Spongy moth masks (male and female)

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Make your moth mask:
Print mask on cardstock or other thick paper. Paint with black eyes, dark brown antennae, gray or brown ‘nose’ and mouthparts, and medium brown or tan for the face. Glue a few brown feathers to the antennae. Cut out eye and string holes. Add string!

This is a male spongy moth. See next page for the female mask.
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The spongy moth is a non-native invasive tree killing pest whose caterpillars badly damage and sometimes kill oak, apple, willow, and other deciduous trees. You can slow the spread of this pest by buying local firewood, or certified heat treated firewood before you go. Spongy moths also can attach their spongy-looking egg cases to outdoor objects like lawn furniture, so scrub these very thoroughly if you need to move them.

Make your moth mask:
Print mask on cardstock. Paint with black eyes, black or brown antennae, gray or brown fuzzy mouthparts, and pale orange or tan lines on a white background for the face. Glue a few white or pale yellow feathers to the face, if desired. Cut out eye and string holes. Add string and wear proudly!

This is a female spongy moth. See first page for male mask.

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