



Even though there isn't a lot of baseball going on these days we do have one of our umpires, Dan Labrie, that has traded his umpire mask for making masks for front line workers..

HERE IS HIS STORY

[Video and article from Umps Care Charities](#)

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Called up my mom to meet me at Walmart so she could show me what I needed to do this. I bought a sewing machine and all of the parts and pieces that I would need along with a cutting mat and rotary wheel. When we got back home my mom helped me set the machine up and then gave me a 45 minute crash course on how to sew and to fix anything that could break. We made the first mask together and it took us about 40 minutes.

Since then things have taken off. I can now make a mask start to finish in 3 minutes, we have 4 neighbors sewing about 25-50 masks per day. Our friends from Church have been cutting and donating thousands of yards of fabric and elastic from their business in Lewiston. We've made and delivered almost 2,000 masks now with nearly 1,500 of them going to CMMC for patients to wear, we've also made nearly 300 masks for the United States Coast Guard Sector Northern Division out of Portland using their old ODU's, we've cut up over 30 uniforms to get that material for them.

Now I've been in contact with Jim Kirk from ump-attire.com. He was inspired by my Instagram video to the point that his company as well as [Smitty's](#) are now making masks out of referee/umpire fabric. For every one purchased they are donating one, CMMC is one of the facilities they are donating to on my behalf.

This ride has been incredible, originally looking to inspire 1 or 2 people to help and now it's hundreds of people that have been reaching out to support this mask effort in one way or another. We will keep this fight going until someone tells us to stop!

Congrats to Dan and Family for Stepping up!