

# Strap Construction Instructions

The goal is to get the raw edges encased within the strap itself.

Yes - the straps are time-consuming. Straps are a low-cost alternative to elastic during this elastic shortage. Straps can accommodate different sizes and last longer than elastic. Many essential workers appear to prefer straps over elastic for extended wear as rubbing from elastic may cause blisters.

*These instructions are also [available as a PDF](#).*

1. On an ironing surface, fold in half lengthwise to get a center crease, then open.
2. Turn in raw edges toward the center crease.



3. Bring turned in edges together. Zigzag stitch across the length of the strap. Back stitch at the ends.



## Attaching straps to mask (OLSON pattern)

- 1 Rightside out and raw edges turned in, insert 1 inch of strap between the front and back layers at each corner.
- 2 Stitch edges closed.
- 3 1/8 inch from the edge, stitch strap onto mask with an enclosed X pattern.



Thank you! Mask is Complete!

