

Face Mask Sewing Pattern Tip Sheet

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SITM members are using the pattern from www.craftpassion.com. The website has detailed instructions and a video tutorial for making their mask. However, since elastic of any kind is hard to find right now, we make four fabric ties for each mask. See a short video on how to make those quickly.

Pattern tips:

- Fabric selection: 100% cotton at this point. Be sure and test to see if you can breathe through the two fabric layers you want to use to make a mask. Some fabrics are just too heavy!
- A local nurse asked one of our sewers to make one side of the mask a light color so they could see if it was soiled. We're making one side out of patterned fabric and one side a solid, light colored fabric.
- Use the pattern instructions on pages 1-9. Print the actual pattern on page 19. There are four pattern sizes. We've been making the men's size because it fits over the N95 masks.
- Read the directions and add a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance around all sides of the pattern except for the "ear side". Add a 1" seam allowance on the ear side. These instructions are for adding elastic but they also work for ties. Just turn under the ear side edges and insert two ties on each side before sewing the seam shut.
- Consider making a template (with the correct seam allowances) out of cardboard or tag board so you can quickly trace the pattern piece.
- No need to cut out rectangles of fabric first, as indicated by the pattern, if you're making many masks. Just trace around your template onto yardage. Fold your fabric right sides together before you trace. Easier to pin and sew.
- We make the ties 2" wide by 18" long; 15" long for kids masks. Watch the DIY tie video to make them quickly.