

# PROCESSION OF CONFESSIONS: Confessor Costume Instructions

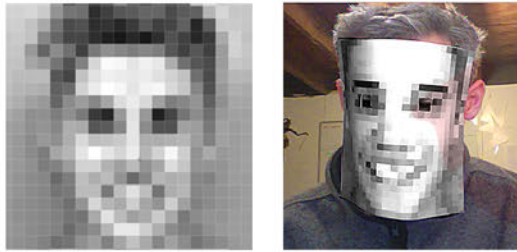
**The Red Cap** – encompasses the traditional Fool's (or Dunce) cap, the ceremonial capirote of Catholic Penitent Orders, and the red Phrygian cap, an ancient symbol for liberty used during the Revolutionary War and incorporated into many state flags and federal seals (including the Senate, US Army, and State of New York).

Make your cap! See [next page](#) for step-by-step instructions.....



**The Lo-rez Self-portrait Mask** – show yourself as the State sees you, reduced to a few points of data, a pixellated version of yourself, yet not yourself.

Make your digital mask! See [page 3](#) for step-by-step instructions.....

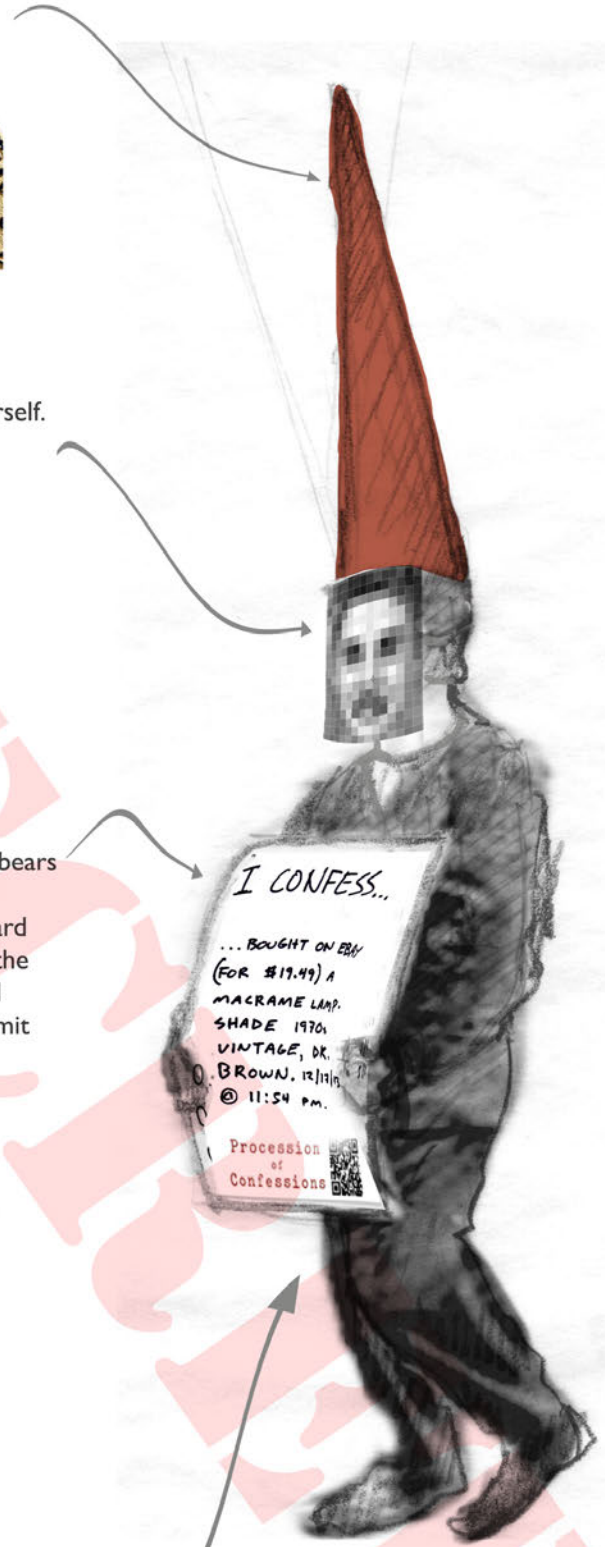


**The Signboard Confession and QR Code** – A simple posterboard sign bears you data confession. We define confession as any kind of data, meta-data and banal information that might be the target of digital surveillance. Your signboard confession is your opportunity to offer freely the data and meta-data which the surveillance state takes without permission or disclosure. Each signboard will have a QR code so perplexed observers can "scan" you, learn more, and submit their own photos of the Procession of Confessions.

Make your signboard, see [page 4](#) for step-by-step instructions. . .



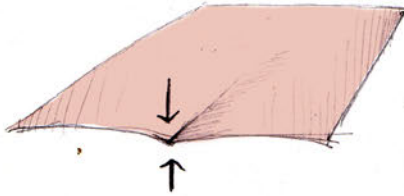
**Clothes** – Somber, even formal, black clothes and black gloves – as befit a humble penitent



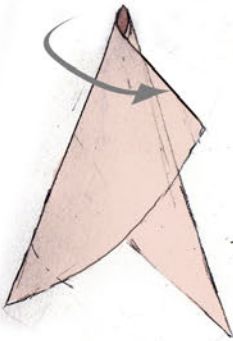
## PROCESSION OF CONFESSIONS: The Red Cap

**The Red Cap** is a simple cone of posterboard secured with two straps. To make your Red Confessor's Cap, you will need:

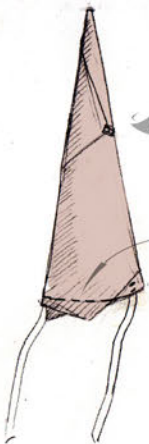
- Transparent tape
- Scissors
- Stapler
- Red poster board - 1 sheet 22" x 28" (55cm x 71cm)
- Ribbon, strip of fabric, string or shoelace - 2 lengths about 18" (45cm)



1. **CREASE** the posterboard slightly at the halfway point on **one** of the long edges.



