

Masks For All

Project Description: The goal of *Masks for All* is to provide CDC compliant face masks to members of the public, to help protect them from and stop the spread of the Coronavirus. The masks involved are not medical-grade masks, to be used in hospitals or by emergency workers; they are masks intended for everyday people, who must break quarantine to run household errands, commute to work, and so on.

Who do we need to help? We're looking for church people who know how to sew—preferably those who have their own sewing machine. We're asking sewing people to make homemade face masks.

How do I make these masks? Below you will find a great pattern for making face masks. We should note that there are several DIY face masks designs on the Internet. Which one you eventually choose is up to you, but if you do not use the pattern we provide, we strongly recommend that you choose a pattern that gives the most protection possible.

How do I get the material? And how do I get reimbursed? It's up to you to procure the materials you need for these masks. They can be any color and any pattern. In fact, we think bright colors and fun patterns could really brighten people's hearts! Materials can be ordered from the Internet and delivered directly to you. If you can venture out in public, you should still be able find material in your favorite local fabric store. If you need help covering the costs of making masks, just send copies of your receipts to Castleton Hill Moravian Church (Office@castletonhill.org). We have funds to help pay for any materials you purchase.

Where do I send the finished masks? What you do with your masks is entirely up to you! If you would like to help us out, here in New York City, we can use as many masks as people can send us. However, we will be just as happy if you want to distribute them in your community! Ask your pastor if people in your congregation need face masks. Or look into any nursing homes that might use them. Or maybe there are other places to hand them out—use your imagination. The idea is that, the more people who can protect themselves, the healthier we all will be!

Don't Forget to Pray! Our communities and churches all need prayer, right now. We'll be praying for you, as you help us serve the people of God. Please pray for us, too!

