

Oso and Bean DIY Face mask Kit

Included in our kit (or use your own supplies):

2- approx. 6"x 9" pre-cut, pre-shrunk coordinating cotton fabrics

2 – approx. 6 ½" - 7" white elastic (1/4" wide)

1 – 3 ½" Aluminum Nose Wire (may be sewn-in or use adhesive strip on outside of mask.)

You need:

-Sewing machine with coordinating OR Needle and Thread for hand sewing

-Sewing Pins or Fabric clips

-Dull pencil or chopstick to push out corners of sewn mask

-Hot Iron

For Full instructions, Video tutorials and downloadable PATTERN GUIDE to:

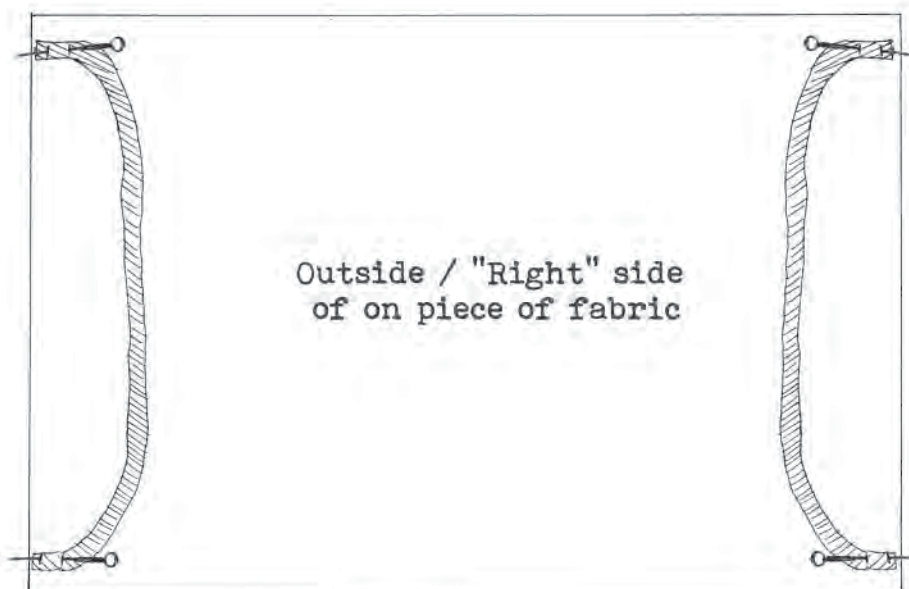
<https://osoandbean.com/masks>

If you have any issues at all, please feel free to contact us at:

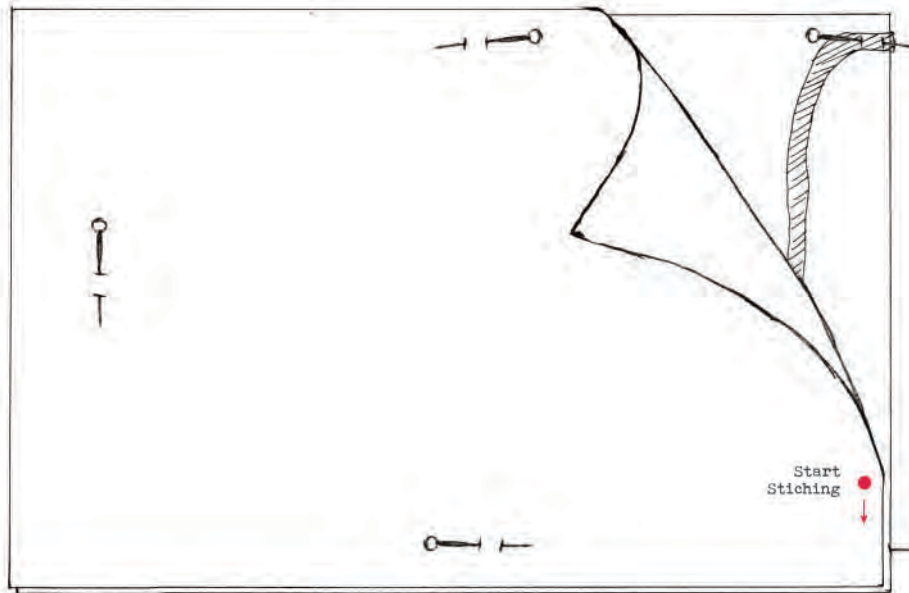
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1- Download pattern guide Oso and Bean link, above. You can use this pattern to make masks using your own fabric and supplies. Trim pattern to size for easier use

