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SPECIAL EDITION COLLECTIONS MINIVISOR: CREATING FOR YOUR MUSEUM'S FUTURE

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This is a short-term weekly mini version of Collections Advisor to give you some ideas of things to do from home to propel our work with museum collections. If you would prefer not to receive the weekly editions but would like to continue to receive the monthly Collections Advisor, please email collectionsadvisor@indianahistory.org to let us know.



[Mrs. Pauline Morton-Finney and Mrs. Aletha Lawrence Sew Aprons for Indianapolis Pre-School Centers.](#) (Indianapolis Recorder Collection, Indiana Historical Society)

After a few weeks at home, some of us might be getting a bit antsy to do something with our hands rather than our minds. This might be a good time to create a few things that will help you take better care of your collections once you return to the museum. Whether you do them yourself or ask for help from skilled staff and volunteers who might also be looking for a change of pace, here are a few ideas of things to make for your collections storage while stuck at home:

- [padded hangers](#)
- standard-sized [storage boxes](#) for books and artifacts

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ONLINE RESOURCES

[Collections Advisors](#)
(Indiana Historical Society, Local History Services)

[Facemask Pattern](#)
(FreeSewing.org)

[How to Create a Storage Box for Museum Artifacts](#)
(Mountain Heritage Center)

[Padded Hanger Conserve O Gram](#)
(National Park Service)

[How to Sew a Face Mask](#)
(The Stitching Scientist)

- face masks for staff, volunteers, and patrons ([pleated version](#) or [formed version](#))

Also, consider other simple-sewing projects for collections dust protection, like furniture covers, sleeves for rolled storage, or curtains to keep dust from items stored on open shelving. Get creative and think of what you always wish you had time to make during the work day but get sidetracked with the dozen of other things the collection needs.

Rather than ordering the supplies to make these items from vendors possibly overrun with orders right now, try more specialty places that might be a little slower on orders and therefore quicker on delivery, like Bed, Bath and Beyond, JoAnns, or even Ikea.

Happy making!

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April 23, noon to 1 p.m. (Eastern): [Indiana Heritage Resources Q&A](#) -

On this FREE Zoom meeting hosted by Local History Services, you'll hear from Indiana statewide agencies and organizations about resources available to local heritage organizations, with an open Q&A where you can ask specific questions. **On the meeting will be representatives from:**

- The Indiana Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology
- The Indiana Historical Bureau
- Indiana Humanities
- Indiana Landmarks
- The Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs

To register, email localhistoryservices@indianahistory.org and the Zoom meeting details will be sent to you. We look forward to "seeing" you online!

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