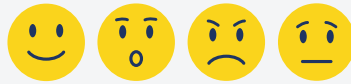


# DID YOU KNOW

 that people with hearing loss and some people with disabilities rely on your lips and facial expression to communicate?

Your mouth and eyes reveal visual information like emotion, tone of voice, and even American Sign Language grammar.



It is important to wear a mask for protection from COVID-19; however, this can pose a communication barrier for some.

## Why is the clear mask the best mask to facilitate communication?



Here are several different options for directions on how to make your own mask with a clear panel:

- <https://www.instructables.com/id/Face-Mask-Adapted-for-Deaf-DeafBlind-and-Hard-of-H/>
- <https://www.adultadvocacycenters.org/news/pattern-for-mask-with-clear-window-panel-now-available/>
- <https://www.hsdco.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/HSDC-Instructions-for-Clear-Window-Masks.pdf>
- <https://wnyfightingcovid.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/happy-turtle.pdf>

**THE DEAF  
COMMUNITY,  
ETSY, AND LOCAL  
MASK MAKERS  
MAY BE ABLE TO  
ASSIST, AS WELL!**

**To prevent fogging**, rub a dot of dish soap, white toothpaste, shaving cream, or white bar soap over the interior of the clear panel & buff dry with a soft cloth. Try it on your glasses, too!



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