

FABRICATING NON-MEDICAL MASKS: Q&As



Q: What kind of fabric should I use?

A: Tightly woven 100% cotton is to be used. This can include quilting cotton, tea towel material, or re-purposed fabric from cotton clothing or bedding, and the fabric MUST be washed in hot water and dried on hot to pre-shrink the fabric.

Q: What materials will I need?

A: You will need a sewing machine, sturdy thread (any colour), scissors, ruler/measuring tape, sewing needle, and enough cotton fabric to complete the number of masks in your kit (note: fabric doesn't need to be the same pattern).

Q: What materials will be supplied?

A: Elastic, stainless steel pieces for nose piece (no exceptions -- stainless steel is the only metal to be used to prevent rusting), pattern, and instructions.

Q: What do I use to make the mask loops?

A: Please use 1/8" (3mm) or 1/4" (6mm) flat elastic. You may use the elastic provided, or your own supply if you have any.

Q: Do colours matter?

A: Masks can be made in any colour or colour combinations -- thread colour doesn't have to match the mask colour(s).

Q: Do I have to follow the pattern, or can I add or change things?

A: The pattern must be followed exactly.