

How to make COVID-19 Face Mask Covers with Shoelace Ties

You will need to have your own:

- Basic sewing supplies (thread, pins, scissors, seam gauge or ruler)
- Sewing machine (not a Serger)
- Iron

Supplies in your kit:

- Cotton fabric with a tight weave (like calico printed or color)
- Cotton flannel fabric
- 6 inch x 9 inch Template / pattern to use for cutting the fabrics
- Flat shoelaces, ideally 36-45 inch in length

Instructions:

A. Cut 6" by 9" rectangles of both the print and flannel fabric.



Make sure to cut your fabric so that any design is horizontal. (It may not matter with your fabric.)



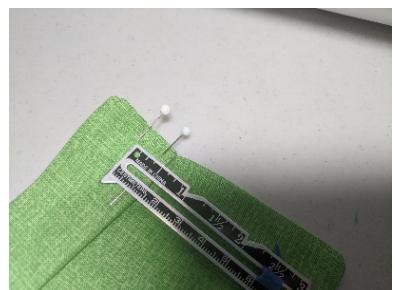
B. Put a cotton rectangle and a flannel rectangle right-sides together. Using a $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam allowance, start your sewing about 2 inches from a corner on a long, 9 ", side and sew towards the corner. Turn at the corner to the 6" side. Continue sewing, turning the fabric at each corner. When you get to the side where you started, sew only to about 2 inches from the corner, finishing your seam with a few inches not sewn.

Turn the mask inside out through the opening you did not stitch. (You do not need to trim the corners.) Tuck the edges of the opening inside $\frac{1}{4}$ " and pin to hold in place. Press.



C. Now make 3 equal size tucks on each 6 inch (shorter) side of the mask.

1. From the completely sewn 9 inch side (top), on the right 6 inch side measure down $\frac{5}{8}$ inch and mark with a pin.
2. Fold a $\frac{1}{2}$ inch tuck and pin.



3. Pinch a second $\frac{1}{2}$ inch tuck and pin.
4. Repeat with a third $\frac{1}{2}$ inch tuck and pin.
5. Repeat on the other 6 inch side.
6. Be sure the tucks are all going in the same towards the opening on the 9 inch side (bottom).



- D. Starting in the top corner on one “tucked” side, top stitch (again with a $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam) down the side.
 - 1. Then pivot and add a second row of top stitching back to where you started.
 - 2. Repeat on the other “tucked” side.



- E. Find the center point of each shoelace* and the center point on the top and bottom (9" sides) of the mask and mark with a pin.



- 1. Match the pins together with one shoelace centered on both top and bottom. Add additional pins to hold the shoelace in place at each corner.
- 2. Top stitch the top shoelace to the top of the mask. Then pivot and add a second row of stitching back to where you started.
- 3. Repeat on the bottom of the mask.



The mask is now complete!

Please return finished masks and fabric remnants in the ziploc bag to where you picked up the kit.



THANK YOU FOR HELPING PROVIDE THESE MASK COVERS!