

HELP SEW MASKS FOR AREA HOSPITALS

Hospitals in the metro area are asking for help to make 10,000 **mask covers to go over** the N95 masks that the medical staff are wearing longer than they were designed to be worn due to the shortage.

Many sewers across the country are making these out of various fabrics to donate to care centers, day cares, hospitals, etc. But the hospitals need masks that will be able to be washed and sterilized repeatedly in the hospital's industrial washers, so these will need to be made out of the same fabric for consistency in washing. The masks we are asking you to help make will go OVER the N95 masks, and then can be removed and washed and used over and over for an extra layer of protection.

We will provide you a kit with a Poly/ Cotton blend white fabric, and the elastic. Each kit will make 60 masks: you can have as many kits as you can sew.

The pattern is so simple; basically one rectangle layer 14"X 7", NO pleats, and a simple channel along the edges for a loop of elastic. Users will stretch the elastic to fit this fabric cover over their N95 mask. So simple; this would be a great project to do with your kids.

If you can't sew but would like to help, we also need **DRIVERS** to pick up kits from a central location, and drop

them off on the porches of people who will sew them, but who do not want to leave their homes to get them.

We are gathering all the materials now, and hope to be sewing by the end of the week. If you can be a **SEWING SAINT** and help, please reply to Teri Quinn at address below, and estimate how many kits you could pick up and sew (60 masks per kit), or indicate if you can drive:

HelpSewMasks@gmail.com

I will get back to you as soon as the kits are available to be picked up. We are waiting for the fabric to arrive from NY to make the kits, so say a prayer it isn't delayed.

This is something we can all do to help save lives. Please consider being a **SEWING SAINT**. Many 'casual sewers' are volunteering to help sew, but we are counting on the quilters to **POWER SEW**, as you can make this pattern with your eyes closed!

There is a **FACEBOOK** Group at which you can sign up to volunteer and follow the progress of the group. Go to the **GROUP** tab, search for the group name: "Nebraska masks for medicine", and complete the form to join.

Stay well. Stay safe. Stay home. Stay calm and **PRAY ON**