EASY Crochet Face Mask with Filter
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Skill Level: Easy

Yarn: 1 skein of Lion Brand's Coboo (50% cotton, 50% rayon from bamboo, 3.5 oz/100 g, 232 yds/212 m, DK or #3 weight) or approx. 100 yards of your favorite cotton yarn.

OR 1 ball of ECO-COTTON by Nurturing Fibers (100% cotton, 50 g/125 m) Available from Good Loops Yarn: https://www.goodloopsyarn.com/collections/cotton/products/eco-cotton-yarn

Hook: Size F (or 5/3.75 mm)

Notions: Yarn Needle, scissors, piece of cotton t-shirt (or other cotton material), small paperclip (optional).

Finished Dimensions: approx. 3.5" x 5.5"

Gauge: approx. 8 wattle sts = 4", 7 rows = 2"

Complete Video Tutorials:

Right-Handed: https://youtu.be/dFzYYUWEuyg

Left-Handed: https://youtu.be/hcYDcQOf6ys

Special Stitches: Wattle Stitch (instructions in pattern below)

Abbreviations:

ch(s)	chain
dc	double crochet
sc	single crochet
sk	skip
slip st	slip stitch
sp	space

Mask Instructions:

Front side of Mask
Chain 31.

Row 1: Starting in 4th ch from hook, [(sc, ch 1, dc) in next ch {wattle st made}, sk next 2 sts] across, sc in last ch, turn. (9 wattle sts, 1 sc)

Row 2: Ch 2, working only in the ch-1 of each wattle st, (sc, ch 1, dc) across, sc in ch-2 turning ch, turn.

Rows 3 - 13: Repeat Row 2.

Perimeter Round: Ch 1, (work 2 sc in ch-1 of wattle st, sc in next sc) across, ch 3, * turn 90 degrees to work along row ends, sc in same space as last sc (corner formed), 1 sc in each row end to corner, ch 3,** turn 90 degrees, sc in same place as last sc, working across foundation row, (sc in next sp, 2 sc over ch-2) across to next corner, ch 3, repeat from * to ** once more, join with a slip st to first sc of round, fasten off.

Back Side of Mask (or Pocket)

Work a second piece the same as the Front Side, but using only 11 rows and perimeter round.

Joining both sides of mask

With right sides facing outward, join the ch-3 to the 2nd st from the top corner of mask along side of mask (see video for more details), slip st around 3 sides of mask, leaving the top open as a pouch for additional cotton filter.

Strands/Ties for Mask

Join with a slip st to bottom ch-3 of mask, make a chain 16" long, fasten off. Thread chain through ch-3 of top of mask, fasten again to bottom ch-3 on mask. Repeat for chain on other side of mask. Fasten off; hide loose strands.

Cotton Filter

Using a clean cotton t-shirt, cut a 3" strip (approx. 18" wide), fold neatly and place into pouch of mask. It is recommended that masks not be shared with anyone to prevent the spread of disease. Wash often in hot

water and detergent. Please check the links below for other tips on wearing face masks.

To add decorative options, please check out these free YouTube videos below, or add your own. Please tell them Bonnie sent you!

Mustache tutorial: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mUhWCm-b7sA

Lips: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dfYn_c5Vuzk

More Lips: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=evUqL26JwVM

Teddy Bear Face: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ABgq8UI2xGA

Cute Frog Face: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RP8ho-1f_xo

Emoji Smiley Faces: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xhn-A2W8H2E

Article on Benefits and Potential Drawbacks of wearing a surgical mask: https://maidsailors.com/blog/how-to-make-a-surgical-mask/

What Are The Best Materials for Making DIY Masks? https://smartairfilters.com/en/blog/best-materials-make-diy-face-mask-virus/

Article on Mask Shortage: https://www.washingtonpost.com/health/2020/03/10/face-mask-shortage-prompts-cdc-loosen-coronavirus-guidance/

A coronavirus cautionary tale from Italy: Don't do what we did: https://www.bostonglobe.com/2020/03/13/opinion/coronavirus-cautionary-tale-italy-dont-do-what-we-did/?outputType=amp&__twitter_impression=true&fbclid=IwAR0_knh5DXcU0U_hJa-clR7NBPhuGHvOSIrVV5oP87VFaxDPFHlfIDN67ug

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