

## Secret Identity Mask in Knit or Crochet

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### Description

This superhero mask is just the thing to make your own unique mask to secure your secret identity. Wear it for clandestine crochet operations, to masquerades, or heat it up and put it over your face for a relaxation mask you can watch TV through!

**Difficulty:** Intermediate.

**Size:** Approx. 6" across.

**Materials:** 20-50 grams of yarn, any weight and color.

**Needles:** Size for yarn weight used.

**Gauge:** Any. You must know your gauge before starting this pattern.

**Take time to save time by knitting a swatch!**

### Pattern Notes

#### Safety First!

Since this goes next to your eyes, you must be aware of some safety concerns if you plan to wear your mask:

- Things that can poke you do not belong next to your eyes. If you make a mask with wire shaping, ensure the wire cannot be bumped into your eye.
- Glitter is nice, but belongs below your eyes, so it doesn't end up *in* your eyes.
- Anything breakable, such as glass beads, should be kept away from your eyes.
- Make the eye holes at least 6" around so your vision is not obstructed.
- Lasers belong on ray guns, not eye masks.

#### About the Designer

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### Knit Instructions

#### Eye Piece (make 2)

Multiply your stitch per inch gauge by 6 and cast on that number of stitches. Join without twisting.

Knit around for 2-4 rows. Bind off 1/2 of the stitches.

Work back and forth in any flat-laying stitch pattern. On each row, increase by 4 stitches. Continue for 4-6", or until you like the size of the piece. Bind off all stitches.

Knit an 18" long 4-sts icord and attach to the outside edge of the piece.

#### Nose Piece (make 1)

Knit a 1/4" long 2-stitch icord and attach to the eye pieces, opposite the ties.

#### Finish

Wash and block flat.

### Crochet Instructions

#### Eye Piece (make 2)

Crochet a 6" chain and join. Single crochet around for 2-4 rows.

Work back and forth over 1/2 of the piece in any flat-laying crochet pattern. On each row, increase by 4 crochets. Continue for 2-4", or until you like the size of the piece.

Make an 18" long chain and attach it to the outside edge of the piece.

#### Nose Piece (make 1)

Make a 1/4" long chain and attach to the eye piece, opposite the ties.

#### Finish

Wash and block flat.

**Fitting:** If the mask doesn't fit, adjust the nose piece first.

### Embellishment Options

Here are some optional add-ons and embellishments for making this mask:

- Lace! Have fun with laceweight yarn and lace stitch patterns.
- Make a granny square crochet mask.
- Give the edge texture with fun fur or ribbon.
- Use floral wire, bent at the tips and inside an icord for shaping or embellishments. Make sure there are no wires pointing towards your eyes.
- Adapt the pattern to fit over a pair of prescription glasses.
- Put Beads and bangles on the bottom edge.
- Add Creative cables along the mask edge.
- Change the shape of the eye by putting increases at the corner of the eye.
- Join the eyes, cast on an additional 12", and knit a hooded mask without ties.

