

# MAKE YOUR OWN SAMURAI HELMET AND MASK

## MATERIALS FOR THIS PROJECT:

- Scissors
- Glue or tape
- Crayons or markers
- Holepuncher
- String or yarn
- Print-out of samurai helmet template on 8.5" x 11" cardstock or printer paper

## TO MAKE YOUR HELMET AND MASK:

- Decorate the different parts of your helmet and mask! Samurai armor comes in all different colors with symbols that were special to the wearer. Look at these examples for some inspiration!



- Cut out the parts of your helmet and mask.
- Put your helmet and mask together! Samurai armorers could work up to one year to assemble a full suit of armor. Luckily, your helmet and mask will not take as long. Follow the directions on the next page to assemble your helmet and mask.

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## TO ASSEMBLE YOUR HELMET AND MASK:

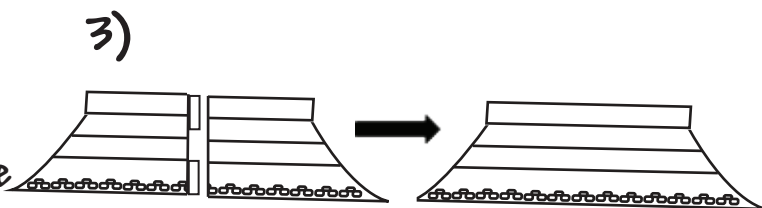
1) Attach your helmet straps to either side of your HACHI (helmet bowl).



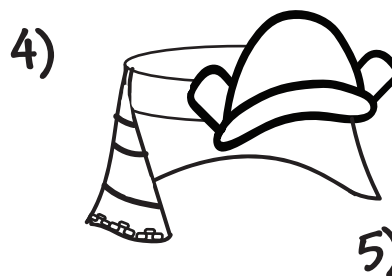
2) Attach MAEDATE and KUWAGATA to helmet bowl if you want additional decorations.



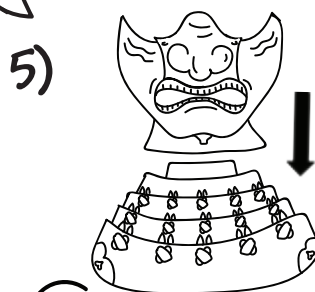
3) Using the tabs put together either side of your SHIKORO (neck guard).



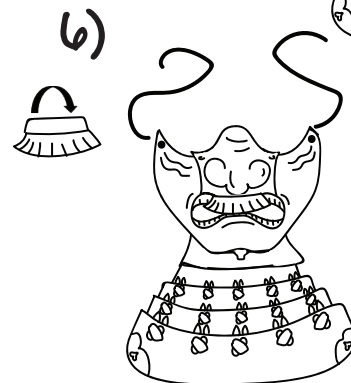
4) Fit your samurai helmet to your head and attach your SHIKORO to the straps.



5) Using the tab on the top of your YODAREKAKE (throat guard) attach your MENPO (half mask).



6) Add the mustache of your choice by folding the tab down and sticking it to the upper lip of your MENPO. Punch holes in the top of your mask on either side and add string to tie behind your ears.



