

## How To Start A Mask Group In Your Community (Updated 4/01/20)

1. At a central location (preferably outside someone's home), set up 4 bins with labels:

Bin #1 - cut pieces of fabric (sealed ziploc bags containing 20 pieces, preferably with 2 different fabrics) You can decide on measurements depending on which masks you are making.

Bin #2 - Completed masks (in ziploc bags labelled with # of masks)

Bin # 3 – Supplies Donated For Masks (Elastic, Fabric, Twill Tape Etc)

Bin # 4 – Bags for sewers to pick up (20 pieces of cut fabric and cut elastic pieces)

2. Post on Facebook/Instagram

3. When you have a group of volunteers send an email:

Hello Everyone,

We are hoping to make 500 (? whatever your goal is) masks this week for local hospitals and medical workers. We hope to continue our project and send to our local hospitals in the coming weeks. *If you are making mask covers* - The masks will be worn over hospital issued masks and they will advise their staff on the care and use of them. If you or anyone in your household is sick, please do not participate and feel better!

What we need:

Machinists: if you have your own machine, are a competent sewer and can follow our pattern, please either use your own fabric and elastic/tape or pick up supplies from (address). Follow the instructions at [www.sewhappyusa.net/masks](http://www.sewhappyusa.net/masks). Please return the completed masks to this address too.

Everyone else: we need you to cut (state size) rectangles of fabric from cotton fabric, or sheets and pillow cases. Please bag these in ziplocs with 20 pieces in each. Please deliver to the bins at (address).

We anticipate getting fabric easily enough but the challenge will be in getting enough elastic. This is where we need you to be creative - use the elastic from a fitted sheet, stretchy laces, jewelry making elastic cord or anywhere else you can think! There will be a separate bin for this precious commodity!

Please use the link for instructions on how to make the masks here:

[Sew Happy Instructions To Make Masks](#)

Somebody should wash all completed masks before sending to a medical facility.

**Please note:** the masks that are being created are not sterile and not intended to be respiratory protection. No one should use these masks to protect themselves or others from respiratory particles.