

braveFACEmasks

The braveFACEmask group is recruiting both mask sewists and especially a few people who are willing to do the rotary cutting of the mask components.

Surgical wraps are made from medical grade fabric Halyard H600, a fabric that provides excellent filtration and water resistance. In fact the masks that are made from the wraps have passed “fit testing” that is used with respirators (N 95) but they cannot be certified as such. The masks are re-usable and can be sanitized through heating in a 200-225° F oven for 10-15 mins, spraying with disinfectant, use of a cpap mask or bottle sterilizer or by following a 3-day rotation to reduce the contamination level.

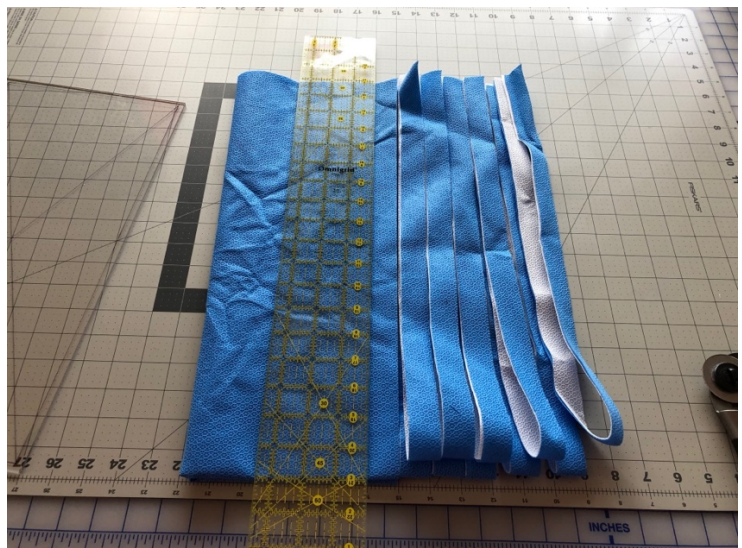
Staff at the St. Cloud Hospital collects the wraps, which are then delivered to the individuals cutting the wraps into the components for the masks. The wraps are never in contact with patients, and all staff handling the wraps are wearing masks and gloves. There’s an unending source of the fabric, and we anticipate continuing to make masks as long as there is demand. As of May 15th over 4,300 masks have been distributed!

The wraps are cut into the rectangles and 1” strips that make up the mask & ties, using a rotary cutter and multiple rulers. The Halyard fabric is not like regular cotton fabric—it’s not as “cooperative!” However, we’ve come up with many helpful hints to make the cutting easier. For people willing to cut on a regular basis, the organization will furnish all of the cutting supplies needed.

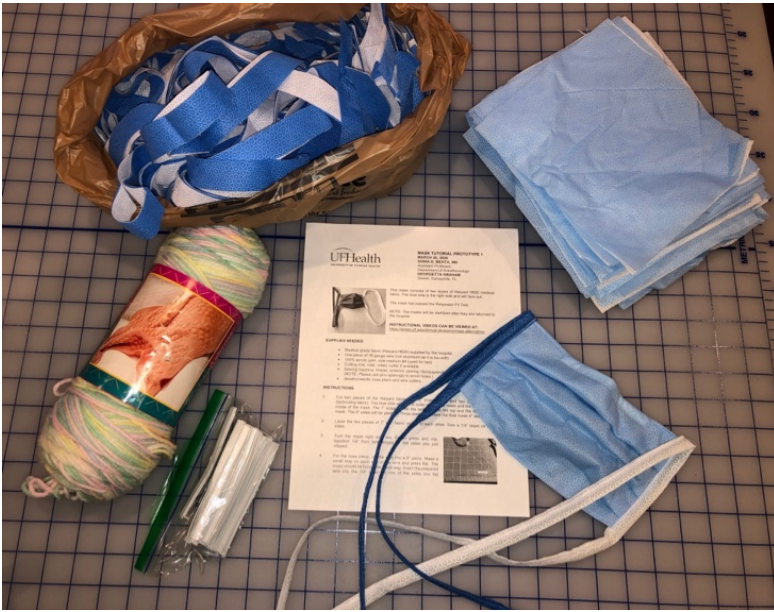
If you have any questions or are interested in sewing or cutting for the group, please feel free to call Julie Anderson at 320-250-5303 or find our braveFACEmask group on Facebook.



Wraps waiting to be cut!



Cutting 1” ties



A kit with everything needed to make 50 masks.



Masks, masks & more masks!