

Face Mask Instructions

Before you begin

- Pre-wash the t-shirts (fabric) you will be working with
- Wipe down any surfaces that you will be working on
- Wash your hands and wear a mask

You will need 4 pattern fabric pieces and 2 cords per mask.

1. Trace pattern onto fabric. You will need 4 pieces per mask.
2. Leaving a ¼" border, cut fabric pieces.
3. Place 2 fabric pieces together and sew them together on pattern line, along rounded edge.
4. Repeat step #3.
5. With the finished sides facing in, lay the pieces on top of each other, lining up their edges.
6. Following the pattern line, sew the pieces together along the long sides. Trim excess fabric, if needed.
7. Turn mask finished side out.
8. Fold short ends in ¼" and in each corner, fix one end of the cord or elastic to make a loop.
9. Secure by sewing the cord or elastic in place.
10. Trim excess thread.

Completed Masks: should be put in the dryer on high heat for approximately 20 minutes for disinfection, then placed in a plastic bag for drop off on campus.

Tips:

- Make varying sizes of masks by cutting slightly larger pattern pieces or by adjusting the length of the cord used at the ends, as some people might need a smaller or larger mask.
- After making the first few masks you will likely feel comfortable modifying the instructions. For instance: no longer tracing the pattern or layering and cutting out several pieces of fabric at once.

Drop off Location: For convenience and safety; two bins, one labeled "Finished Masks" and the other "Materials for Masks", have been placed on the Holmes Student Center loading dock, just off of the bus-turnaround on the east side of the building for donations.

Questions: Email Aline Click at dcl@niu.edu

Face masks will be distributed to NIU students and front-line staff.

Thank you for being a Huskie that Gives Back by sharing the gift of your time, talent and resources.