

Dear Santa Cruz County 4-H. I Hope everyone is keeping well. I apologize in advance that this email will be a little large as there is a bit of information to get across.

My name is Trisha Suruki and I am with a Corralitos 4-H. I used to be a club leader and project leader for many years. I was once the sewing project leader. I currently help Katie and Carly Azevedo with Arts and Crafts and I also lead 4-H summer camp crafts. Although my children have aged out, I still enjoy sharing some time with today's youth.

I am currently sewing masks for Watsonville Hospital to help with COVID-19 protection. The masks are not to replace the CDC approved N95 masks but it can help prolong the N95 masks that the staff is asked to rewear. Given the severity of the N95 mask shortage, the hospital will be able to use our sewn masks as a way to keep their N95 mask from airborne contamination.

I am asking anyone that would like to help, please let me know. Sadly, we won't be able to meet and have a large sewing date, however you can sew at home if you would like. We will have a completed mask drop off date and location later for those who participate.

I have attached a You Tube video and Pinterest link at the end of this email that has patterns and sewing instructions that you might find helpful.

~~If you have fabric great!

~~If you need fabric, I have a collection of fabric you are welcome to cut into the needed 9" x 6" strips.

~~I also have a large stack of 9" x 6" pieces of fabric if anyone would like to grab some and start going for it.

I am currently out of town until Wednesday but am willing to meet with you when I return if you need fabric or precut fabric from me.

This is a good community service project for your club or any teens needing it for school. If you need community service hours for school, just let me know and I'm happy to sign any paperwork for you.

FACE MASK PATTERN (Instructions are included in a You Tube video and Pinterest link attached below).

~(2) pieces of 9" x 6" cotton fabric (one front and one back)

~(1) piece of 9" x 6" cotton flannel or lightweight nonwoven interfacing (interfacing has been hard to find so can be omitted if necessary)

~(2) 7" pieces of 1/8" or 1/4" width elastic (not advisable to use larger than 1/4" as this goes around the ear and if too big, will not stay in place). Elastic has also been hard to find during these times but you can substitute a thin elastic headband (continuous loop cut in half) that can be found in dollar stores. If no elastic found, you can sew your own ties (pattern and instructions included in You Tube video (link attached below)).