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MATERIALS:

Fabric - 2 rectangles per mask in different colors or patterns
(6X8 for a child age 5-8, make the fabric 1/2 inch larger for an older child)
Ponytail Holders
Pins
Rotary Cutter or Scissors
Thread
PDF Printable of Pattern

pleats

1. Cut 2 rectangles the size that you need for your mask. for a small/medium mask, cut your rectangle to be approximately 6X8, for medium mas (age 5-8) - or cut it 1/2 inch larger for an older child.

- 2. Cut the ponytail holders in half to the length that you need. For a small/medium mask, the ponytail holders to be about 5-6 inches. For a larger mask, make it about 6.5 inches.
- 3. Put the fabric, right sides together, and sandwich the elastic along the shorter edges.

 Don't put the elastic all the way to the corner, this makes it more difficult to sew later. Make it reach about 1/2 inch from the corner and pin.

 Bring the other side of the ponytail holder to the opposite corner and pin.

5. Sew around the rectangle, leaving a 2 inch opening along one of the long sides. You can make your seam as big or small as you want. I made mine about 1/2 inch. Go over the elastic a few times with the sewing machine to ensure that the seam is strong enough to hold it.

So your elastic should be sandwiched in between the two pieces of fabric. Repeat this step on the other side.

- 6. Turn the mask right side out and stitch together the opening. Use a pencil or pointed object to poke out the corners.
- 7. Stitch together the opening.

4. Pin the rest of the fabric together

- 8. Make 2 pleats along the shorter ends of the mask.
 This doesn't have to be exact, but you want to fold of the fabric and pin to create 2 pleats.
- 9. Now, make two very small pleats along the top and bottom of the mask.

 Creating the pleats along the top and bottom, allow the mask to fit more snugly around your nose and chin.
- 10. Topstitch 2 times around the sides of the mask, and you are finished.