

Pattern for face mask
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Supplies: Cotton fabric
1/4 inch elastic
Pipe cleaners

Cut fabric into 7.5 inch squares (2 per mask)

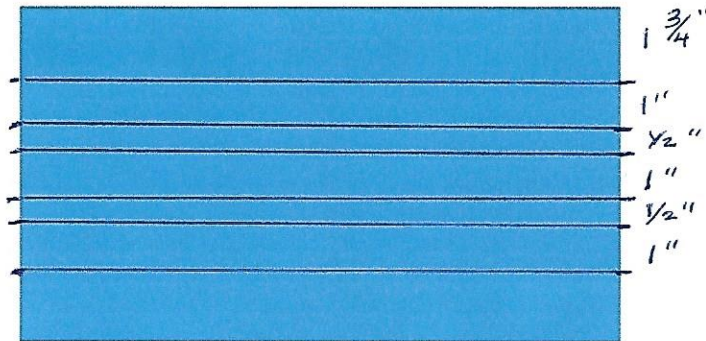
Cut elastic 6.5 inches in length

Cut pipe cleaners in half

With pliers fold back and crimp the ends of the cleaners to eliminate sharp ends

Sewing:

- Fold the back fabric down to the wrong side about 1/4 to 3/8 inch on top edge.
- Lay pipe cleaner in the fold and zig-zag with fabric on top of pipe cleaner. Also fold down the front fabric the same distance and zig-zag.
- With right sides together sew front to back using 1/4 inch seam allowance. Insert the first piece of elastic at the first corner and backstitch to secure. At the second corner secure the second end of the first strip of elastic, repeat backstitch. Repeat these functions on the second strip of elastic at the third and fourth corners.
- Leave an opening about three inches on the top edge. Turn right side out and flatten seams. With pencil mark measurements as below:



- Then make pleats bringing the first to the second dot and pin in place. Repeat this step two times.
- Top stitch on the edge of both sides and the bottom edge. Top stitch again 1/4 inch inside stitching, on all four sides, leaving about a three inch opening on the top.

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