Thanks to all of you for your willingness to be part of this important project and helping Mercy make masks in this time of need!

Everyone’s contribution is so very important! We have put together guidelines/specifications for the construction of the face masks. General guidelines are listed below. In addition, there are two attachments—one with a picture template and one with written instructions and a photo. Please keep in mind Covid-19 is a constantly changing situation and we may need to make changes or modifications to our process as we go. Updates will be made as changes occur.

General guidelines:

* use cotton muslin fabric with a tighter weave/higher thread count
* use two layers/double thickness of the fabric
* 1/8 or 1/4 inch elastic to secure mask over ears
* use solid color fabric

Once they have been completed, please drop off at the 10th Street Entrance of Mercy Hospital. Feel free to call the Mercy Volunteer Office at 319-398-6035 if you would like someone to go to your car to pick up the masks.

Thank you again!

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Hospital Mask

Directions:
2. Sew the two layers together at the **top** and **bottom**, using a ¼” seam allowance.
3. Turn right side out and finger press seamed edges.
4. Mark pleat placement lines on each end.
5. Fold and pin pleats, bringing top line to meet bottom line of each pleat.
6. Sew folded pleats on each side to hold in place.

**Finishing side edges:**
You can serge the raw edge and fold under ½” and stitch, forming a channel for the elastic.

**Or**
Bind the raw edges with double fold bias tape and thread the elastic through that.

Cut 2 pieces of ¼” elastic 8” long.
Thread through casing formed by hem or bias tape.
Stitch ends together forming a circle.
Hide stitch edges in casing and tack **one** edge to keep it in place.

**Last**
Sew the dart/tuck in the bottom (through both layers) so that it fits more snugly under the chin.

**Website Instructions:**
[https://buttoncounter.com/2018/01/14/facemask-a-picture-tutorial/](https://buttoncounter.com/2018/01/14/facemask-a-picture-tutorial/)