

FACE MASK

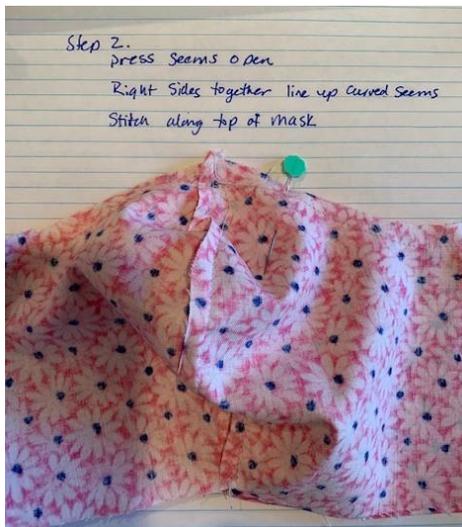
Cut 4 pieces of fabric from the pattern – 2 for the main fabric and 2 for the lining. Tightly woven fabric is best.

Place face mask main piece with right side facing each other aligning the outer edge, sew $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam along the centerline of the mask.



Clip the curve along of the seam allowance, be careful and don't accidentally clip the stitches.

Press seam allowance to one side, topstitch on the outside, near the seam line on the side where the seam allowance is. Or press the seam open.



Repeat with the lining fabric

Place the lining and main fabric of the face mask right sides together with the outer face mask, align the center seam line, pin and sew the top and bottom with a $\frac{1}{4}$ in seam – leave an opening in the bottom for turning!



Insert the elastic on the side edges. Place the ends of the elastic close to the top and bottom seams, stitch over the elastic ends several times to reinforce. (Loop of the elastic is towards the center of the mask)

If using hair elastics – cut apart prior to stitching in place; you may also use 1/8-inch flat elastic approximately 5-6 inches in length



Turn right side out, press the seams nice and flat folding in the raw edge on the opening. Topstitch 1/8-inch from outer edge around entire mask.



Tie Alternative (no elastic)

(Follow the steps of the face mask up to the part about inserting elastic)

Cut 4 strips of fabric 1½ inches X 18 inches



Fold approximately ¼ inch to the wrong side on one end.

Fold long edges to the wrong side so they meet in the middle.



Thank-you Sharon and Lyndsay for the photos!

Fold in half matching the two folded edges. Stitch close to the open edge on all 4 ties



Turn right side out, press the seams nice and flat folding in the raw edge on the opening. Topstitch 1/8-inch from outer edge around entire mask.



Insert ties into the side opening of the mask. Place the tie approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ inch away from the top and bottom seams. Stitch in place – securely stitch over the ties several times. Repeat on other side.



