

Pattern for a cloth face mask

Materials Needed

- 100% cotton fabric (if prints are used, keep in mind both male and female users)
- ¼" flat elastic or similar
- Sewing machine and thread

To make the mask

1. Cut two pieces of cotton fabric 9" by 6." This will make the front and back of the mask, so the two pieces can be different designs. Make sure any design is shown horizontally on the fabric.
2. Cut elastic pieces to 6.5" (or 7" for larger heads)
3. Place one piece of fabric right side up. Pin the elastic pieces to fit into the top and bottom corners of each side as shown. Make sure the elastic doesn't twist. **[Figure 1]**
4. Place the other piece of fabric right side down on top of the fabric with pinned elastic. Re-pin the elastic including both pieces of fabric.
5. Starting at the center of the bottom edge, sew a ¼" seam around the outside edge, making sure to include the elastic strips just at the corners. Reinforce the corners by sewing a few stitches forward and backward. Leave an opening 1.5" to 2" at the bottom edge for turning. Stop, cut the thread.
6. Turn the mask inside out.
7. Create the guide creases for the tucks. Fold the mask in half horizontally and iron. Then fold each long edge into the middle crease and iron, making three creases. **[Figure 2]**
8. Pin 3 tucks on each side of the mask. Make sure the tucks are all going the same direction. **[Figure 3]**
9. Sew around the edge of the mask twice for reinforcement. Remove pins and cut thread. Iron pleats in.



Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 3