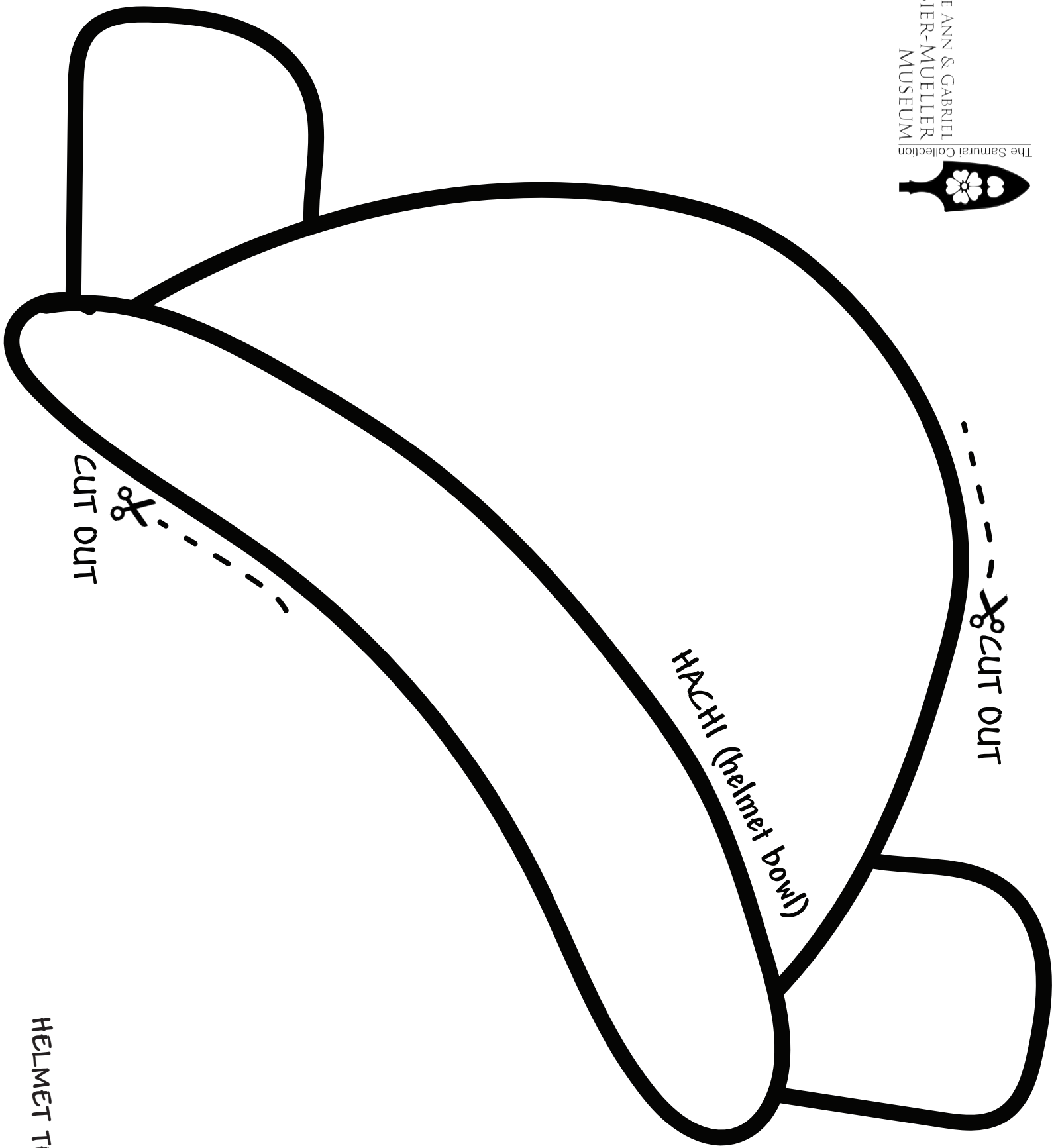


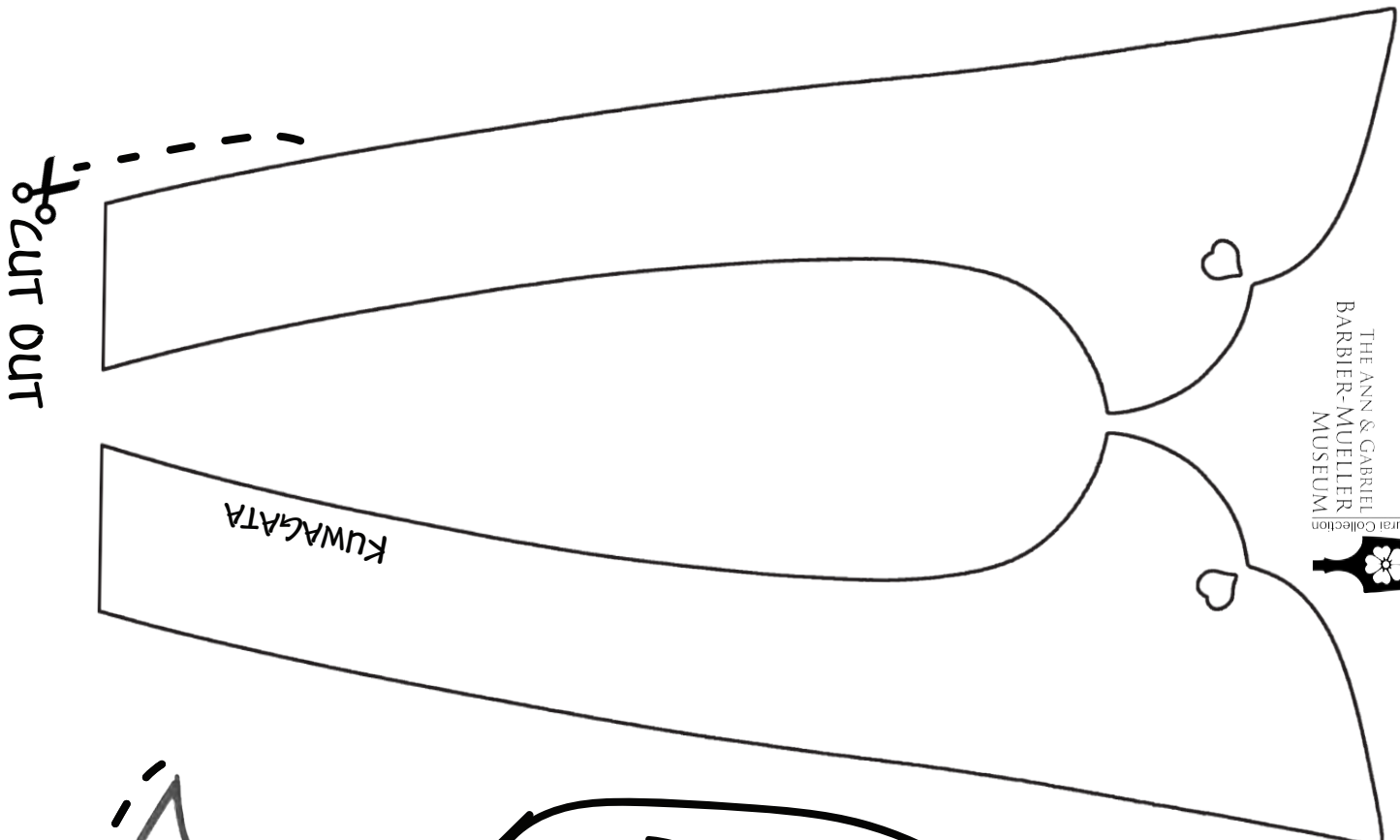
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HACHI (helmet bowl)