2. **CURL** in the poster board to create a cone, using the crease as the top point. Tighten so that it fits snugly on your head.



3. **TAPE** the outer corner of the poster board firmly in place - it will be a little more than half way up the cone. You can add tape on the bottom and top for added security.

4. **TRIM** the bottom of the cone with the scissors. Your cone hat should be able to stand upright on a flat surface.

5. **STAPLE** the two ties on the side of the hat and tie beneath your chin so the hat fits snug and tight on your head. Be sure that the staples are secure. You can tie a knot in the top part of the string if you think it will slip out of the staples.



# PROCESSION OF CONFESSIONS: LoRez Self-Portrait Mask

**The Lo-rez Self-portrait Mask** is simply a pixellated B&W photo attached to your real face. This mask is easy to make, using a free online app called Pixlr to do the pixellating (Photoshop's mosaic filter, or other imaging apps, can do this as well). Though there are a lot of steps, each one is quick and easy, so don't be daunted by the digital stuff.

You will need:

- Poster board or card stock - 1 sheet 8-1/2" x 11" (22cm x 28cm)
- Scissors
- Stapler
- 2 small rubber bands - approximately 2" diameter (5cm)
- Glue stick
- Printer
- Computer with internet access
- Camera or smart-phone

1. **SNAP** a picture of yourself, preferably with a camera or smartphone. The picture should be head-on, like a mug-shot. Import the image to your computer.

2. **GO** to [www.pixlr.com](http://www.pixlr.com). Click the **Pixlr Editor** icon on the left.

3. **OPEN** image in Pixlr. When prompted choose "open image from computer" Select your image and open.

4. **CROP**. Click on the CROP icon at top left of the tool kit. Adjust the crop lines to just reveal your face and a little bit of forehead (not your full head, and as little background as possible). Click on the CROP icon again, to set changes.

