

N95 Mask Cover – Using a Pro-Stitcher

Read through all the directions first. If you want to make your own ties (instead of using elastic), it is best to work from the full width of fabric pieces of yardage.

Supplies needed to make 16 masks:

2 – 1 yard cuts of high quality cotton fabric

6.5 yards of ¼' elastic (or you can use the extra fabric to make ties)

Pro-Stitcher Facemask.hqf file downloaded on a USB

Directions:

1. Load the fabric onto your quilting frame **right sides together**, pinning fabric on the cut edge (selvedges will be on the sides where you clamp).
2. You need to make sure your fabric is nice and tight in the frame: attach your side clamps and adjust so the fabric is taut.
3. Open the design Pro-Stitcher Facemask.hqf file in your workspace.
 - a. File tab
 - i. Design, Open
 - ii. Open the D: or E: drive where you inserted your USB
 1. Select Pro-Stitcher Facemask.hqf
4. Set up an Area:
 - a. Area tab
 - b. Move your machine to the top left corner of your fabric
 - i. 2 Corner
 - c. Move your machine to the bottom left corner of your fabric
 - i. 2 Corner
5. Center your design
 - a. Modify tab
 - i. Align
 - ii. In the Sidebar, select Horizontal – Center and Vertical - Top
6. Set your Auto-Jump to 8”
 - a. Settings tab (top right cog wheel on tab)
 - i. Auto-Jump
 - ii. In the Sidebar, tap the box in between the – and + signs. A keyboard will open, enter 8, then select enter.
7. Stitch out the design.
 - a. Pro-Stitcher tab
 - i. Quilt
 - ii. In the Sidebar, make sure the Stitch, Start and End tie-offs are all selected (they turn green)

- iii. Select Run, Verify your settings, select Proceed
8. This will stitch out 4 masks.
9. Advance your fabric, and repeat steps 4-7 each time. Leave approximately ½" space between each row of masks.
10. Remove the fabric from your frame.
11. Cut out the masks, leaving a ¼" seam allowance all the way around the outside stitching line. Trim the corners.
12. Turn the masks right side out, using the large 2" opening on the bottom. Poke the corners out square.
13. Press the mask, creating two ½" pleats each side. These pleats face away from each other and away from the center. The center part of the mask will have the highest ridge.
14. Press the pleats firmly in place, using steam to set them.

Option 1: Finish with Elastic

15. Slip one end of the elastic ½" into the holes left at the top and bottom corners of the mask (where the jumps in the stitching around the perimeter of the mask were placed). Pin in place. Repeat on the other side.
16. Stitch all the way around the perimeter of the facemask at 1/8" away from the edge, making sure to stitch the opening closed and tightly securing the elastic into place.

Option 2: Finish with Ties

17. Stitch all the way around the perimeter of the facemask, staying 1/8" inch away on the top and bottom and staying 5/8" away on the sides to create a casing to run the ties through.
18. To make fabric ties, cut a piece of fabric 1 ¾" wide x 40" long.
 - a. There are many methods to make a turned tie. Use any you are comfortable with using the length above. Examples include:
 - i. Double fold bias tape, stitched closed
 - ii. Fold long strips of fabric, right sides together and sew with a ¼" seam. Turn them right side out with any turning tool. Press.
19. Using a safety pin or bodkin, thread the 40" long tie through the casing. This will require a bit of fussing out the pleat, and more fussing to get it out of the open end.