

Service to the Armed Forces

Continuing Our Legacy of Serving the Military and Their Families



American Red Cross

The American Red Cross has provided comfort and care to service members, veterans and their families for over 130 years. In particular, the Red Cross developed programs to knit socks and helmet liners, sew coverings for casts and crochet/quilt lap blankets for injured wheelchair patients. This legacy continues during the current pandemic crisis.

A current need exists for face coverings to wear on installations, in communities and other areas where they are required. The volunteer workforce of the American Red Cross joins with thousands of others to help make and distribute these coverings.

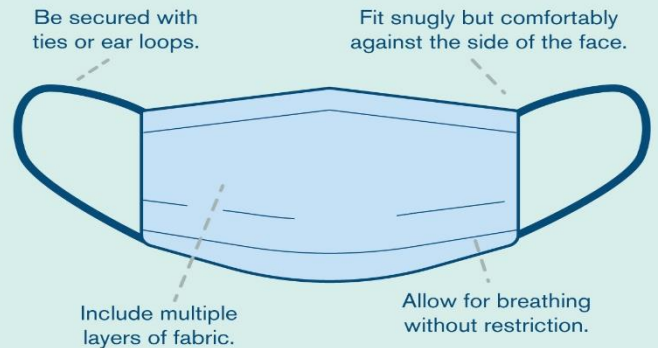
If you are interested in making face coverings to support service members, veterans and/or their families, please read [this article](#) from the CDC for additional information. We are particularly looking for face coverings that are sewn, whether by hand or machine. The Red Cross will verify the need for face coverings with our partners to ensure we are meeting the requirements for the current situation.

Contact Christine the Regional Director of Services to the Armed Forces and International Services with any questions at Christine.platzek@redcross.org

Face coverings can be mailed to:

Red Cross: SAF Face Coverings
101 Station Landing, Suite 510
Medford, MA 02155

FACE COVERINGS What to Look For



Source: CDC



Tips and tricks

- Consider expanding the sizes seen in the link above to accommodate a wider variety of face types/sizes (man vs. woman, facial hair, etc.).
- Using a softer material for the interior part of the covering can make it more comfortable to wear.
- Launder and dry material prior to making face coverings to reduce the chance of shrinkage.
- Tie closures provide greatest size and comfort accommodation.