5. **DECOLORIZE**. From the black menu above choose **ADJUSTMENT**, and then **DESATURATE** from the drop-down menu.

6. **RE-SIZE**. Next, change the size of the image to insure it is roughly the size of your face. From top menu, select **IMAGE**, then **IMAGE SIZE** underneath. Change the width of your image to 600 pixels.

7. **PIXELLATE!** Form the top menu choose **FILTER** ==> **PIXELLATE**. Set slider to max pixel size of 25.

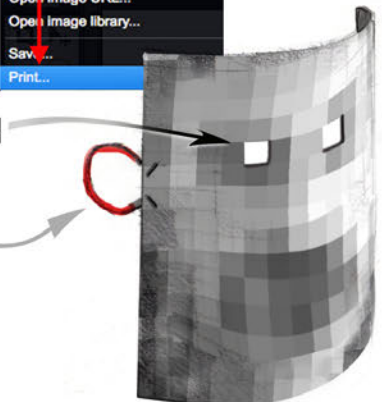
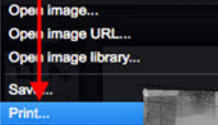
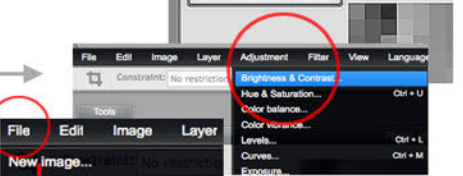
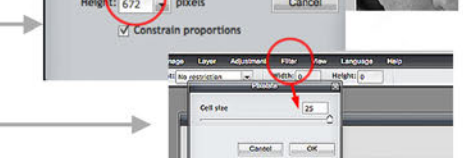
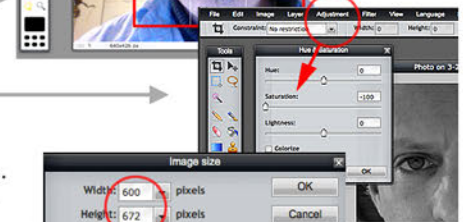
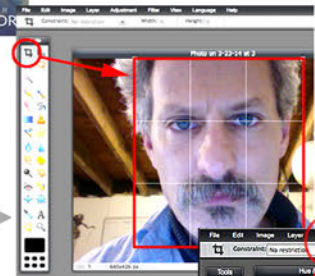
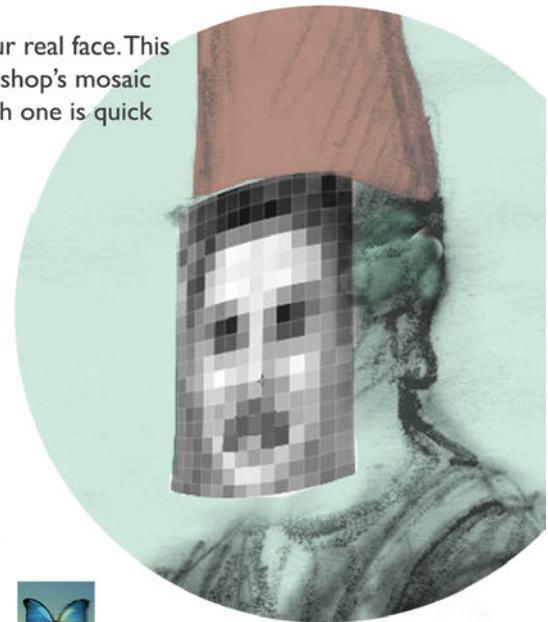
8. **BRIGHTEN** & boost contrast for your image. **ADJUSTMENT**====>**BRIGHTNESS** and **CONTRAST** (try boosting both, but add more contrast than brightness).

9. **PRINT**. From the **FILE** menu in Pixlr (not your browser), select **PRINT**...If your printer allows pure black-and-white printing choose that option.

10. **GLUE** onto card stock or poster board. Trim the sides so that your face fills the mask and is perfectly centered on the board.