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Fu Face Mask

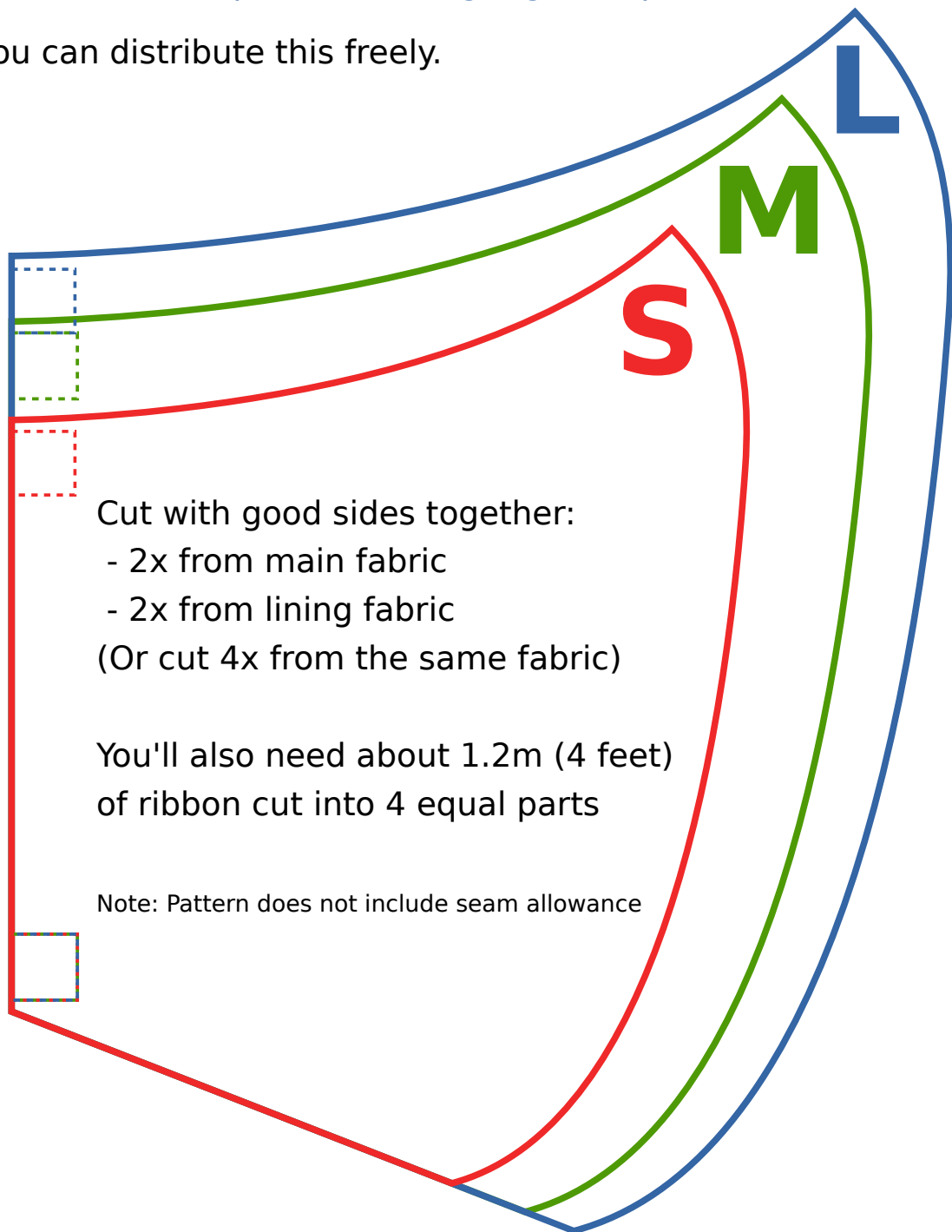


This is based on freesewing.org's Fu Face Meks pattern.

You can generate your own at: <https://freesewing.org/designs/fu/>

Instructions: <https://freesewing.org/docs/patterns/fu/instructions/>

You can distribute this freely.



The (white) inside of this box should be 10cm wide
The (black) outside of this box should be 4" wide

