

Enclosed is a fabric mask. It was made for you by one of many good samaritans in the community. It was donated to AccuKare to generously distribute to all its staff and clients. The recommendation from the Minnesota Department of Health and the CDC is that any staff entering into a care setting should have a covering for their face as should anyone going out into the community.

THIS MASK IS NOT PREWASHED. We did not want people to have reactions to particular soaps, etc. Please wash it as recommended by the CDC.

We recommend making or obtaining more for your general day to day use and not using your work ones anywhere else.

The mask you receive may have a “pocket” or not. We welcomed all that were donated. If it has a pocket, there are options for inserts as you desire on line.

We will distribute as many as we can obtain with first priority going to individuals who have no fabric masks. Once all staff and clients have a mask we will make available more as we are able.

This is NOT to be used in place of a face shield for Blood Borne Pathogens!!!! It MAY be used in conjunction with a face shield.

AccuKare does not designate any particular style or pattern as a superior or inferior option. Many patterns are out there and many sewers are out there. We are passing on what we have received.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to us at 763-862-3971.

This handout is also available on our website Resources page at <http://www.accukare.com/resources/>

# Use of Cloth Face Coverings to Help Slow the Spread of COVID-19

## How to Wear Cloth Face Coverings

Cloth face coverings should—

- fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face
- be secured with ties or ear loops
- include multiple layers of fabric
- allow for breathing without restriction
- be able to be laundered and machine dried without damage or change to shape

## CDC on Homemade Cloth Face Coverings

CDC recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies), **especially** in areas of significant community-based transmission.

CDC also advises the use of simple cloth face coverings to slow the spread of the virus and help people who may have the virus and do not know it from transmitting it to others. Cloth face coverings fashioned from household items or made at home from common materials at low cost can be used as an additional, voluntary public health measure.

Cloth face coverings should not be placed on young children under age 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the cloth face covering without assistance.

The cloth face coverings recommended are not surgical masks or N-95 respirators. Those are critical supplies that must continue to be reserved for healthcare workers and other medical first responders, as recommended by current CDC guidance.

## Should cloth face coverings be washed or otherwise cleaned regularly? How regularly?

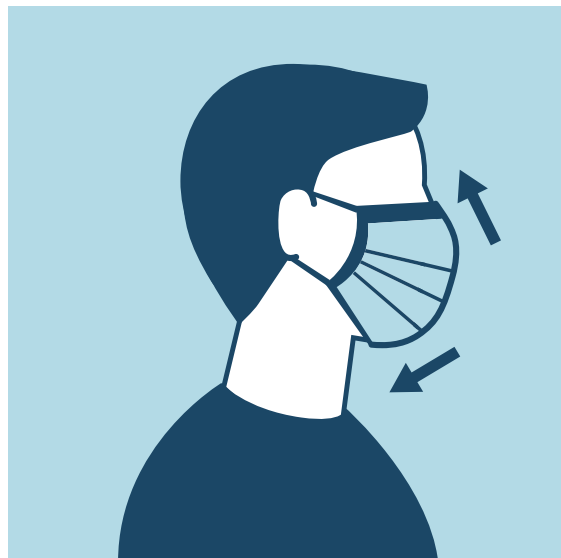
Yes. They should be routinely washed depending on the frequency of use.

## How does one safely sterilize/clean a cloth face covering?

A washing machine should suffice in properly washing a cloth face covering.

## How does one safely remove a used cloth face covering?

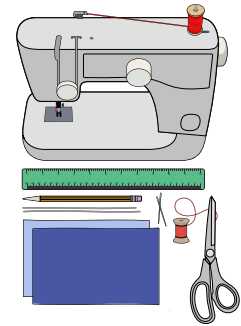
Individuals should be careful not to touch their eyes, nose, and mouth when removing their cloth face covering and wash hands immediately after removing.



# Sewn Cloth Face Covering

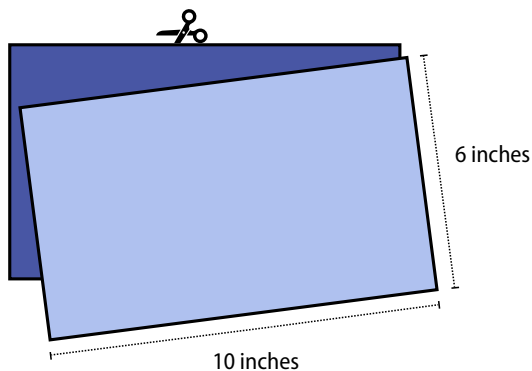
## Materials

- Two 10"x6" rectangles of cotton fabric
- Two 6" pieces of elastic (or rubber bands, string, cloth strips, or hair ties)
- Needle and thread (or bobby pin)
- Scissors
- Sewing machine

