## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR ACCESSIBLE MASKS**

(i.e., clear-windowed masks)

This mask is intended for providing visual accessibility to communication factors such as lip movement and facial expressions. Clear-windowed cloth masks are not FDA-approved nor meant to replace medical masks.

## **SUPPLIES**

• Durable fabric.

Thicker, mesh recommended over dry-fit material (e.g., flannel better than athletic shirt fabric)

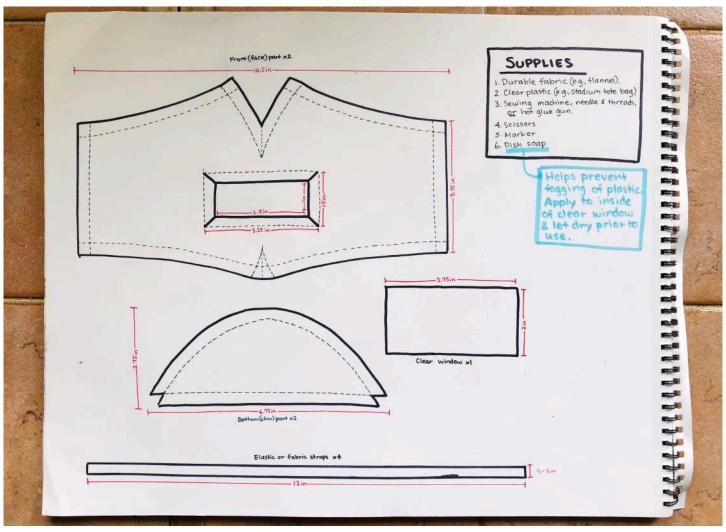
• Clear plastic.

Thick and durable as well (e.g., clear stadium tote bag).

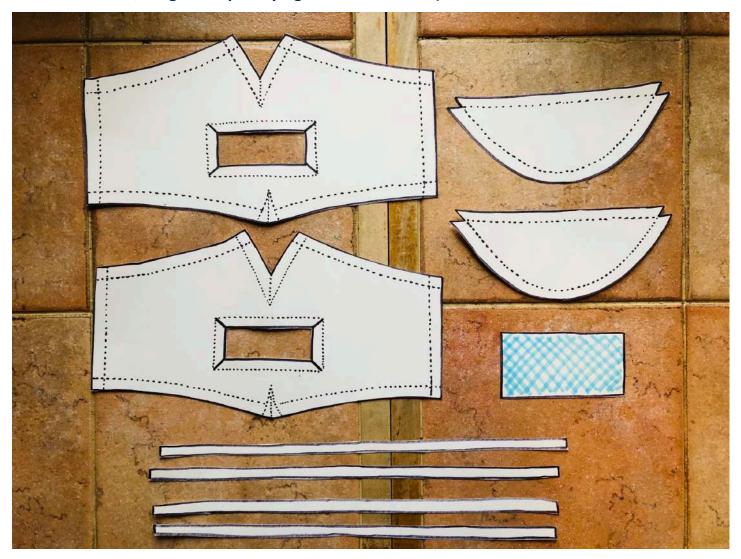
- Sewing machine / hot glue gun / needle & thread.

  Use sewing machine for shortest construction time and durability. Hot glue can replace or support sewing.
- Ruler, marker, scissors.
- Dish soap.

