Face Covering Information & Instructions

The CDC now advises the use of simple cloth face coverings to slow the spread of the virus and help people who may have the virus and do not know it from transmitting it to others. Cloth face coverings fashioned from household items or made at home from common materials at low cost can be used as an additional, voluntary public health measure.

How to Wear Properly Wear a Cloth Face Covering

Cloth face coverings should:

- fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face
- be secured with ties or ear loops
- include multiple layers of fabric
- allow for breathing without restriction
- be able to be laundered and dried without damage or change to shape
- be routinely washed with a washing machine in hot water

Be careful not to touch your eyes, nose, and mouth when removing your face covering and wash hands immediately after removing.

Cloth face coverings should not be placed on young children under age 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.

The cloth face coverings recommended are not surgical masks or N-95 respirators. Those are critical supplies that must continue to be reserved for healthcare workers and other medical first responders, as recommended by current CDC guidance.

Source: CDC.gov
Sew and No Sew Instructions

OPTION 1: Quick Cut T-shirt Face Covering (no sew)

Materials

- T-shirt
- Scissors

Tutorial

1. Cut a piece of your T-shirt from the bottom that is 7–8 inches wide.

2. Cut out a piece from the side that is 6–7 inches wide.

3. Tie the strings around your neck, then over the top of your head.
OPTION 2: Bandana Face Covering (no sew)

Materials

- Bandana (or square cotton cloth approximately 20”x20”)
- Coffee filter
- Rubber bands (or hair ties)
- Scissors (if you are cutting your own cloth)

Tutorial

1. cut coffee filter

2. Fold filter in center of folded bandanna.

3. Fold top down. Fold bottom up.

4. Place rubber bands or hair ties about 6 inches apart.

5. Fold side to the middle and tuck.

6. 

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OPTION 3: Sewn Cloth Face Covering

Materials

- Two 10”x6” rectangles of cotton fabric
- Two 6” pieces of elastic (or rubber bands, string, cloth strips, or hair ties)
- Needle and thread (or bobby pin)
- Scissors
- Sewing machine

Tutorial

1. Cut out two 10-by-6-inch rectangles of cotton fabric. Use tightly woven cotton, such as quilting fabric or cotton sheets. T-shirt fabric will work in a pinch. Stack the two rectangles; you will sew the mask as if it was a single piece of fabric.

![Image of material cutting]

2. Fold over the long sides ¼ inch and hem. Then fold the double layer of fabric over ½ inch along the short sides and stitch down.

![Image of material folding]

3. Run a 6-inch length of 1/8-inch wide elastic through the wider hem on each side of the mask. These will be the ear loops. Use a large needle or a bobby pin to thread it through. Tie the ends tight. Don’t have elastic? Use hair ties or elastic head bands. If you only have string, you

![Image of elastic threading]
can make the ties longer and tie the mask behind your head.

4. Gently pull on the elastic so that the knots are tucked inside the hem. Gather the sides of the mask on the elastic and adjust so the mask fits your face. Then securely stitch the elastic in place to keep it from slipping.