

Kit E: Face Mask with 3 Pleats and Elastic for Ear Pieces, May 22, 2020

Thank you for your help! You're making a simple face mask that will be shared with Bainbridge Island organizations such as Helpline House and Bainbridge Youth Services.

Please complete your masks and return your kit to BARN in its original bag by **Monday, 6/1/20**, sooner if you can.

This mask pattern was modified from the pattern in *USA Today*. For better fit, a nose piece has been added to the original pattern, and the size has been increased slightly. The optional interfacing from the original pattern has been eliminated.

This face mask features:

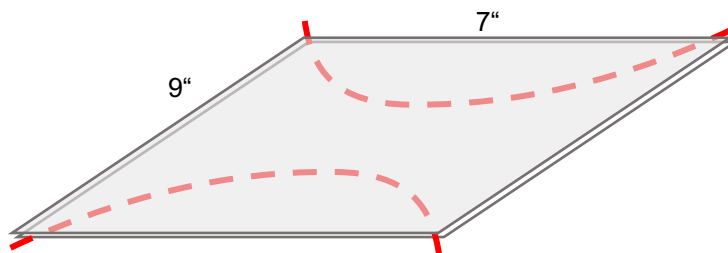
- A small flexible metal piece for fitting the mask around the nose.
- Pleats at the sides.
- Elastic to go over the wearer's ears. The elastic is extra-long—the wearer can adjust to fit by making slip-knots.

Your kit contains

- 1-1/8 yards of cotton quilting fabric to make 12 double-layer masks
- 12 strips of metal for the nose pieces
- 6 yards of elastic (18" per mask—9" for each side)

Instructions

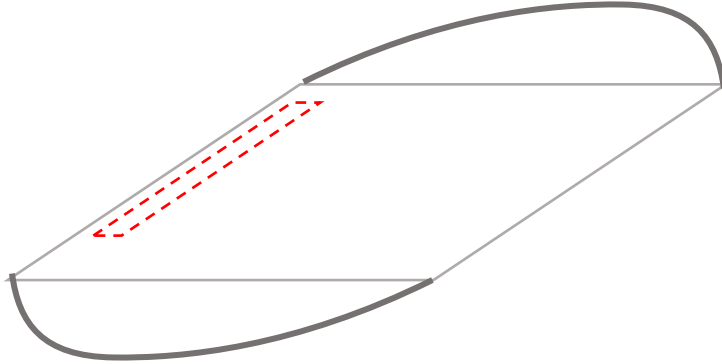
1. Cut your fabric into 9" x 7" rectangles. You need 24 rectangles to make 12 masks.
2. Stack 2 rectangles right sides together and pin.
3. Sandwich elastic between the rectangles, and pin one end of elastic into each corner as shown in red.



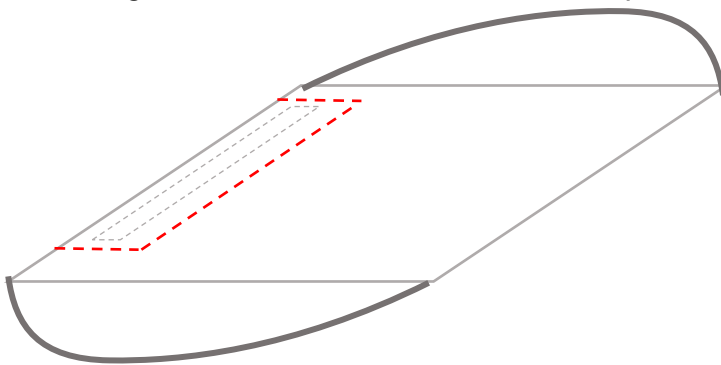
4. Sew around all four sides with a 1/2" seam allowance, leaving a 2" to 3" gap in the center of one long side on the bottom for turning. (See step 6 for a tip from a fellow mask-maker.)
5. Turn the mask right side out.

6. Insert the metal nose piece through the gap and position at the top of the mask, opposite the gap, centered between the side seams. Put the nose piece between the top seam allowances.

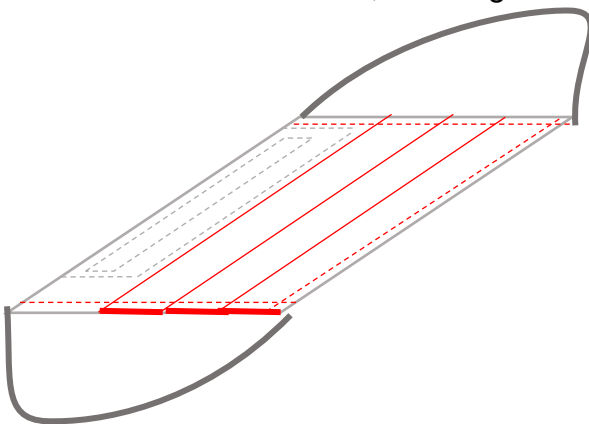
Tip from a fellow mask maker: insert the nose piece between the seam allowances and stitch around it before you turn the mask right side out, while you have easy access to the seam allowance.



7. Stitch along the bottom and sides of the nose piece to hold it in place.



8. Fold three, $\frac{1}{2}$ " pleats along the short sides (approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ " or so on each side of pleat fold for about 1" total in pleat—approximate is fine and smaller is fine). One way to do it to space the pleats evenly: fold mask in half along 7" side, then in half again; pinch $\frac{1}{2}$ " pleats at each fold and pin. Pleats can be folded up or down. Topstitch around the sides and bottom of the mask, stitching down the pleats and closing up the gap.



**Your Face Mask is finished.
Thank you!**