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1. WHAT IS THE MASK-HER-AID PROJECT?

The #JLLynchburg COVID-19 Immediate Community Needs Task Force (CICN) has initiated the Mask-her-aid project of sewing masks to support our local healthcare facilities.

2. DO I NEED TO BE A MEMBER OF JLL TO PARTICIPATE?

You do not need to be a member of the Junior League to participate. The JLL Mask-her-aid project is a community wide initiative. Whether through a donation or sewing masks, we are grateful for everyone's support.

3. I CAN'T SEW, HOW DO I SUPPORT THE CAUSE?

Donations can be made online through the Junior League of Lynchburg's Facebook page. Click on the 'Donate' button to support the JLL Mask-her-aid project.

Checks can be made to the Junior League of Lynchburg and mailed to: PO Box 2751 Lynchburg, VA 24504.

4. HOW DO I GET INVOLVED SEWING MASKS?

If you would like to sew masks to support the local healthcare community, you're in the right place! You just need a few basic sewing items to get started (see list below).

5. WHAT ITEMS DO I NEED TO START SEWING MASKS?

You'll need a sewing machine, thread, scissors, pins, ruler, iron and ironing board. We provide the sewing kit with pre-cut fabric! and elastic for the masks. If you have internet, you can access the online tutorial (link below).

If you don't have internet access, let us know and we'll get a copy of the tutorial to you. Here is the link to a wonderful photo illustrated tutorial for making the masks: <https://buttoncounter.com/2018/01/14/facemask-a-picture-tutorial/>

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6. WHAT'S IN THE JLL KIT?

We are providing volunteers with a ready-to-sew kit that includes pre-cut fabric and elastic (or substitute material). There will be supplies to sew 5 masks in each kit.

7. HOW DO I GET A KIT?

If you're ready to start sewing, send us a private message via our Facebook page (Junior League of Lynchburg) and we will recommend the best pick-up location for your area. We'll have a kit with your name on it, inside a "Mask-her-aid" box. If you don't have Facebook, you can email questions to tlangseth16@gmail.com.

8. WHAT PATTERN ARE YOU USING?

Here is the link to a wonderful photo illustrated tutorial for making the masks: <https://buttoncounter.com/2018/01/14/facemask-a-picture-tutorial/>

9. I FINISHED SEWING THE MASKS, WHAT DO I DO NEXT?

After you finish sewing the masks, place them in a ziplock bag and include your name, contact information and quantity of masks. Next, drop the baggie of finished masks at one of our JLL approved drop locations. If you're ready to sew more, let us know before you drop off your kit and we will have a new bag ready for you.

10. I HEARD YOU'RE USING DROP OFF POINTS, HOW DOES THAT WORK?

JLL is using drop points to enable volunteers to participate in this sewing project, while also practicing social distancing. Each drop point has a "Mask-her-aid" box outside, so person-to-person contact is not necessary when picking up a kit or dropping of completed masks.

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11. WHAT IF I HAVE MY OWN FABRIC?

If you have cotton fabric and 1/4" elastic (or bias tape or ribbon), you are welcome to get started making the masks.

After you finish sewing the masks, place them in a ziplock bag and include your name, contact information and quantity of masks. Next, drop the baggie of finished masks at one of our JLL drop locations.

12. WHAT KIND OF FABRIC DO YOU RECOMMEND?

We are using cotton fabric (quilter's fabric) with elastic, ribbon, or bias tape for the straps. We are not utilizing interfacing with our pattern.

13. ARE THESE MASKS PROTECTIVE?

These cotton masks do not prevent matter at that particulate level. These hand-sewn masks are simply meant to be a slight barrier and to help prevent inadvertently touching the face.

14. DO I NEED TO SANITIZE THE MASKS I SEW?

While the facilities we deliver the masks to will be handling the sanitation process, we ask that our volunteers are as careful as possible while sewing. For example, working to keep the sewing area sanitized and placing the masks into ziplock bags when complete.

FOR ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS EMAIL JLL MEMBER,
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