

# BACK TO SCHOOL MASK DRIVE

## Calling all sewers!

Help our kids get back to school safely by contributing to our community's supply of children's face coverings.

Call P&D Sewing at 218-326-2953 to arrange for pick up of materials and drop off of masks.

Materials are being funded by Blandin Foundation, Grand Itasca Foundation, & Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation.

### Materials Needed:

#### Cotton Fabrics:

Batiks are recommended since they have a higher thread count than quilting cottons. Use two different prints per mask so the mask is not mistakenly put on inside out after possible contamination.

#### Wire:

20 gauge floral wire, jewelry wire, plastic coated twist ties, pipe cleaners, or garden ties

#### Elastic:

1/8" or 1/4" sewing elastic or rope elastic for making bracelets

### Cutting\*:

#### Cotton fabrics:

Cut (2) 5"x7.5" pieces,  
1 for front and 1 for back

#### Wire:

Cut (1) 4.5" piece

#### Elastic:

Cut (2) 6" lengths

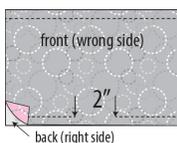
*\*Dimensions are for child masks*

### Assembly:

Use a 3/8" or 1/2" seam allowance.

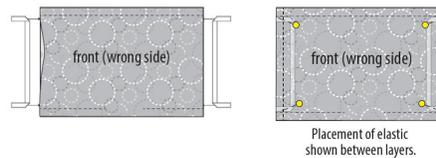
#### Step 1:

Place front and back cotton pieces right sides together. Stitch across the top edge. Sew across bottom edge leaving a 2" opening.



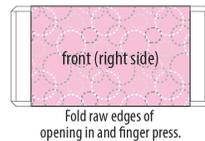
#### Step 2:

Fold a length of elastic and insert between layers. If using rope elastic, tie a knot close to each end. Align ends with side edges and along the seams. Pin elastic in place. Repeat on other side edge of mask. Sew sides of mask closed back stitching over the elastic ends. Trim corners to reduce bulk.



#### Step 3:

Turn mask right side out. Finger press edges. Fold raw edges of opening in and finger press.



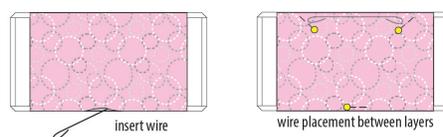
#### Step 4:

Twist 1/2" on each end of wire.



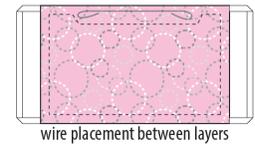
#### Step 5:

Insert wire between layers and place as shown with long edge of wire centered against the top seam. Pin to keep wire from moving. Pin the opening on the bottom of mask with raw edges inside.



#### Step 6:

Top stitch around wire and 1/8" from all other edges as shown. This creates a pocket that keeps the wire in place.



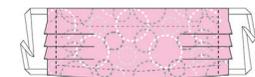
#### Step 7:

Fold and pin three tucks on each side of mask, with tucks facing down on front.



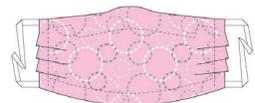
#### Step 8:

Top stitch 1/2" from each side of mask securing tucks in place. Stitch again over top stitching.



#### Step 9:

Place elastic behind ears and bottom of mask under chin. Mold wire to bridge of nose.



Masks can be machine washed, dried, and re-used.

Materials can be picked up and finished masks can be dropped off at **P&D Sewing**  
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