



# Tie-Dyed Masks

## WEARING IS CARING

The Wearing is Caring campaign launched by Carmel's City Council encourages people to wear face coverings for COVID-19 safety. To help support this initiative, Carmel teens are encouraged to create their own tie-dyed masks from craft kits available at the library. The mask kits contain one cotton mask, Sharpies, and an eyedropper. In addition to these materials, participants will need to provide their own rubbing alcohol. To create your tie-dyed mask, please follow the instructions and safety guidelines below.

### Safety Guidelines

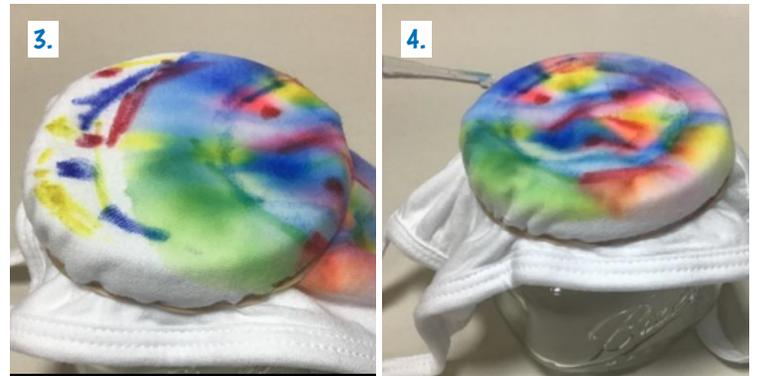
1. Create your tie-dyed mask in a well-ventilated area such as outdoors.
2. Read the safety label on the rubbing alcohol. Rubbing alcohol can be poisonous if swallowed and is flammable if exposed to heat.
3. Do not wear your mask until it has completely dried, the color has set, and it has been washed.

### 5 Easy Steps

1. Stretch the cotton mask over the mouth of a jar or cup and secure it with a rubber band.
2. Make colorful dots and scribbles on the stretched cotton using the Sharpie markers.



3. Fill the eye dropper with rubbing alcohol and gently drip alcohol onto the colored spots. The alcohol will begin to run, carrying the colored ink with it.



4. Repeat this process on different areas of the cotton mask. You may need to carefully adjust the mask on the jar to cover the entire area.
5. Allow the cotton mask to completely dry overnight and put it in the dryer for 15 minutes to set the color. Wash the mask separately from other clothes to prevent staining.



### Share Your Photo

When you have completed these steps, you may email us a photograph of yourself wearing the mask in support of Wearing is Caring. Teens who participate are eligible for 1 hour of community service through the library's Teen Volunteer Corps. If you are not a member of the library's Teen Volunteer Corps, we encourage you to sign up at [carmelclaylibrary.org/teen-volunteer-corps](http://carmelclaylibrary.org/teen-volunteer-corps). Then email your photograph to [youngadult@carmel.lib.in.us](mailto:youngadult@carmel.lib.in.us) with the subject line "Wearing Is Caring" and include your first and last name in the message. Your photograph may appear on our social media sites. If you do not wish your photograph to be published, please specify this in your email.