

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS HAND-SEWN MASKS

Q: What type of thread should we use?

A: We originally said cotton, however, it has been determined that any thread that can be washed in hot soapy water will work and is acceptable

Q: What type and size wire is needed?

A: We request the use of 18 – 20-gauge stainless steel, galvanized steel, brass, or copper wire, .042 aircraft stainless steel lockwire, which is the equivalent to 18-gauge wire, will work. The wire needs to be rust resistant and can easily conform to the nose and maintain its shape.

Q: Does the material have to be less than one-year old?

A: Yes. Over time cotton tends to rot and mold. Therefore, we need newer material to be sure there are no issues with rot or mold in the fabric.

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