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Upcoming Programs

NO meetings until further notice.

Our generosity unmasked - by MaryEllen Cannon

Well, ladies you are just amazing. As of our count today (April 30) we have made and donated 2933 masks. I'm sure in actuality our total is higher than that. The uncounted ones going to family, friends, and strangers surely put us at an even higher count.

Here are some of the beneficiaries of your generosity: Roswell Park, Millard Fillmore Suburban, Buffalo Medical Group, Niagara Hospice, Buffalo Resilience, Schofield Nursing Facility, Newfane Rehab, Niagara Falls Air Force Base, De Paul, Seneca St. Community Development Corporation, Eastern Niagara Hospital, Rochester area nursing home, Army Corp of Engineers, Amish community in Wyoming Country, friends, families, and strangers. If there are more organizations benefitting that you know of and would like to add to our list, please let Mary Ellen know.

As an aside Carrie Steiger, the new director of the BNHV found 3 boxes of medical grade masks in the storage at the museum and gave them to us to add to our donations to Roswell Park.

We're all in this together!!!

Masks for the Troops

Thank you to all our members who have made masks for the Troops. They are very appreciated!

102 masks were in our first delivery; 472 our second; 66 masks were given to Holly, our liaison to the NF Base, April 30th. We're well on our way to the 1000 mask requested by the Base.

Holly brought 250 precut masks kits; elastic included (Donated by Colvin Cleaners); to my home. They will be packaged in quantities of 10. Lining isn't necessary. If you would like to pick up some of these at my home, please call me.

I will bring them to BNHV on May 4th, 12 to 1 pm for pick up. After which, Jackie will have some with her on drop off days.

Let's show our TROOPS how much we care by going over the top!

Once we reach our goal, please continue to finish these and drop off at your own pace.

Thank you to all!

Questions to Betty Z.

The Council for Older Adults, (COA) which is part of the Health Association of Niagara County (HANCI) sent out a "thank you" to Amherst Quilters Guild on their broadcast TV show. We provided masks for both organizations. The TV program is on LCTV, Spectrum channel 1301, 1302.

It can be seen on Thursdays at 3:30 pm and Saturdays at 4:30. We do not know when this particular broadcast will be on.

by Linda Hunter

One of the clerks at the post office showed me the following trick today:

Instead of having the elastic pulling on her ears all day, she uses a hairband that has two big buttons sewn on close to her ears. The hairband is approximately 1 1/2 " inches wide and is one of those classic ones that women wore years ago. It was donated to her by a woman who donates these to nurses.

Annette Meyer-Grunnow

<https://awellpurposedwoman.com/headband-with-buttons-for-face-masks-free-pattern/>

Masks for the Hearing Impaired -

First is the letter to Linda that prompted this effort.

"I am the EEO Manager for the Army Corps of Engineers in Buffalo and have an engineer who is deaf. If you know anything about American Sign Language, facial expressions are a big component of the language. Traditional face masks hide the face, presenting an issue for someone who reads lips and/or needs expression to understand what is

being communicated. I found two sources for clear face masks but I think it will take a while to get a box - understandably they are going to hospitals and health care workers. I contacted a student in Kentucky who designed and was giving them away in her community but she reached her goal and is not making them anymore. She did send me a tutorial (in the email below). Would you know anyone (singular or plural) who might be willing to take on making these for us (I am assuming we'll be wearing masks for the next few months and will be back in our offices possibly in May)? I need to provide masks for this engineer's team to ensure she can communicate effectively with them. Or, would you have a suggestion on where to send this specialized request? I'm hoping someone out there might be looking to sew something a little different- and very much needed. I will have to order the plastic sheeting and of course can provide fabric from my stash - and if my elastic order actually gets delivered, would provide elastic (but ties work well too). She sent her request to the right place didn't she? The Air Force Base has had their request filled now through the efforts of several guilds. Perhaps some of you can take on this request for more of our "helpers". As Mr. Rogers said, "always look for the helpers." I think we're helpers too!

Here are the instructions with photos -

<https://www.instructables.com/id/Face-Mask-Adapted-for-Deaf-DeafBlind-and-Hard-of-H/>

Here are Annette's notes on her process.

I cut out the paper templates, two pieces of elastic (6.5"), nose wire and fabric (6x9")first. After a test by her, I changed the size to 7x9". Draw a center cross on the wrong side of both fabric pieces (to all edges), so I can line up the templates in the center of the pieces. Draw around the 4x2", center with the lines on the fabric, draw the 3 1/2", centering as well, cut the 3 1/2 " line partially with my rotary cutter on all four sides, cut the rest of that line of the 3 1/2" rectangle and to the corners (if you learned pocket plackets, it is like that) with small scissors. Iron back those four small seam allowances (wrong on wrong side). Sew down those seam allowances like 1/8" from

the fold. Layer two fabric rectangles (6 x9, 7x9) so the 'window' aligns (and the outer edges too). Sew around the outer edge with 1/4" seam allowance while inserting the elastic between the two right sides. Turn inside out.

It looks like the start of your regular masks with the ear loops, only with a hole For the insert cut 3x5" clear plastic and a 3x5" piece of your template paper. I was given the clear plastic from JoAnn's that has the orange wrapper (it adhered to my plastic sewing extension and therefore slipped out of the designated opening, when I started to sew). I used a little sturdier one, light turquoise/blue wrapper.

On the 3x5" template I draw a center cross, lay down and line up the 3 1/2" x3 1/2 " in the center, draw around it. Cut on the 3 1/2" line, so you

have a 'window' in the 3x5" one. Insert the wire, center, pin in place on one of the long sides. I sewed it in place in a narrow tunnel with both ends closed.

Then: It is best to insert and sew the plastic before pleating the sides!
Learned that ;)

Line the window opening of the template up with the hole in the fabric (on the right side of the fabric). Pin around the template closely on the outside on three sides (two long and one short). The pins will work as 'guide' when you insert the plastic. Otherwise it slips and slides. Adjust the other end of the plastic and pin the fourth side. I don't pin through the plastic. Finger pin while sewing.

Make three pleats on each short side as in regular masks, add a a tiny double pleat in the middle under the chin for better fit.

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