

Created for Crisis Mask Cover

EQUIPMENT:

Scissors, sewing machine

Optional Equipment: Iron and ironing board

SUPPLIES:

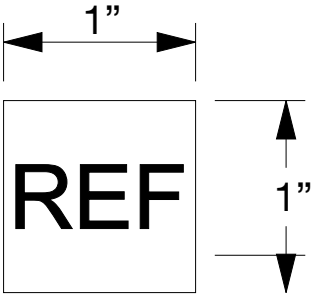
100% cotton fabric, prewashed on HOT and dried

Optional supplies: Binding tape or bias tape

DIRECTIONS:

1. Fold fabric in half. Using the pattern template, cut all pieces on the fold.
2. Mark and sew the darts (diagonal lines) on each piece. Trim excess fabric leaving a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance.
3. **If you already have tie material such as binding tape, skip this step. To make ties:**
 - a. Fold the tie piece in half the long way and press. Open the pressed fold, and fold the long edges into the center, then press. Fold closed so all raw edges are enclosed.
 - b. Repeat with all four tie pieces.
4. Topstitch the tie pieces along the double-folded edge (the open side) to seal shut.
5. On the wrong side of one fabric piece, pin the end of a tie piece at each corner or secure each with a small stitch.
6. Align the fabric pieces with the right sides together, keeping ties to the inside. Sew around the edges with a $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance but leave an opening along one short edge for turning.
7. Turn right side out through the opening.
8. **Make 3 pleats on each end of the mask:**
 - a. On one end, pinch fabric together so the triangular pleat markings match up, forming three pleats each approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ inch deep. Pin the pleats in place, making sure they are all laying the same direction.
 - b. Repeat on the other end of the mask, making sure the direction of the pleats matches the ones at the other end.
 - c. *Optional: Press the pleats, but do not press over pins as this can damage your iron.*
 - d. Stitch across both ends to secure the pleats $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the edges of the mask. This closes the opening left in Step 6.

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