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## SEWING PROGRAM MAKING MASKS



Women at the Las Colinas Detention and Reentry Facility in Santee are doing their part to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Students in the sewing program are making masks for inmates at seven San Diego County Sheriff's Department jails.

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One team cuts and designs the fabric. A second team sews the straps and masks. The face cloths are washed in hypoallergenic detergent before being packaged for delivery.

14 women assembling the masks have sewing experience and learned while in the Sheriff's job training program. They have made inmate uniforms, bedding, recyclable bags and other things needed in the jails. The sewing program provides work training certifications so participants can successfully reenter the community, gain sustainable employment and reconnect with their families.

Participants say they're glad to give back and help during this health crisis. So far, the sewing program students have made more than 10,000 face masks since March.