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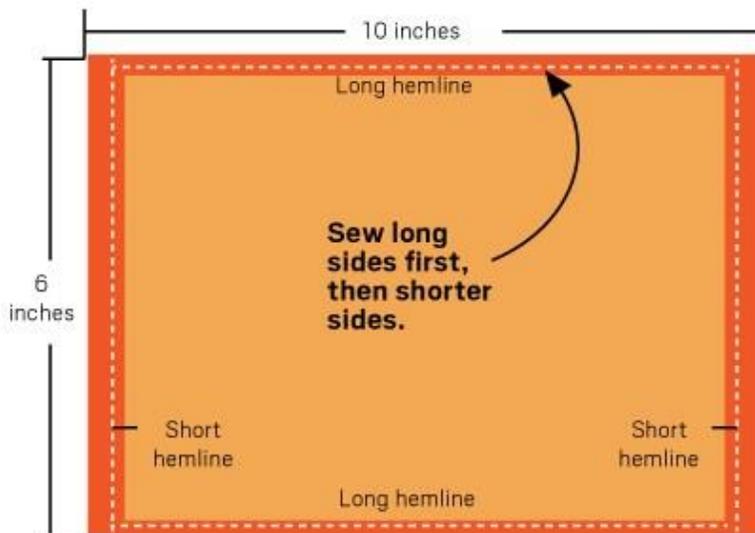
Dear Placentia Library District Patrons:

We now know face masks will help mitigate the transmission of the coronavirus disease. As more studies and information become available about asymptomatic infection and its spread of the COVID-19 virus, we understand face masks will indeed increase one's protection from the virus. But relying on face masks alone is a mistake. Additionally, Americans must continue to practice the 6' social distancing and other guidelines set forth by the Center for Control Diseases (CDC).

As our governments work on developing new guidelines including the recommendation for Americans to wear face masks to protect themselves (not the N95 surgical masks, those need to be available to medical professionals), we wanted to share with you instructions on how you can make your own mask at home. Although cloth masks are less effective than medical masks, it is better than no protection in helping limit the spread of a virus. According to a research published by Cambridge University Press, both homemade cloth masks and traditional surgical masks "significantly" reduced the amount of potentially infectious droplets. Wearing a face mask is by means not a substitute for social distancing. And please be sure to wash your face mask after each use.

DIY FACE MASK INSTRUCTIONS

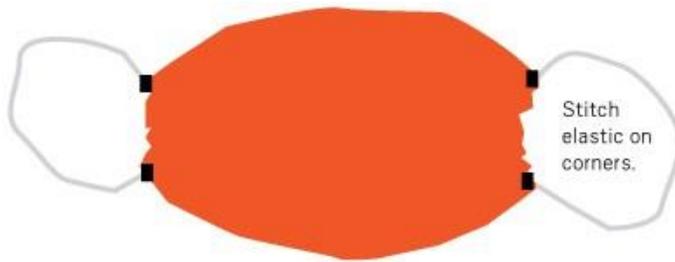
1. Cut out two 10-by-6-inch rectangles of cotton fabric. Use tightly woven cotton, such as quilting fabric or cotton sheets. T-shirt fabric will work in a pinch. Stack the two rectangles; you will sew the mask as if it was a single piece of fabric. Fold over the long sides $\frac{1}{4}$ inch and hem. Then fold the double layer of fabric over $\frac{1}{2}$ inch along the short sides and stitch down.



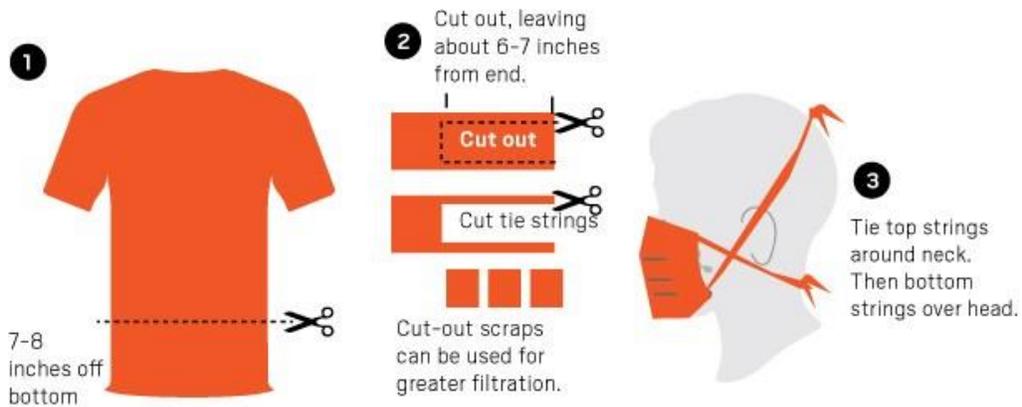
2. Run a 6-inch length of $\frac{1}{8}$ -inch wide elastic through the wider hem on each side of the mask. These will be the ear loops. Use a large needle or a bobby pin to thread it through. Tie the ends tight. Don't have elastic? Use hair ties or elastic head bands. If you only have string, you can make the ties longer and tie the mask behind your head.



