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Holly, Hannah (my daughter and granddaughter) and I have been making masks since July, first to prepare for my daughter going back to school as a teacher, and for our family. It grew in October when I gave Hannah, a sewing lesson and the masks were gifted to a friend. The friend asked Hannah to sew her 30 masks for Christmas gifts. We were then honored to get the opportunity to make masks for the Northwest Treatment Center. Since then, along with my sister Vicky, we have made over 3,000 masks.

Currently we would like to raise awareness to Alzheimer's by donating the profits of the sales of our masks this week in honor of Mother's Day to the Alzheimer's Association. We recently lost our mother to the disease and my siblings and I have shared this journey with other members in the community as they walk the same journey. At least 6 DCD & Planning employees have been affected by a family member with the disease. It is the 5th leading cause of death among seniors and the largest group of dementia that affects about 1 in 9 over the age of 65. As baby boomers age, this number can reach upwards to 1 in 3 once you reach the age of 85. No one chooses to get Alzheimer's and if you have been affected by it, you know it is just as devastating to watch a loved one die from it as any other terminal illness.

Making masks have been a way to help me cope with my Mother's deteriorating condition while doing something I love. We have provided fun masks that are as unique as each individual. We offer 5 sizes of masks, Tiny Tots, Youth, Petite, One-size Fits Most, and Manly Man for \$6 (or 5 for \$25) and \$8 that have washable nose wire and adjustable straps. Although all masks are washable with care, the washable nose wire is less likely to break.

If you are interested in supporting this cause, for the widest selection please request to join the Private Facebook Group "Sewin' Love by Hannah" for available inventory and make a purchase (or donation). We have over 100 masks to choose from. If you don't see what you are looking for, ask Holly. She has been known to go out of her way to find exactly what you want. I have some in my office and I'm usually in on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday morning or if you are out in Hoodspout you can visit Discovery Donuts and find a unique selection at her store. Thank you for your support. – Pamela Hillstrom

In honor of our Mother, known as Granny to her grandchildren, here are some extra special masks with adjustable straps and a nose wire made to last through many washes. Native and Outdoor themes are part of this special collection. Look for numbers 101-113 with the purple ribbon.





Here is a sample of masks that are \$6 each or 5 for \$25





