

Instructions for making a mask cover to insert a surgical mask or filter

Cut out your template with a $\frac{1}{4}$ extra allowance from the pattern given. Fold your outer and inner fabrics with the right sides facing each other, place the paper template on top and pin.

Cut the fabric out using the template. Fold the grey section back and cut out the inner fabric using the black line for the inner fabric. Fold back down the grey part of the template and cut the outer fabric out adding on the fabric to the outer grey line.



Pin the inner and outer fabrics together with the right side facing each other. Sew the curved lines as shown in the picture.



Snip the seam allowance about $\frac{1}{2}$ " apart along the curved seam you just sewed. This will let the fabric's raw edge to stretch without pulling the seam when you turn it right side out. Repeat this on both the outer layer and the inner fabric.



Turn the pieces right side out, press the seam allowance to one side. Topstitch near the seam line. Repeat the same for the inner layer.



Fold in the raw edge of the inner fabric to hide it inside the fold. Topstitch along the fold. Repeat on both sides of the inner layer.



Place the inner layer on top of the outer layer, with the right side facing each other.

Sew the top and bottom seam lines matching the fabrics up along the center seam.

You may notice that the edge of the inner layer is now $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from the sewing line of the outer layer. If it is not the case, please check if you sewing it correctly in the previous step.



Clip curve on the seam allowance where the 2 layers meet. Leave about $\frac{1}{2}$ " from the ends un-clip.

Turn the face mask right side out. Press seam flat.



Fold the top and bottom raw edges of the outer layer (both sides). Topstitch near the Top edge shown in the picture. Repeat the same to the bottom seam line.



To make the pocket for the elastic band (this will be added at a later date), fold the side raw edge 1/4" from the edge, then fold again so that the edge meets the edge of the inner layer.

Topstitch along the edge leaving space to run elastic through. The top and bottom have an opening for you to insert your elastic band later if needed.



You should now see opening for the filter to be inserted or to run the surgical mask through.



Elastic bands are added if the filter does not already have elastic bands on them. Your mask is now really to be worn.



Insert a surgical mask if you are using the face mask as a cover.

After the surgical mask is fully inside the cover, push the nose wire of the surgical mask to the tip of the cover, bend the wire a little to follow the curve.



The filter insert must be placed till the tip of the face mask, where the nose position is at.