Pleated Face Mask w/ Pocket for Filter

Supplies:
- Main Fabric 7-1/2"w x 7-3/4"h (cut one)
- Lining Fabric 7-1/2"w x 6-3/4"h (cut one)
- Binding/Casing 2" x 5" (cut two)
- String or Fabric Ties, 54" long
- Twist tie, picture wire or a paper clip
- Wonder Clips
- Marking Pen
- Ruler
- Scissors

Directions:
1. Serge top edges of front and lining fabric separately. (Fig 1)
2. With Right Sides Together serge bottom edge of lining to bottom edge of main fabric. (Fig 2)
3. Align the top edge of lining to top edge of main fabric. Mark 1-1/2" in from both sides. (Fig 3) Stitch from raw edge to mark on both sides, leaving the center open (this will become the filter pocket). (Fig 4)
4. Press bottom seam to lining side, press top seam (with opening) open. (Fig 5-6)
5. Topstitch upper edge of lining (the serged edge). (Fig 7)
6. Flip Right Side Out & press flat. (Fig 8)
7. Insert twist tie/paperclip or wire into upper part of pocket & topstitch close. (you can also topstitch the ends so the wire/twist tie doesn’t slide around in there) (Fig 9-10)
8. Serge raw edges or edge stitch all four sides. (Fig 11)
9. Make 2-3 pleats, use wonder clips to hold in place. Press pleats on both sides. (Fig 12-13)
10. Stitch pleats down close to raw edges (serge if desired) (Fig 14)
11. With Lining side up, lay long edge of binding strip along raw edges, folding over the excess. Use Wonder Clips to hold in place. (Fig 15-17)
12. Stitch binding to mask using the edge of your presser foot as a guide. (Fig 18-19)
13. Clip corners & flip binding to the other side. (Fig 20-21) Tuck ends in & fold raw edge in half way, then fold over again- clip to hold in place. (Fig 22-24) Topstitch close to inner edge leaving the ends open to create the “casing” for the ties. (Fig 25)
14. Using a bodkin or safety pin, slide ties (string) into casing. (Fig 26) Loop through to the other side so that the top will loop around the head and the bottom will tie together.
15. Shape the wire to fit the bridge of your nose, insert filter in the pocket & you are done!
16. If making fabric ties, cut 1.5 inch strips of fabric, fold lengthwise in half press with iron, fold edges of fabric to meet at middle center fold, press with iron (as indicated in diagram). Stitch folded fabric closed in middle with a zig zag stitch. Strips should finish at .375in wide and 48 inches long. (Fig 27)