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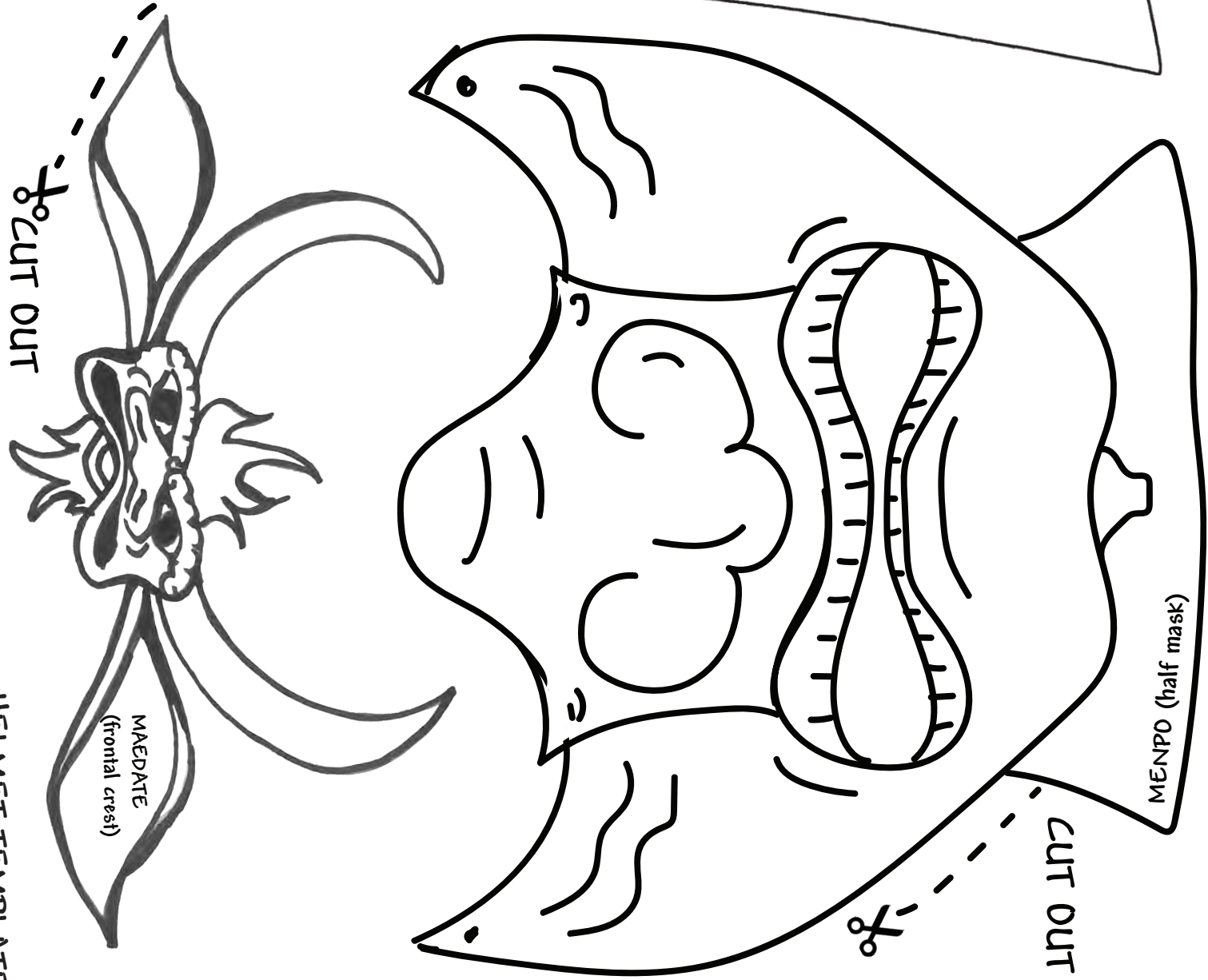
HELMET TEMPLATE





