

## **Masks For All**

**Project Description:** The goal of *Masks for All* is to provide CDC compliant face masks to members of the public, to help protect them from and stop the spread of the Coronavirus. The masks involved are not medical-grade masks, to be used in hospitals or by emergency workers; they are masks intended for everyday people, who must break quarantine to run household errands, commute to work, and so on.

**Who do we need to help?** We're looking for church people who know how to sew—preferably those who have their own sewing machine. We're asking sewing people to make homemade face masks.

**How do I make these masks?** Below you will find a great pattern for making face masks. We should note that there are several DIY face masks designs on the Internet. Which one you eventually choose is up to you, but if you do not use the pattern we provide, we strongly recommend that you choose a pattern that gives the most protection possible.

**How do I get the material? And how do I get reimbursed?** It's up to you to procure the materials you need for these masks. They can be any color and any pattern. In fact, we think bright colors and fun patterns could really brighten people's hearts! Materials can be ordered from the Internet and delivered directly to you. If you can venture out in public, you should still be able find material in your favorite local fabric store. If you need help covering the costs of making masks, just send copies of your receipts to Castleton Hill Moravian Church ([Office@castletonhill.org](mailto:Office@castletonhill.org)). We have funds to help pay for any materials you purchase.

**Where do I send the finished masks?** What you do with your masks is entirely up to you! If you would like to help us out, here in New York City, we can use as many masks as people can send us. However, we will be just as happy if you want to distribute them in your community! Ask your pastor if people in your congregation need face masks. Or look into any nursing homes that might use them. Or maybe there are other places to hand them out—use your imagination. The idea is that, the more people who can protect themselves, the healthier we all will be!

**Don't Forget to Pray!** Our communities and churches all need prayer, right now. We'll be praying for you, as you help us serve the people of God. Please pray for us, too!

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## Mask making instructions:

Please note that, in response to the COVID-19 virus, there are currently many mask patterns available on the Internet. We chose this particular pattern, because it is easy to sew, makes economic use of materials, and produces a mask that is comfortable to wear.

## Here are some helpful guidelines:

- All the information, below, comes from <https://deaconess.com/How-to-make-a-Face-Mask>. From this site, you can download additional mask patterns, like the ones we have, below. This site also has a helpful instructional video, showing how to make these masks.
- Use tightly woven fabric (100% cotton) on both sides.
- Make sure that the two sides of the mask are DIFFERENT PATTERNS. This will allow the user to distinguish between the “face” side of the mask and the “outside” of the mask, and prevent contamination. If possible, try to use one patterned piece of fabric and one solid colored fabric.

## How to make a face mask with elastic ties:

### What you will need:

- Cotton fabric, a pretty print is best.
- Rope Elastic, beading cord elastic will work (you may also use 1/8” flat elastic)
- Cut the elastic 7” long and tie a knot at each end (DO NOT knot the ends of the flat)

You can make two sizes: Adult or Child

1. Put right sides of cotton fabric together. Cut 9x6 (Adult) or 7.5 x 5 (Child)
2. Starting at the center of the bottom edge, sew to the first corner, stop. Sew the elastic with the edge out into the corner. A few stitches forward and back will hold this.
3. Sew to the next corner, stop, and bring the other end of the same elastic to the corner and sew a few stitches forward and back.
4. Now sew across that top of the mask to the next corner. Again put an elastic with the edge out.
5. Sew to the next corner and sew in the other end of the same elastic.
6. Sew across the bottom leaving about 1.5” to 2” open. Stop, cut the thread. Turn inside out.
7. Pin 3 tucks on each side of the mask. Make sure the tucks are the same direction
8. Sew around the edge of the mask twice.

It is so easy to make this. Be sure any fabric design is placed horizontally.

## How to make a face mask with cloth ties:

### What you will need:

- One (1) 8x14 inch piece of cotton fabric
- Two (2) 1.5 x34 inch strips
- Thread & sewing machine

### Preparing the mask:

1. On 8/14 inch piece, right sides together, sew  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch seam, creating tube.
2. Turn right sides out, press seam and fabric.
3. Make 3 pleats, approx. 1 inch each in size, using steam or pins to hold. Mask will be approx. 3-3.5inches in width.
4. Sew  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch seam on each side of mask, securing pleats.
5. Trim seam allowance.



### Preparing the ties:

6. Fold in half and press ( $\frac{3}{4}$  inch). Open tie back up.
7. Fold each edge in to meet middle ( $\frac{3}{8}$  inch/ $0.375$  inch) and press.
8. Fold in half again, securing raw edges inside and press. Each tie will be approx.  $\frac{3}{8}$ inch in width.

### Assembly:

9. Align center of tie with side of mask, open tie so edge of mask fits snugly inside. Pin.
10. Sew tie to mask, seam will be very short, get as close as able while still catching all fabric. You are just attaching the mask to the tie at this point, not sewing the whole tie yet.
11. Repeat for other tie and other side of mask.
12. Sew down edges of tie, securing raw edges inside. Seam is very short. You will stitch over where mask is already attached. This is good because it helps reinforce.
13. Repeat for other tie and other side of mask.
14. Clip any stray fabric and enjoy!