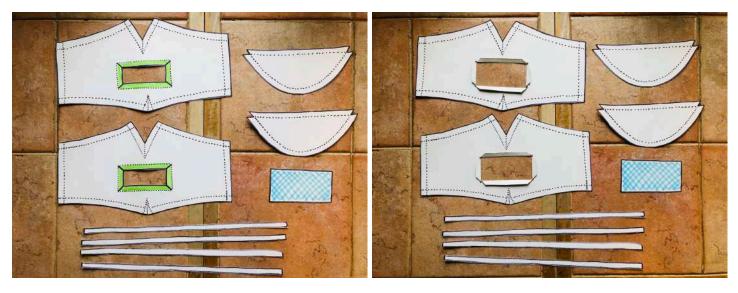




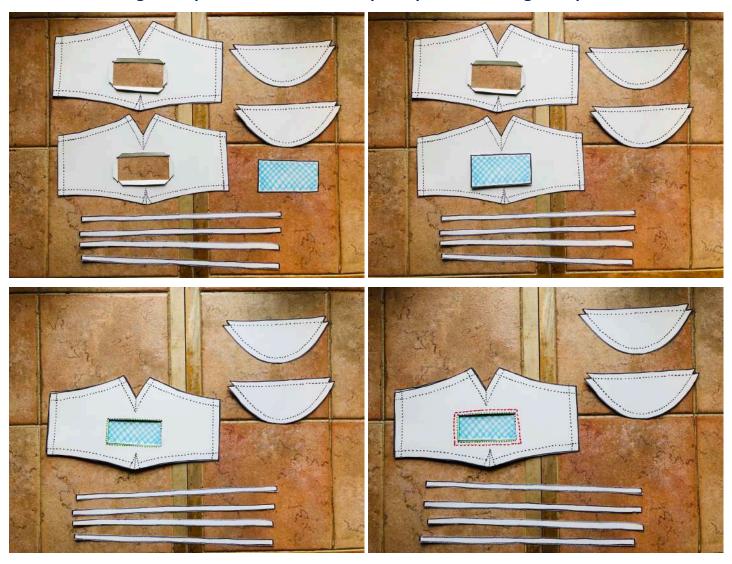
<u>STEP ONE:</u> cut out desired fabric as shown in template. Use shorter or longer straps depending on the size of head or where the straps will be tied (e.g., shorter straps if tying around the ears, longer straps if tying around the head).



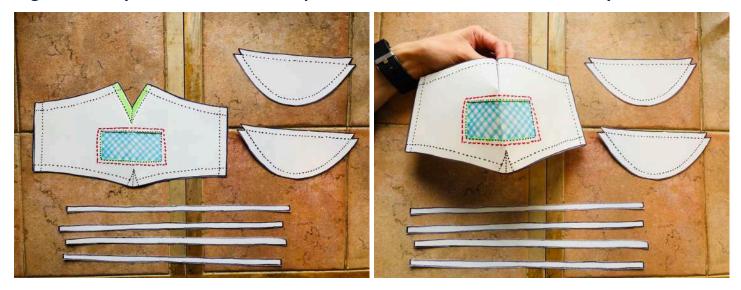
<u>STEP TWO:</u> fold the flaps in the middle of the Front (face) part to create clean edges around the window.

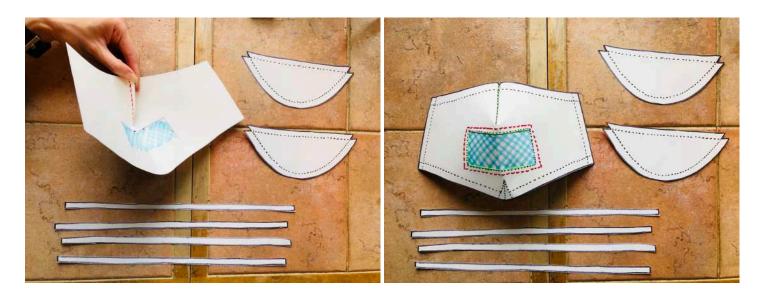


<u>STEP THREE:</u> place clear window in between the two Front (face) parts and sew together. You can use hot glue or pins to secure them in place prior to sewing if helpful.

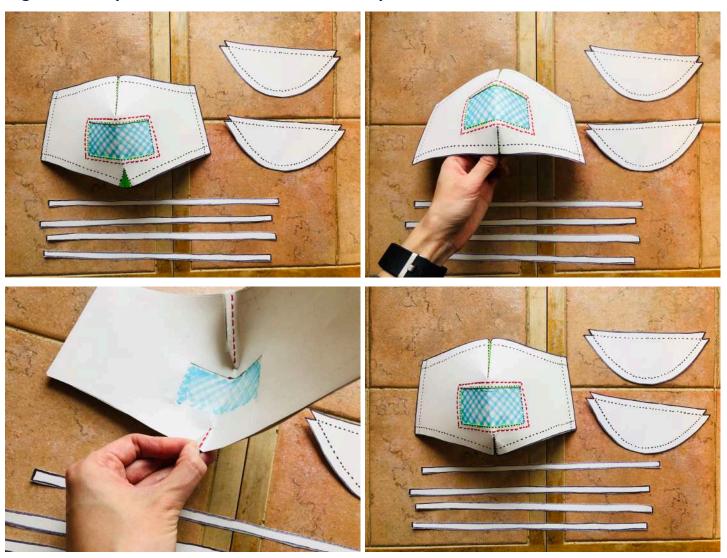


<u>STEP FOUR:</u> fold and sew along the top/nose portion of the Front (face) part to create a slight bend in your mask. This will help the mask curve and fit closer around your face.

