

#### Instructions for Homemade Face Mask (with elastic) Materials needed

- Tight-weave cotton fabric (i.e. quilting cotton)
  - Fabric must be newly purchased within approximately the past year and never used.
  - $\circ$   $\;$  Wash and dry fabric without fragrance or dyes prior to sewing.
- Rope Elastic, beading cord elastic will work (you may also use 1/8" flat elastic if ¼" is unavailable. Some have used wider flat elastic and cut it in half with some success).

One adult mask requires two (2) 9"x6" pieces tight-weave cotton and two 7" pieces of 1/4 inch elastic. Therefore, one yard of 44" wide fabric yields 12-15 masks. You need 7.5 yards of elastic for 25 masks (14 inches per mask).

# You can make two sizes: Adult or Child. <u>Adult-sized masks will be the greatest need</u>. Instructions

- 1. Put right sides of cotton fabric together (Be sure any fabric design is placed horizontally.)
  - a. 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.

## Instructions for Homemade Face Mask (no elastic needed)

### Materials needed

- Tight-weave cotton fabric (i.e. quilting cotton)
  - $\circ$   $\;$  Fabric must be newly purchased within approximately the past year and never used.
  - Wash and dry fabric without fragrance or dyes prior to sewing.
- Options for Ties
  - Bias Tape (either ½ or 7/8 as available)

#### OR

• Make ties from strips of fabric indicated above (cut strips 2 " wide by 16" long)

One adult mask requires two (2) 9"x6" pieces tight-weave cotton and four (4) 16" pieces of bias tape or fabric ties (64" total per mask). Therefore, one yard of 44" wide fabric yields 12-15 masks. You need 21 1/3 yards of bias tape for 12 masks.

# You can make two sizes: Adult or Child. <u>Adult-sized masks will be the greatest need</u>. Instructions

- 1. Place right sides of cotton fabric together (Be sure any fabric design is placed horizontally.)
  - a. Cut 9x6 (Adult) or 7.5 x 5 (Child)
- 2. Starting at the center of the bottom edge, sew around the edges of the fabric leaving about 1.5" to 2" open.
- 3. Stop, cut the thread. Turn inside out.
- 4. Pin three (3)  $\frac{1}{2}$ " tucks on each side of the mask. Make sure the tucks are the same direction.
- 5. Make ties using Bias Tape or Fabric.
  - a. Bias tape: stitch closed.
  - b. Fabric: Fold in half, turn under 1/4 " on each long side, iron in place. Stitch long edges closed.
- 6. Pin one (1) tie at each corner.
- 7. Sew around the edge of the mask twice, catching the bias tape as you go.

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