tips

And if you want to make a helmet like some of the guys at the workshop, get some thin card or paper, measure it so it will fit round your head, cut a hole in the front for your face, decorate, then tape the edges together at the back.



This was a really fun workshop that I ran a couple of years ago, so here are some photos of that to inspire you...

My prototype costume - I added a "skirt" and shoulder extensions, you can try this if you like, but you don't have to :)

Photos from the workshop



*And you can adapt this basic shape to make a robot, knight, astronaut or gladiator costume - or whatever else you can think of!*