Behind Mitzi Masks

Firstly, thank you for shopping with a burgeoning small business!

Mitzi Masks is a very new business venture that challenges me to create for all of us in need and allows me to donate to healthcare professionals in need of PPE.

At-Home Cleaning Procedures:

Upon receiving your new mask, I highly suggest washing it with soap and water and dry to be sure it is completely safe for you to use. Whilst bleach isn’t an option here, you can also use liquid Lysol, hydrogen peroxide, or other home sanitizers.

It is very important that you wash your mask continuously with use. That’s just one reason why these reusable, cloth masks are so wonderful! You can wash them with your hands right in the sink and hang dry! Or throw them in with your laundry! (You can use a mesh laundry bag to be sure it doesn’t get tangled or caught on other clothing.)

My Safety Precautions:

Each mask starts with the fabric being gloved-hand-washed in bleach-sanitized buckets with detergent. From there it is air-dried on sanitized drying racks and ironed, front and back, on high heat. After this, the mask pattern is traced on and cut out. This process is repeated for ALL fabric before it becomes a mask (each mask has 3 layers). The mask pattern has been created with the input of Boston-area surgeons and various seamstresses. I am only using fabric that has been recommended by the CDC. This means Mitzi Masks are almost as effective as N95 masks, with an 80-90% filtration rate\*.

Please know that before beginning any mask-work I wash my hands thoroughly and routinely sanitize my sewing machine and workspace. Every mask is made with care, manifesting love and protective energy with extreme attention to detail. (Even though my sewing machine is as old as I am…. We work with what we have!)

How it Works:

The price of each mask is related to time that goes into them and cost of materials. In total, it takes over 4 hours to prep 1yd of fabric for sewing. The sewing technique requires ~35 minutes per mask. Materials are exclusively sources from local and small-businesses, with a high priority for BIPOC\*\*-owned businesses! My favorite is Gather Here located in Cambridge.

I personally wash, dry, iron, cut, sew, package, and mail each and every mask!

If you are interested in making a group order for your family, team, crew, tribe, or event just email me your ideas, plus group discounts! (Please allow at least 1 month for production/delivery)

Enjoy your mask and stay safe! ☺

Cheers,

Mitzi Eppley

\*access to all scientific fabric research on www.mkayarts.com

\*\*Black Indigenous People of Color

P.S. You can watch the masks being made on my Instagram @tipsymitzi and contact me for questions, feedback, and group order inquiries at mitzimasks@gmail.com