

Hello

Thank you for responding to my appeal for people who are willing to sew some face masks.

I follow the instructions as per the you tube links using either the 10-minute face mask or the 5-minute face mask. I use cotton fabric usually cutting up old sheets etc.

I add a filter using the Hepaflo type vacuum cleaner bags for the Henry cleaner.

I cut up the bag into pieces approx. 4" x 5" then sew them in so they sit in front of the nose and mouth.

(On the 10-minute mask I don't always include the twisty tie over the nose as it can be a little difficult and I have no ready supply of these).

Once made I launder and iron then put in a sandwich bag or similar so they are ready to use.

After use the masks can then be washed and re used.

The 5-minute mask needs hair ties which are available at Home Bargains.

The vac bags are available at Screwfix or Amazon with SPARES2GO.

The You tube links are below.

<https://www.vox.com/the-goods/2020/4/1/21203241/coronavirus-diy-face-mask-homemade-tutorials>

<https://youtu.be/fEHU0U4TQXc>

Today Holcombe Brook Post Office has agreed to sell the face masks in aid of NHS charities and I will take some to them shortly.

These will be sold for a minimum £2 donation and 100% will go to NHS Charities.

If you sew some masks, I can collect in the Bury area and will then take them to the post office.

Please let me know if you need more information and if you do sew some masks, I will pick up as soon as possible once you let me know.

The purpose of the masks is to help the community to keep one another safe.

A mask is unlikely to stop you picking up the virus but highly likely to stop you passing it on to others.

Good practice for use of the mask is always recommended avoiding touching the face and washing hands frequently.

Thanks once again

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