



Around the Block
QUILT SHOP

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Change of plans for tomorrow.

Those who have scheduled for the AccuQuilt can still come. But I'm doing the sale a little differently. We, meaning our quilting community, are going into the business of making protective masks. These masks will be used in the local hospitals, possibly in Denver, and in a variety of other places-shelters, personal use, child care - wherever there is a need for what we make. Our masks will just be made out of cloth. The recipients will be responsible for sterilizing/washing them. These are not surgical masks and clearly are not intended to be a substitute for the real thing. But they will help and the medical community is asking for them all over the United States.

So everyone who wants to participate, come to the shop tomorrow and we will give you a kit to make 5 masks. Pattern will be included. Everyone who comes will also get a free green fat quarter. You can pull up in front of the shop, honk, and I'll come out with your kits and fat quarter. You are also welcome to come into the store and shop. The 25% off sale will still go on as planned, but I'll limit the number of people in the store at any one time. Not sure how I'll do that, but we can work together about that. I will also continue to have kits next week, as fast as you can sew I can cut.

You can also make masks from your own fabric (see pattern below) and bring them to the shop & we'll distribute them.

Right now we have plenty of fabric-don't laugh. What we don't have yet is an endless supply of elastic. We have some in the shop right now, we're scouting around for more and I have ordered some that will come in next week, I hope. If you have elastic that you would like to donate to the cause, please bring it in, or use it yourself for the masks.

The mask takes less than 10 minutes, for quilters, to make.

Let's sew!

Protective Mask Pattern

Fabric Requirements:

2 pieces of quilting fabric 6" X 9"

2 pieces of 1/4" - 1/2" elastic 7" (the half inch is a bit big. You can trim it if necessary)

(7.5 X 5 for child)



Step 1: Place fabrics right sides together.

Step 2: Starting on right side, place elastic in between the two layers and butt the edge of elastic into the upper corner and pin in place. Take the other end of elastic and pin in the bottom corner, making sure not to twist the elastic. Repeat for the left side. The elastic must be in between the two layers-not sticking out from the edges.

Step 2: Pin around.

Step 3: Start sewing on a long side, starting just off the middle. Sew all the way around, leaving a gap for turning. Make sure you only catch the elastic in the corners of the mask.

Step 4: Turn. You should now have a mask! But there's one more part.

Step 5: Take 3 tucks/pleats on each of the short sides. The tucks are about 1" each (1/2" behind, 1/2" on top). Make sure the tucks go in the same direction and make sure they are approximately evenly pleated on both sides. Pin tucks in place.

Step 6. Top Stitch around the entire outside edge of the mask. This stitching will close off the gap where you turned and stitch the tucks in place. Stitch one more time, right next to your first stitching.

You're done!

NOTE: We will also have a pattern that uses ties rather than elastic. Stay tuned.



Step By Step Pictures

Pin elastic into corners, keeping elastic to the inside



Put remaining fabric, on top, rights sides down.
Pin in corners to secure elastic.



Begin in the middles of the long side. When you get to the corner,
leave needle down, lift pressure foot, and turn fabric.



Stop stitching about 2" from where you started.



Turn. You can see my hole at the top.



Start your tucks!



Start top stitching. I stitch right over my pins. You can also pin with the head facing inside and the tip of the pin 1/4 inch away from your edge. That way you can stitch without stitching over the pins or taking them out too soon.

Join the fun and come feel the difference of quality fabrics.

Happy quilting!

Sincerely,

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