

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY MASK PROJECT

Rules:

- You should only participate if you and members of your household are in good health.
- Please do all your sewing with clean hands and clean work surfaces.
- Do not try on masks that you intend to donate.
- When finished with a set of masks, please put them into a ziplock baggie with your name and the number of masks inside.
- Completed masks can be dropped off at the Volunteer Center **Monday through Friday between 10 AM-12 PM or 1-4 PM**. A bin will be located in the downstairs lobby and include our address: 1740 17th Ave, Santa Cruz, CA 95062

Materials:

- Use good quality cotton fabric which can withstand high heat washing/drying for sanitation.
- Light to medium colored fabrics are preferred (so users can see if they're soiled).
- Fabric prints must be family friendly
- Fabric should be pre-washed to ensure it won't shrink or distort later.
- Do NOT add interfacing, batting or other material for a filter.
- Having different fabrics on each side of the mask helps healthcare workers track which side has been worn on the outside, so they can keep the dirty side on the outside and away from their face.

Ties:

- Preferred elastic is 1/8" or 1/4" flat.
- Beading elastic can be used, but should be thick enough to rest comfortably behind the ears.
- Bias tape, twill tape, or ribbon can be used on the masks. It must be long enough to tie behind the head. (Roughly 19" per corner seems to work well.)
- If you use ribbon, it needs to be made from a material that can withstand high heat washing.
- All ties must be secured to the mask so they can go through a washing machine without getting lost.
- The edges of all ties need to be finished in such a way that they don't fray

Pattern:

- If you are already making masks and like the pattern you are using, and it adheres to the key points above, use the one you like.
- If you are just starting to make masks, please use the one the County has asked for.