

Options for nose pieces

Many surgical and N95 masks use a flat metal nose piece.



One option for replicating this is to use flat aluminum craft wire :



This is commonly used as a decorative floral wire. It comes in many different brands and it can be found in fabric stores and craft stores.

According to a florist source, the wire is very malleable.

Since Joann fabrics has been offering mask supplies to the general public- this wire has become somewhat difficult to find, though not impossible to find.

At this time, this website seems to have some available:

https://www.countryporch.com/darice/view.asp?item=1186-71&utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_term=1186-71&utm_campaign=Google+Shopping&gclid=Cj0KCQjwpfHzBRCiARIsAHHzYzqBmwDwZCYRMOMniljY69Wd4x1clb4lC3bbrYy3ifDsfYRiuQsvCuoaAgZuEALw_wcB

We may have some luck with sources that the general public do not tend to purchase from- such as florist distribution companies.

A florist source uses Jacobson Floral Supply, and recommended reaching out to them to inquire about ordering.

This is their website: <https://jacobsonfloral.com/>

If the flat wire is not a suitable option, perhaps we can consider using a pipe cleaner folded in half with the sharp end secured with tape.

This was a suggestion made by someone on the Joann fabrics website. The included pictures and instructions on how to create a casing in the mask for the nose clip :

Good Pattern- here's a mod for Adjust.Nose Bridge

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For those who are sewing surgical face masks using this pattern I came up with an easy modification to create an adjustable nose bridge for better fit and filtration while still keeping the mask washable:

- 1) Use a strip of 1/2" bias tape to create a casing along the inside upper edge of the mask, leaving one end open. You will need to sew very close to the edge.
- 2) Bend a pipe cleaner (thin style) in half and put a small piece of duct tape over the sharp metal ends.
- 3) Insert the doubled pipe cleaner into the casing and pinch over the nose bridge to fit.

Another option is to use NEW green wire ties used to bind veggies like lettuce. Fold the flat wire tie twice to form 3 layer tie the length of the bias tape casing. This is not quite as sturdy as the pipe cleaner but works nonetheless.

This mask design by JoAnn Fabrics can be used with the metal insert or without (as a cover for N95). And because the insert is removable the mask can be sterilized in an autoclave or washed at home.

One more advantage of adding this casing: it's easy to tell the outside from the inside of the mask which can really help to reduce self-contamination.

I'm now making all of my masks with this modification and it's easy to add to masks that are already finished. I hope you find this helpful - please share with your sewing friends!



Source: <https://www.joann.com/how-to-make-a-face-mask/042188731P321.html>