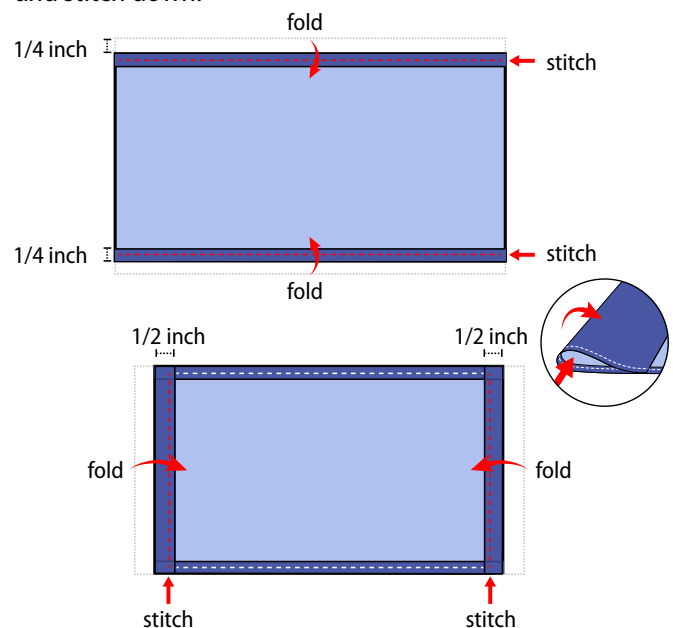


## Tutorial

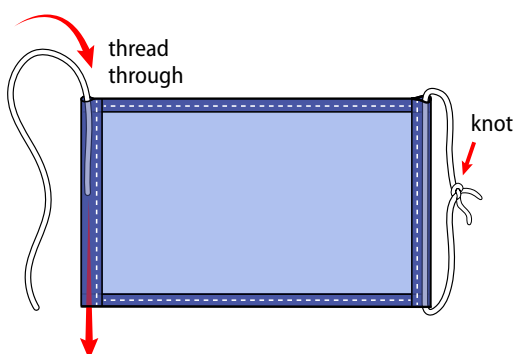
1. Cut out two 10-by-6-inch rectangles of cotton fabric. Use tightly woven cotton, such as quilting fabric or cotton sheets. T-shirt fabric will work in a pinch. Stack the two rectangles; you will sew the cloth face covering as if it was a single piece of fabric.



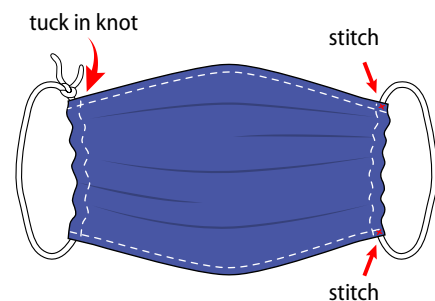
2. Fold over the long sides  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch and hem. Then fold the double layer of fabric over  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch along the short sides and stitch down.



3. Run a 6-inch length of  $\frac{1}{8}$ -inch wide elastic through the wider hem on each side of the cloth face covering. 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 cloth face covering behind your head.



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

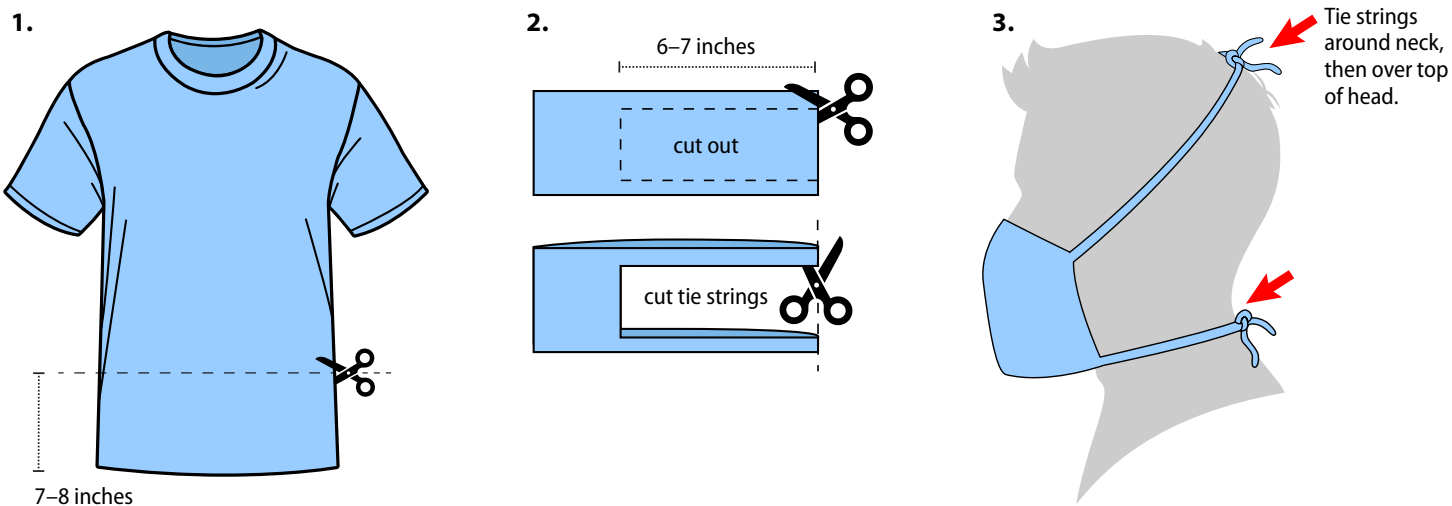


## Quick Cut T-shirt Cloth Face Covering (no sew method)

### Materials

- T-shirt
- Scissors

### Tutorial



## Bandana Cloth Face Covering (no sew method)

### Materials

- Bandana (or square cotton cloth approximately 20"x20")
- Coffee filter
- Rubber bands (or hair ties)
- Scissors (if you are cutting your own cloth)

### Tutorial

