

## **A FAIRY STORY by Teresa Brookes**

Once upon a time in a beautiful part of the South of England there were some pretty special people who just loved to sew. They would spend hours and hours just looking at and touching fabulously colourful fabric, ravishing ribbons, beautiful buttons and tempting trims. They followed intricate dress patterns, cut up masses of material and sewed it all back together again in weird and mystical shapes to make quilts and bags and dog beds and clothes. These special people were Super Sewers.

But one day this special place was in trouble and suddenly these Super Sewers were needed like never before. A certain Fairy God mother decided to sprinkle all the Super Sewers with a special fairy dust and make them all into Super Sewing Fairies. There was a problem to be solved and these Fairies were just the people for the job.

So, the Fairy God Mother organised all the Fairies into hubs to raise money, buy fabric and thread and elastic and create a Fairy supply chain for clinical gowns. First of all it was a huge job just sorting out who were good cutting fairies, who were the best Sewing Fairies and which fairies had a big enough car to get a bolt of fabric in. Soon with a lot of pinging WhatsApp messages back and forth all day, the Fairy God Mother had it all co-ordinated. Wow, she was very pleased with herself.

Frantically all the Fairies rushed into action, cutting, sewing, collecting and delivering until, at last, they had produced and dispatched 2500 gowns to the NHS. Sometimes the gowns were dull, dark and green but sometimes the gowns were bright and neon and pink. Some were even multi-coloured. Eventually all the gowns had arms and neck ties and belts and they all looked lovely.

“Phew”, said the Fairy God Mother and all the Fairies.

But, “Hang on” said the Fairy God Mother one day, now we have been asked to do it all again. So, after a few days of organising the Fairies did do it all again. They raised the money, fetched the fabric, cut it all up and sewed it all back together again. This time they were asked to make masks with elastic for the ears. This time the fabric was easy to sew and the masks were small, but still the Super Sewing Fairies sewed and sewed and sewed.

Eventually the Fairy God Mother and all the Super Fairy Sewers were exhausted from all this sewing, but they were all very pleased that they had been able to help.

“Great work everyone, let’s have a party”, said the Fairy God Mother.

Well, the party had to wait a while until the whole of the South of England was out of trouble, but each and every Super Sewing Fairy knew that they were special because underneath their T shirts and blouses and the vests that the older Super Sewing Fairies have to wear even in summer, they all had their tiny little Super Fairy wings.

Well done Super Sewing Fairies. Now you can get back to all those other sewing projects you have been promising to finish.  
Until the next time.



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