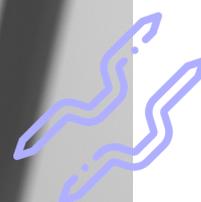


Knit Face Mask

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Difficulty Level



MATERIALS

Yarn

Less than 100 yards (90m) of a worsted weight yarn like Paintbox Yarns Simply Aran

Needles

3.5mm (US 4) needles (at least 3 needles).

Misc.

Two stitch markers and two elastic hair ties

GAUGE AND SIZING

19sts by 28 rows on a 4x4" (10x10cm) swatch in stockinette

Sizing

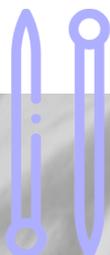
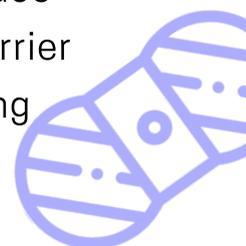
This pattern makes a rather large, adult size face mask. 8" (20cm) from ear to ear and 6" (15cm) from nose to chin.

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OVERVIEW

Please be aware, this mask will not protect you from any viruses or microbes. However, it can help discourage you from touching your face and prolong the use of medical grade face masks when used as a barrier between you and a "real" mask. For more info on face mask use during the COVID-19 outbreak, check out the CDC's info **here**.

Hopefully you're reading this pattern in a bright future when we're past the global coronavirus pandemic and making this mask for a Halloween costume or to keep your nose warm.



Pattern



We'll use the hair ties as ear straps. This mask is made in two pieces. Each piece starts with casting stitches onto a hair tie as follows:

Make a slip knot. Insert your needle through the center of one hair tie, place the slip knot on your needle and pull it through the hair tie. *Yo, insert your needle through center of hair tie and pick up a stitch* rep 18 more times. You should have 19 sets of yarn overs and picked up sts plus your slip knot.

Set up row: knit 1 picked up stitch and 1 yarn over together. Rep to end of row and knit the slip knot. (20 sts).

Row 1 (ws): knit all sts

Row 2 (rs): knit all sts

Rep rows 1 and 2 for a total of 5 rows



Row 6: k 9, pm (place marker), k2, pm, k9

Row 7: k3, purl all sts up to marker, sm (slip marker), p2, sm, purl to last 3, k3

Row 8: k to marker, m1r, sm, k2, sm, m1l, k rem sts

Rep rows 7 and 8 until you have **28 sts** on your needles, then work one more row 7 row, while removing markers.

Right side rows: k all sts

Wrong side rows: k3, p to last 3, k3

Rep rows until piece measures 4in (10cm). Don't bind off and repeat instructions to make another half.

With right sides facing, seam both sides together using a 3 needle bind-off.



Thank You!



I hope you enjoyed it. I know its a scary time in the world but I hope I could bring you some joy with this pattern and all the little different techniques I tried to include in it. I also encourage you to contact me anytime with questions.

Wishing you health!

- *Michelle*