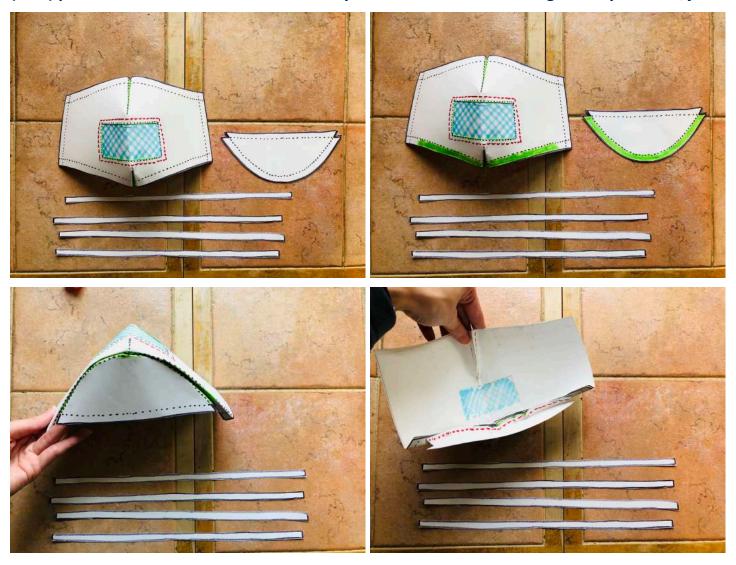




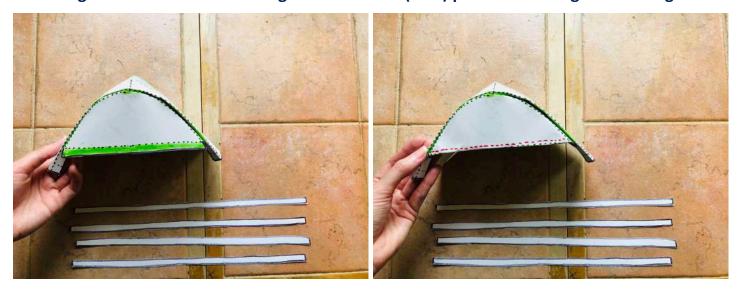
<u>STEP FIVE:</u> fold and sew along the bottom/chin portion of the Front (face) part to create a slight bend in your mask. This will further curve your mask.



<u>STEP SIX:</u> fold and sew the curved side of the Bottom (chin) part to the bottom the Front (face) part. This will maximize the curve of your mask and add coverage over your chin/jaw.



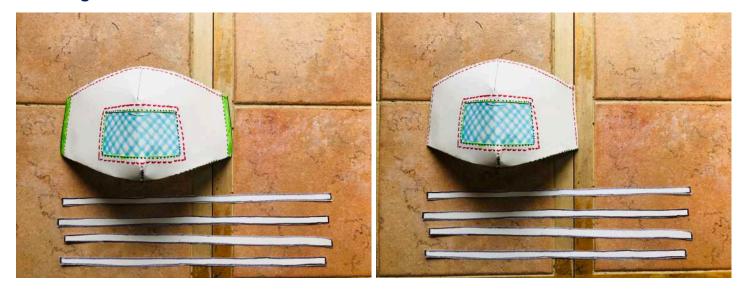
<u>STEP SEVEN:</u> fold and sew the flap on the straight edge of the Bottom (chin) part to create a clean edge. Include the bottom edges of the Front (face) part for full-length clean edge.



**STEP EIGHT:** fold and sew the top of the Front (face) part to create a clean edge.



<u>STEP NINE:</u> fold and sew the flaps on the sides of the Front (face) part to create your last two clean edges.



STEP TEN: sew the fabric/elastic strips to the corners of the Front (face) part to create straps.





<u>STEP ELEVEN:</u> add dish soap to the inside of the clear window. Let dry before use. This will help prevent fogging when speaking/breathing. Wipe and reapply as needed.