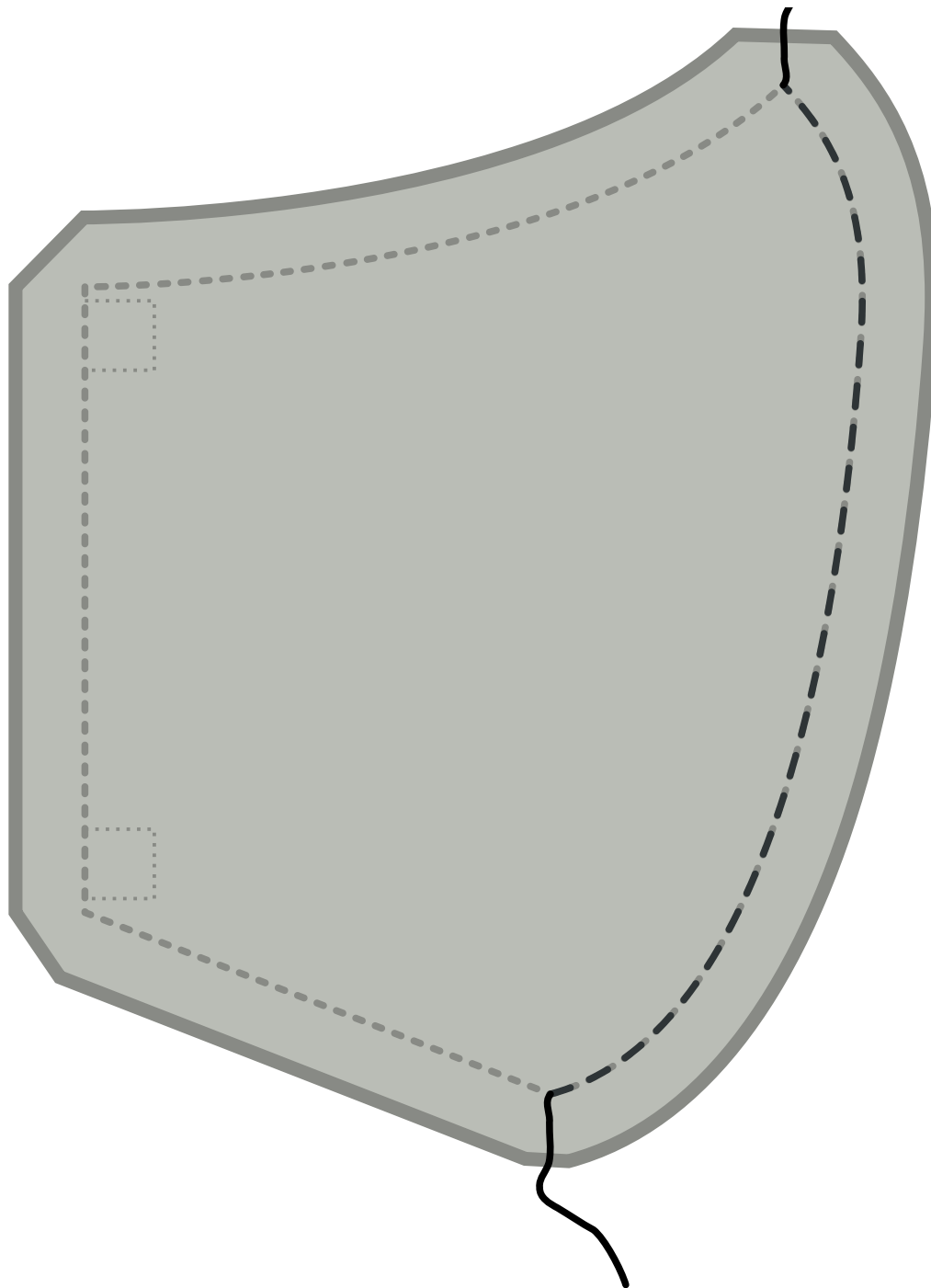
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Instructions

Step 1: Join center seam

Join the curved seam that is center of our mask by placing the *good sides together?* and sewing them in place.





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Repeat this step for both the outer (main) fabric, and the inner (lining) fabric.

