



Thank you for your purchase.

Let's face this together.

We make things dogs love. And dogs love protecting humans. So we're revving up our small factory's sewing machines to do the same, with masks that help slow the spread of COVID-19.¹

These masks are for dog-walkers, grocery shoppers, kiddos, and essential employees (including our own)—and through your purchase, you're directly supporting us giving 400 masks a week to medical professionals in Montana. That's half our mask production capabilities! So, you're also helping us keep our small Bozeman-based factory open, and our local team employed.

Working off the Johns Hopkins pattern, we're handcrafting our reusable masks with tightly-woven cotton, a flexible nose piece, and a fierce desire to see this thing through, together. And we're pretty sure our canine customers overwhelmingly approve.

Below you will find all the information you need to wear and care for your mask. Thank you for your purchase and allowing us to keep more healthcare workers and more neighbors safe.²

West Paw Cloth Face Mask Use and Care Instructions

Please read all instructions before using your mask.³

How to Wear a Cloth Face Covering

Cloth face coverings should—

- fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face
- be secured with ties or ear loops
- include multiple layers of fabric
- allow for breathing without restriction
- be able to be laundered and machine dried without damage or change to shape



CDC on Cloth Face Coverings

CDC recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies), **especially** in areas of significant community-based transmission.

CDC also advises the use of simple cloth face coverings to slow the spread of the virus and help people who may have the virus and do not know it from transmitting it to others. Cloth face coverings fashioned from household items or made at home from common materials at low cost can be used as an additional, voluntary public health measure.

While the CDC does not specifically recommend filters, **West Paw's face masks** are designed with a pocket for an optional filter. **West Paw's masks** should be worn with the pocket toward your face, flexible nose piece at the top, and the outside pleats pointing down. If you wish to add a filter, readily available materials may be cut to fit inside the pocket. In all cases make sure you can adequately breathe through the mask, bend the flexible nose piece to fit your nose, and adjust the straps so the mask fits snugly around your face without air gaps.

Should cloth face coverings be washed or otherwise cleaned regularly? How regularly?

Yes. They should be routinely washed depending on the frequency of use.

How does one safely sterilize/clean a cloth face covering?

A washing machine should suffice in properly washing a face covering.

West Paw's masks are recommended to be hand-washed with soap and water, or machine-washed on gentle or delicate cycle, placing the mask inside a garment bag so agitation doesn't tangle the cords and damage the flexible metal nosepiece. (If you are using an optional filter material, make sure to remove it from your mask before washing, and replace it frequently.) Masks can be air-dried or, for an extra sanitizing step, dried in a clothes dryer in the garment bag on high heat for 5-10 minutes.

How does one safely remove a used cloth face covering?

Individuals should be careful not to touch their eyes, nose, and mouth when removing their face covering and wash hands immediately after removing. **West Paw** recommends also washing your hands before removing your face mask.

Cloth Face Coverings: Questions and Answers

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover-faq.html>

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<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>

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