

Mask assembly instructions

Notions: ½" bias tape, 100" per mask. Thread and pins or fabric clips.

Cut mask pieces on fold, 2 full face pieces per mask (they should be JOINED at the fold so it's really 1 wide piece).

Pleat and press across both pieces, matching finished side lengths. (Pattern default is for no/short beard: 2 horizontal pleats in each piece, pointing down. For large beard: insert another 1-1/2" of length in pattern for each additional pleat.)

Fold pleated piece in half with wrong sides together so that it makes a single mask. Check side lengths; repress to match if needed. Press side fold.

Attach bias tape to single edge, then to EACH of the double edges, anchoring pleats. The double edge becomes the filter pocket opening.

Stitch nose and chin with ¼" seams, fold-->edge. Press to "same" side so they fall opposite when wrong sides of mask pieces are together. Optional: Stitch these seam allowance edges down (one hand stitch on the loose edge, where it will be covered by the bias tape, is enough) so they won't catch inserted nose wires.

Pin mask pieces together for stability, matching edges with wrong sides in.

Cut 2 ties from bias tape, 50" long each. Fold in raw tie ends ½" and press. Pin or mark tie centers.

Match bottom tie center to mask center. Pin and sew from one end of the tie to the other. Be sure to catch both edges of the bias tape.

Match top tie center to mask center and pin. Double pin just inside both side bias tapes; this becomes the nose wire pocket. Have nose wire ready (about 7½" with cut ends curled in, or use premade inserts).

Sew top tie UNTIL at first wire pocket edge (just inside the side bias tape). With needle down, lift presser foot and rotate fabric. Lower foot. Backstitch then forward stitch, making vertical seam to hold nose wire in.

Lift foot, rotate fabric back, lower foot. Keep sewing UNTIL second wire pocket edge (just inside the side bias tape). STOP!!

Lift presser foot with needle down. Insert nose wire and work into place.

Taking care not to strike wire: rotate fabric without lifting needle, lower presser foot, make another vertical seam to hold wire in.

Lift foot, rotate fabric back, lower foot. Finish sewing tie. Snip threads. Press all seams. Done! :)

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