Step 2 (optional): Press the center seam

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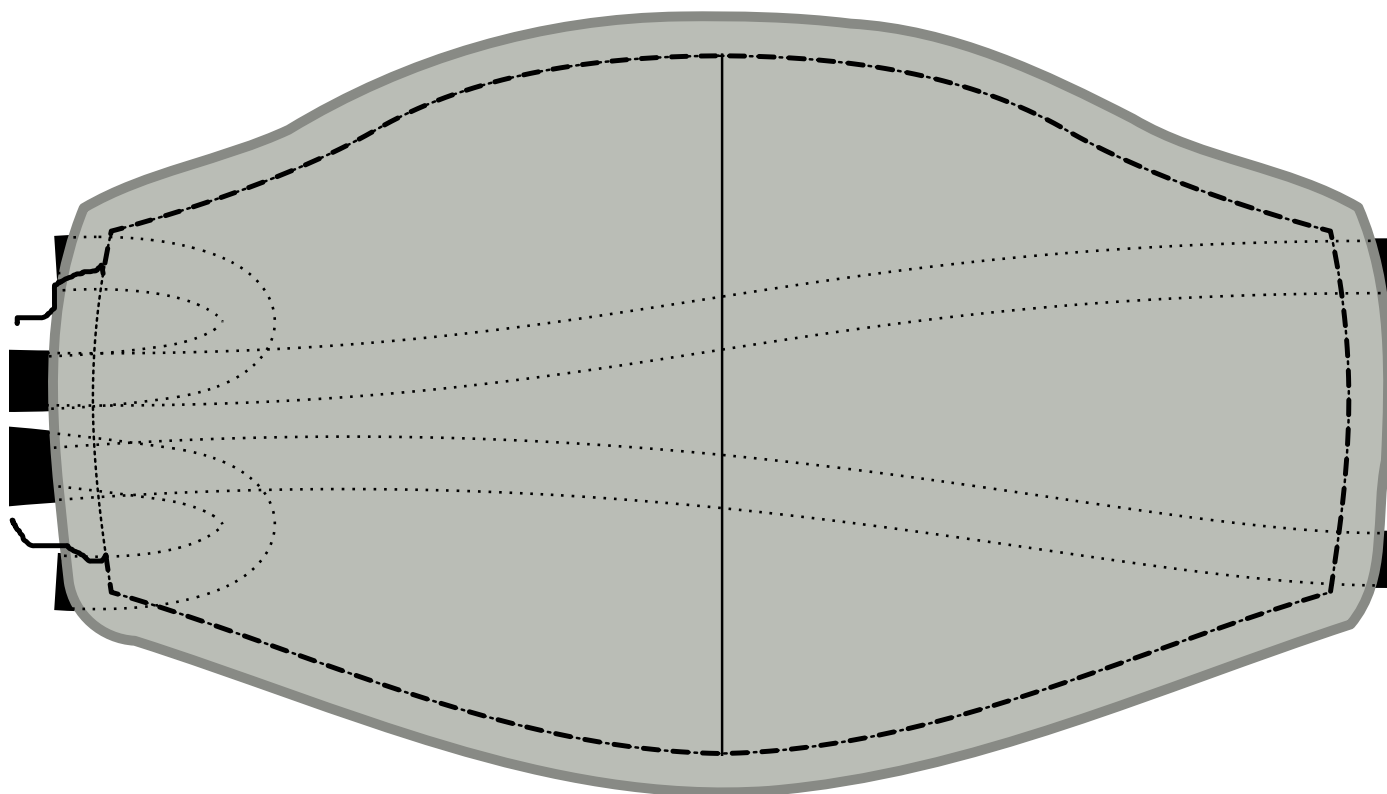
Press the seam allowance on the center seam open so the seam lies nice and flat.

As this is a curved seam, it won't lay flat. But you can approach it with your iron from one side, then do the second half from the other side. Alternatively, you can use a tailor's hem or cushion to press.




Repeat this step for both the outer (main) fabric, and the inner (lining) fabric.

🔗 Step 3: Sew the outer to the inner fabric and attach ribbons



Now we will sew the inner (lining) fabric to the outer (main) fabric, and attach the ribbons in one step.

- Place your lining fabric down with the good side up.
- Then, place two ribbons on the corners of one side (right in our example).  they peak out just a bit from the mask, but the ribbon extends inwards.
- Now place the main fabric on top of this with the good side town. You should now have both layers of your mask on top of each other with *good sides together?* and two ribbons sandwiched between them
- Pin through ribbons and layers to keep them in place
- Now do the same on the other side



As you get some practice, you will find you don't need to pin this and can just insert the ribbons as you approach a corner.

Now sew around the mask, making sure to leave one side open so we can turn the mask inside-out later.



Be careful not to catch any of the ribbons in the seam apart from where you want them to. Either guide them through the opening you leave on one side, or bunch them up in between the masks of your layer to keep them out of the way.

Step 4: Turn the mask inside-out

Actually, your mask is inside-out now, so turning it inside out will mean we get it outside-out, or regular.

Just reach in through the side your left open and carefully pull the mask through to turn it.

