

Mask Sewing Instructions from Sylvia:

Download the video, it explains everything. If you have more questions, call the shop at 376-6468.

Fabric: The masks are made with cotton fabric on the outside. The best fabric is batik because the weave is tighter than regular cotton, but both work great. The lining of the mask is preferably flannel, but that is not a must. Something is better than nothing. If possible, the masks could be lined with a light weight non-woven, non-fusible interfacing to give it a little more resistance or two layers of flannel.

Dimensions:

Lining piece is 9" x 7"

Outer layer 10.5" x 7" for a casing

If you want to put a wire in the top seam allowance, bend the wire so the sharp edges are less exposed and slip it between the layers and sew it into the top of the mask so that it can be adjusted to the nose.

Drawstring: The original masks were made with elastic to put behind the ear, but no one has 1/8" or 1/4" elastic, the size best for the masks. So we have shifted to using 45" of 1/2" bias tape, folded in half and stitched down. You can get 3—45" lengths out of one package of bias tape. Sometime in early April will be getting several thousand yards of elastic but for now we are using what we have.

If someone has 1/8" or 1/4" elastic to donate, we have others who will take that elastic and use it on masks.

Thank you!