KUWAGATA

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MENPO (half mask)

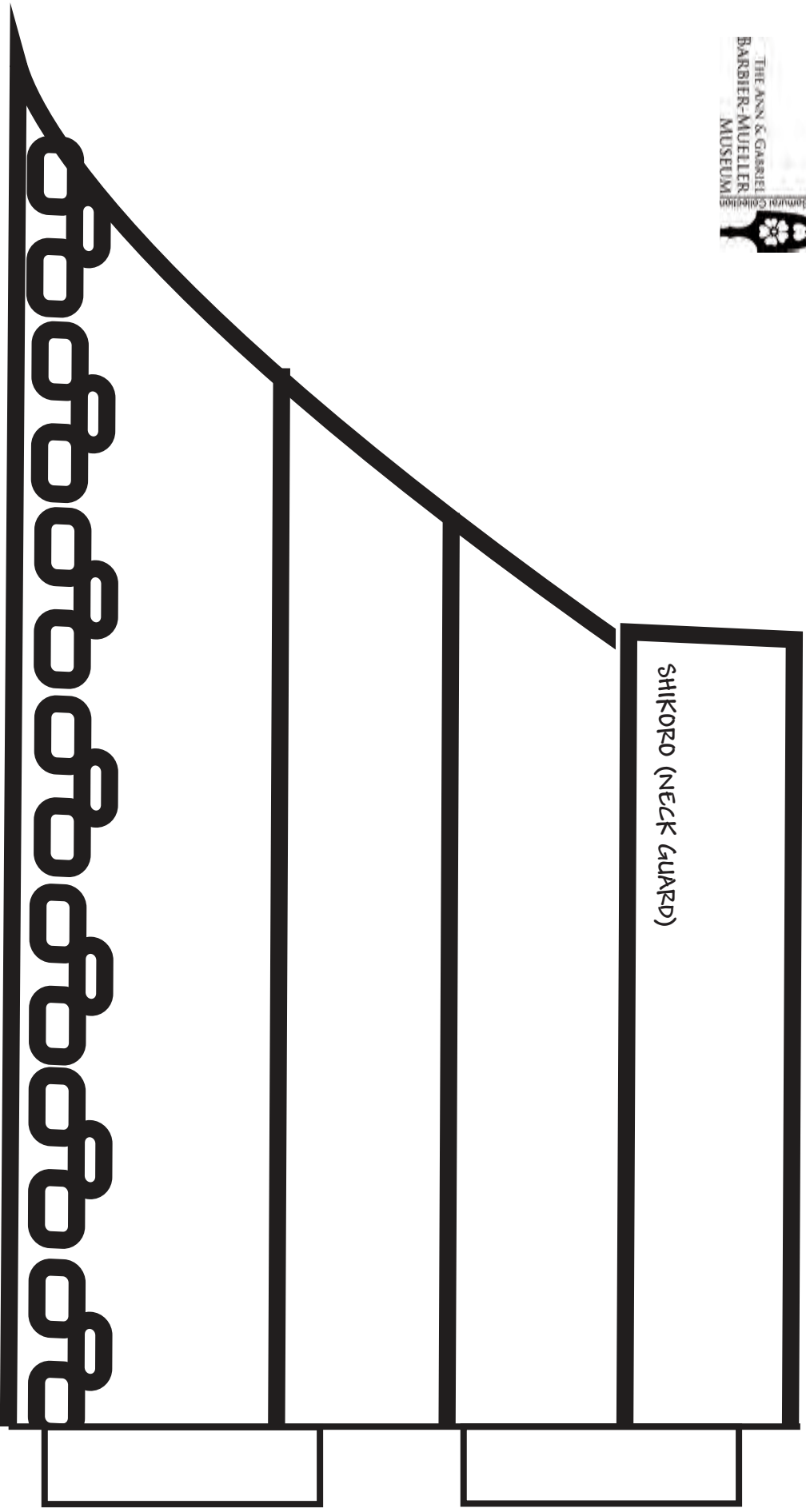
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MAEDATE  
(frontal crest)

HELMET TEMPLATE

SHIKORO (NECK GUARD)



HELMET SIDE

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