

# Kororā/little blue penguin

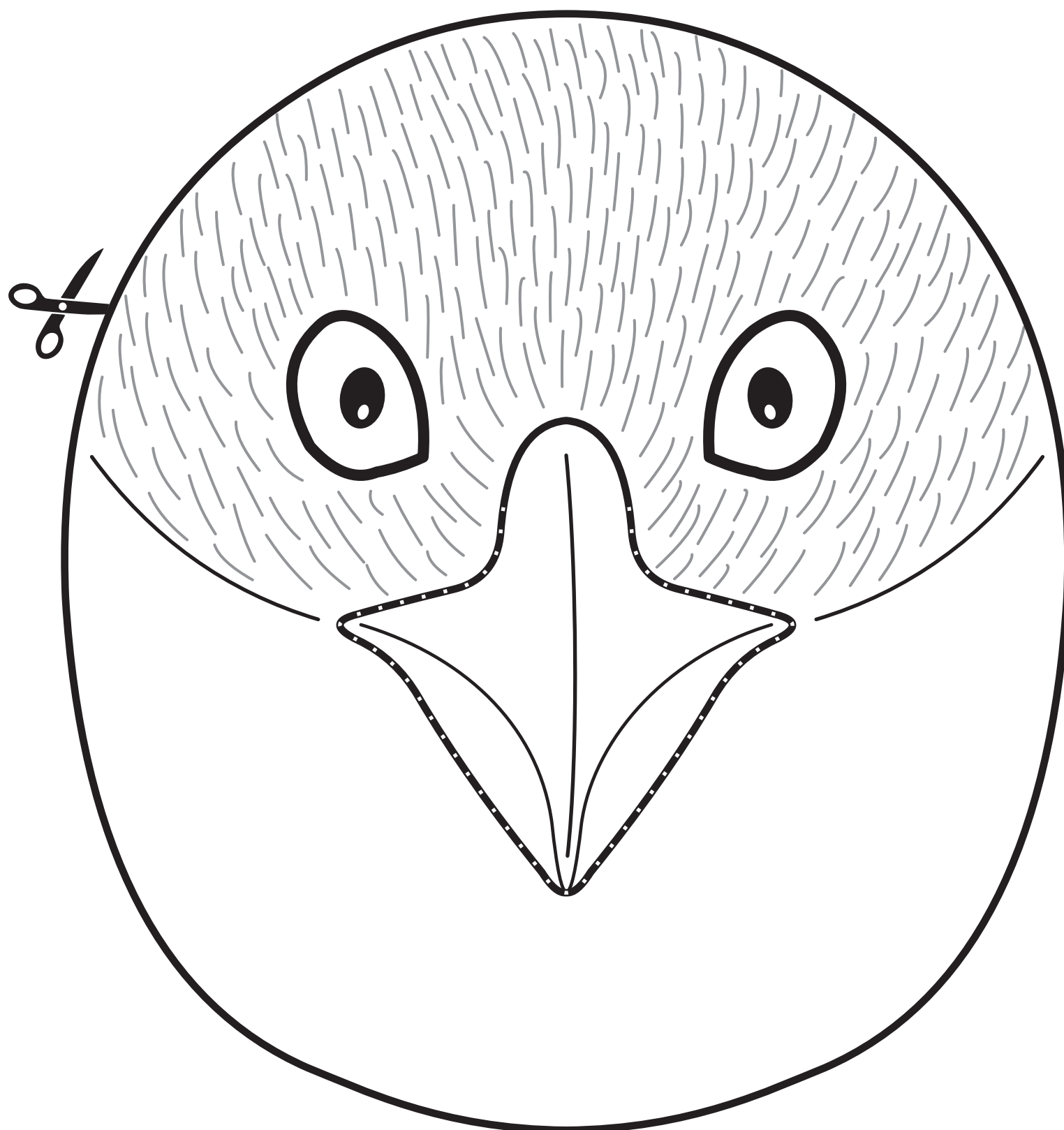
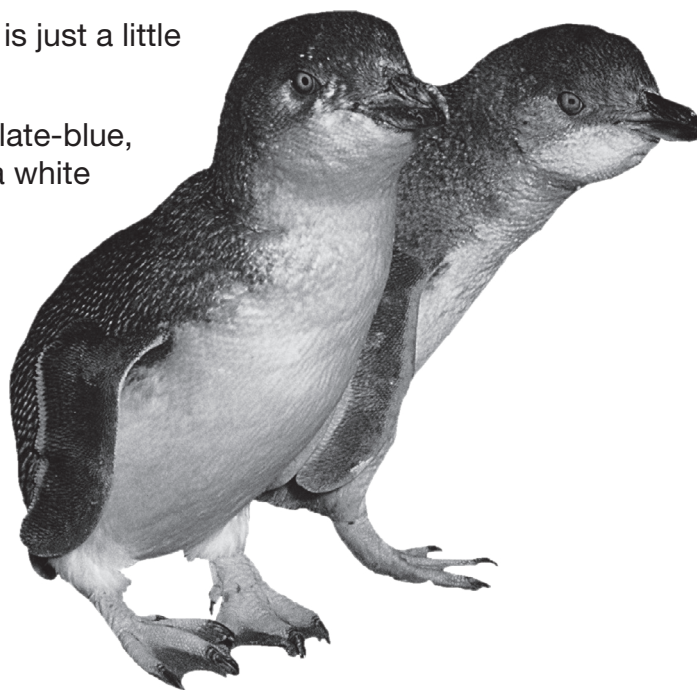
The kororā is the world's smallest penguin! It stands just over 25 cm high, which is just a little shorter than your school ruler!

Its other names are little penguin or little blue penguin because its feathers are slate-blue, and it has a bright white belly. Canterbury has a special type of kororā that has a white stripe at the front of the flipper.

Like all penguins, they cannot fly, but their paddle-like flippers are excellent for 'flying' through the water. They spend all day at sea hunting small fish, crustaceans and squid, then come to shore at night to their underground burrow houses.

You can help penguins by keeping your dog on a leash at the beach or by asking your parents to drive carefully along any coast road, especially at dusk and dawn.

To support the Blue Penguin Trust, visit [www.bluepenguin.org.nz](http://www.bluepenguin.org.nz).



## To make the mask

Colour in the bird.

Cut out the head and headband along the outlines.

Cut out two eyes.

Cut out the beak along the dotted line (leave top attached).

Push out the beak and pinch-fold its tip.

Staple or sellotape the head strap to fit.

cut out a headband



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