11. **CUT** the eye holes. Pierce the card with scissors at the center of where you want the hole, then cut out four pixels. Make sure to align eye-holes to your own eyes.

12. **ATTACH** the rubber bands at the ears, with two staples per side. The rubber bands will loop around your ears.



## PROCESSION OF CONFESSIONS: The Signboard Confession

**The signboard** is simply a large piece of sturdy posterboard or other material, with your confession on it. The printable label "Procession of Confessions" and the QR code offer perplexed passersby a way to learn more about the performance.

You will need:

- White foam core, white sided cardboard, or white poster-board 18" x 24" (45 x 60cm)
- Printer and white paper
- Glue stick (or spray-mount, if you prefer)
- Thick black marker, paint, or any marking tool of your choice
- Stapler or tape (optional)

1. **PRINT** the Procession of Confessions title and QR code (next page). Cut out title and QR where indicated and glue to bottom of signboard.

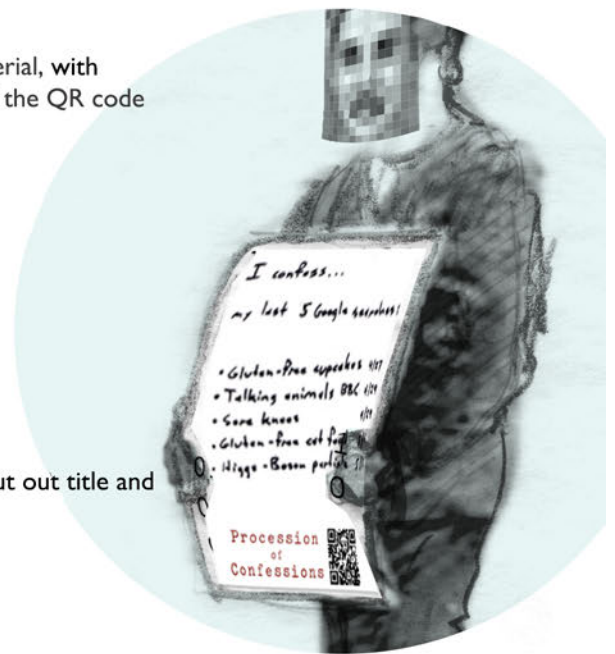
2. **WRITE** out your confession (or paint it, or print it out in large font).

3. **WEAR** somber black clothes and black gloves under your signboard

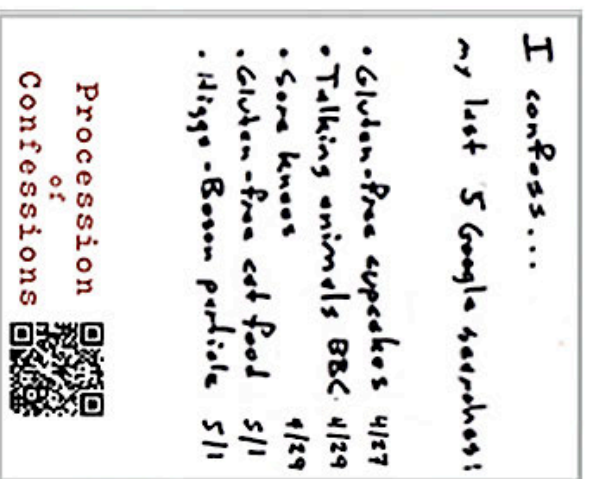
(Optional: if using floppy poster board, you can reinforce the edges by folding them over a 1/2", and then folding / overlapping the corners.)

SOME POSSIBLE DATA CONFESSIONS: Be specific, Be honest. Be trivial.

- recent Google searches
- your current location and last location
- purchase history at pets.com (or Amazon or ebay or .....
- any email or text in its entirety
- most recent Youtube or Netflix views
- last 5 numbers dialed
- list of current medical prescriptions
- any minutiae of your life with a digital presence. Include specifics (date, time, location, duration, etc.)



Cut along dotted lines and attach to bottom of confession, as pictured:



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