

Face Mask Pattern

Covers N95 Mask, with pocket for filter

You will need:

- Fabric
 - For outer layer: use tightly woven, lightweight cottons - shirting, bedsheets, or quilting fabric
 - For lining: use any of above; additionally tee shirts, or softer cotton
- Pipe cleaner (6 inches)
- Elastic or Woven Ties

Directions

1. Cut two (2) 8.5 in x 11 in pieces of fabric (a piece of paper is an excellent pattern!). One will be the lining and the other outside.
2. Place the rectangles right sides together. The long edges are top and bottom. Using a half ($\frac{1}{2}$) inch seam allowance, stitch approx. three (3) inches in from each edge along the top, leaving the center open.
3. Press seam open.
4. With wrong sides facing you, stitch pipe cleaner into the seam allowance of the outer layer fabric, and tack down the seam allowance of the lining. Best method is to sew a rectangle around the opening, thus securing pipe cleaner and seam allowance. (See diagram 4)
5. With right side sides together, stitch bottom seam. Turn right side out and press.
6. Now pleat: With outer layer facing you, make two (2) evenly spaced pleats, being sure not to overlap. Pleats should reduce mask to $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches on the sides. Pin in place and stitch to secure.
7. Fold short sides towards lining and stitch down to create channels (approx. $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{3}{4}$ in) for elastic/ties.
8. Chin tucks: On bottom edge, create two (2) small (approx. $\frac{1}{2}$ in) pleats facing each other, approx. two (2) inches apart in the center. (See diagram 8)
9. Add ties or ear loops, as you prefer. Thread ties (36" long each side) or elastic through the side channels and trim/adjust to fit.

