

*Disclaimer:* A home-sewn mask is not intended to provide the same protection as “real masks.” If the real masks are available and required for a circumstance or recommendation by officials, then without question, the real masks should be used instead. In the event that real masks aren’t available and the use of masks are recommended by officials (for an individual or a population), then a home-sewn mask is better than nothing and will certainly have some benefit by stopping droplets

*Special Request:* We are sewing out of love to help others. We do not want to contribute to the fear/panic/shortage cycle. We do not intend to communicate (verbally or otherwise) that you need to wear a mask. In order to reduce anxiety and tension about a shortage, we do not suggest people wear masks unless it is recommended and there is a supply of them.