

## Girl Scouts Give Back: Mask Making Instructions for Troop Leaders

Are your girls eager to step up and support their community through the COVID-19 pandemic? Consider making face masks!

Through our national Girl Scouts Give Back mask-making campaign, we're lifting up what many Girl Scouts have started so that even more girls can help keep their friends and neighbors as well as frontline workers stay safe. And to amplify that impact, we've partnered with Feeding America to help our neighbors most in need at this time.

## Here's how your troop can help make a difference:

- 1. Ask your girls (and their friends!) to make masks together virtually.
- 2. Decide on a mask design that your troop will use. We recommend these <u>instructions</u> from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). If your troop chooses to make masks for children, use 7.5" x 9" cloth instead.
- 3. Before you start, make sure your girls have the right materials and have a clean, sanitary workspace and have washed their hands.
- 4. Consider writing notes of hope and support to include with your donation. Here are a few examples:
  - Hope you stay healthy! <3
  - Thank you for helping others!
  - Sending you hugs!
- 5. Decide how to collect and deliver your troop's masks. You could collect the masks using no contact practices and mail or drop off a single package, or have girls mail them individually if needed. Do whatever is easiest and safest for you and your troop. If the girls mail them individually, provide the council office's address as the return address and be sure the girls keep track of how many masks they send.
- 6. Consider <u>donating masks</u> to a local <u>Feeding America</u> food bank for distribution to their staff and those who rely on food donations.
- 7. Take a picture of your masks and post it to your social media networks using #GirlScoutsGiveBack (and be sure to tag @girlscouts).
- 8. Don't forget to log the number of masks your troop made to add them to the national campaign!
- 9. If you wish to recognize your troop's participation with a patch, we recommend this <u>Girl Scouts</u> Give Back patch.