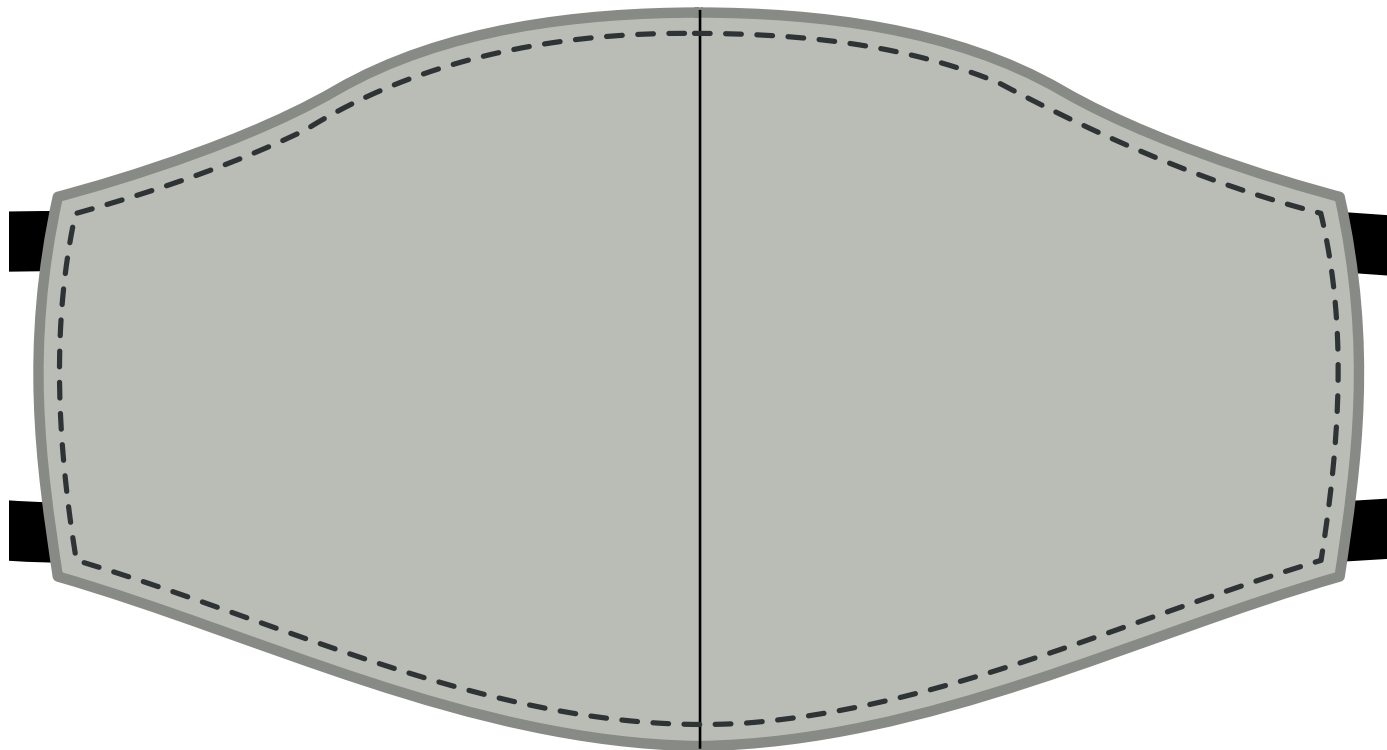
Step 5 (optional): Press the mask



This step has little functional value, it will only make your mask look better. So if you're too bothered about that, feel free to skip it.

Now that the mask is as it should be, it's time to press it. Before doing so, make sure to fold the seam allowance of the side we left open inwards, so that we press it flat as if it was sewn.

🔗 Step 6: Close open side of the mask and edge-stitch around the edge



Now it's time to close the side of our mask the we left open to turn it inside out.

We are not merely going to close the opening, but also edge-stitch around the entire mask to give our mask some extra stability, and keep the lining at the back.

Make sure the open side is folded neatly inside, then edge-stitch around the entire mask.

🔗 Step 7: Wear your mask or make a bunch

That's it, you're done! You can now wear your mask.

Even better, make a bunch so you can give others masks too.

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The UBC Elders
will reimburse any
church sewing groups
willing to make CDC
compliant face masks
for distribution in
their communities.

The need is great.
May our service be
greater!

For details, contact