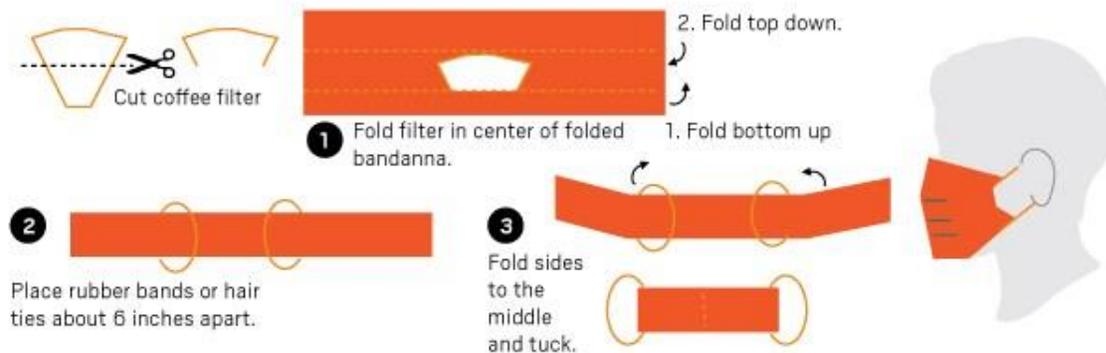
3. Gently pull on the elastic so that the knots are tucked inside the hem. Gather the sides of the mask on the elastic and adjust so the mask fits your face. Then securely stitch the elastic in place to keep it from slipping.



Quick cut t-shirt

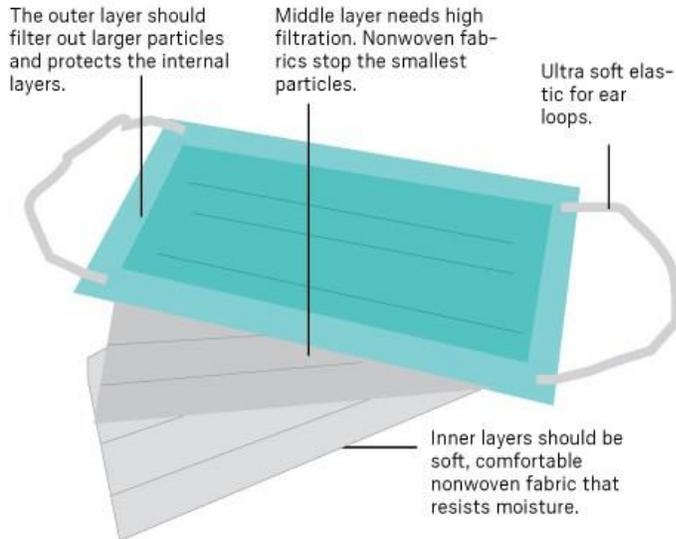


Bandanna, coffee filter and rubber bands



Layer if you can

Quilting material can be used, but if you have these other materials you can layer them to be more effective.



Source: Orange County Register

We understand it may be difficult for some patrons to make their own face masks, and for that reason, our staff have offered to make them for our community. Only adult size is available. If you need a mask, please email us at information@placentiallibrary.org with your name, number of masks, and your mailing address. There is a limit of four per household. Please allow for 7-14 days for delivery. Masks will be available the week of April 20th and while supplies last.

Studies are indicating the global health crisis has not reached its peak, and experts are predicting months before Americans can return to “normalcy.” With the inevitable rise of cases in California, our Library Board of Trustees took the necessary step to protect our community by authorizing **the Library to be closed through June 30, 2020**, pursuant to Resolution 19-08. Should Governor Newsom lift the “shelter-in-place” order before June 30, 2020, we will work to have the Library open and ready for our community. But don't let our closure fool you! Our staff have worked tirelessly to develop many virtual programs for you and your family – including Read to the Dogs, Summer Reading Program, cooking & baking tutorials, storytime for children and adults, and a tea party! Information will be forthcoming on our website at www.placentiallibrary.org.

As we stand in solidarity with those affected by this pandemic, our team is committed to remaining resilient for our community and we look forward to opening our doors again. These are difficult times and our Placentia Library District team is committed to helping our community get through this together.

Sincerely,

Jeanette Contreras
Library Director