

MASKS AND GLASSES

I don't know if your mask has to be period, but if it doesn't, how about a hood with a half mask on the front. It could be made of fabric, which could drape nicely in back and be stiffened in front to maintain the eye holes. It would hide your glasses and could be richly decorated. It wouldn't have to be tight like Batman's cowl, you could rig a clip or tie to secure it to your glasses to prevent shifting. Add some kind of headdress, and you could get any kind of look you wanted.

Do you have an old pair of glasses lying around? Maybe you can't see perfectly with them but they'll do? Build the mask around them - you can put narrow strips of velcro or ribbon around the edges of the frames, and then either pin or Velcro to the back of the mask. This doesn't support the mask, it just keeps it in place so the eyeholes line up.

Someone else I know took the lenses out of an old pair and put them into a soft frame - like a basic domino - which could be pinned, snapped, or velcroed into the back of a mask - making it reusable.

If the mask is large, you could build it around something like plain plastic safety glasses or goggles - that fit over your regular glasses.

Jonathan came up with a cute idea that people have liked: she took some wire and squiggled it around, added beads, and made little loops and pinch clips to that it fit around the front of my glasses and clipped at the corners. It gives me little moonstone droplets on my eyelashes, kinda. Unfortunately my optician is fascinated with it so it's out on loan.

If you have a very old pair of glasses, something that is not a current prescription but is better than no glasses, take the lenses and mount them in the mask.