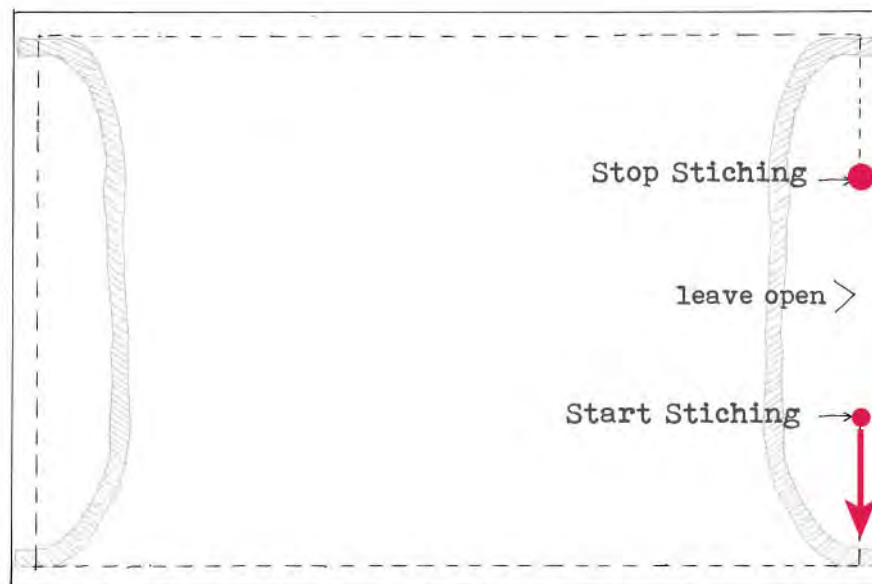
2- Pin elastic to top and bottom edges of short sides of one piece of fabric, on the "right" or outer side of fabric.



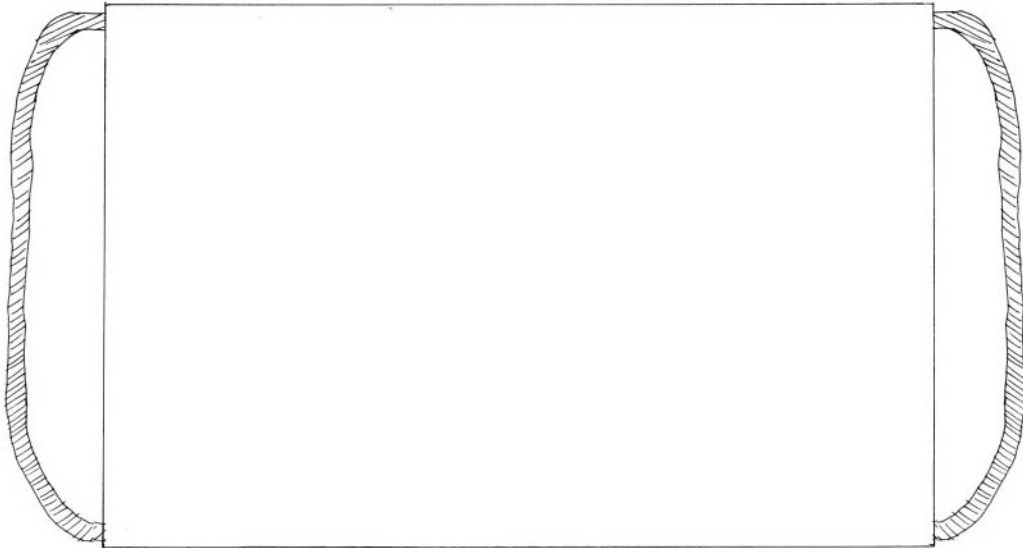
3- Place second piece of fabric with the right/outside facing the right/outside of pinned fabric. Elastic should be sandwiched between.



4- Starting approx. 1 1/2" from bottom right corner sew 1/4" seam around entire mask. Leave approx. 2" opening on right short side. Be sure to anchor the beginning and end of your seam.

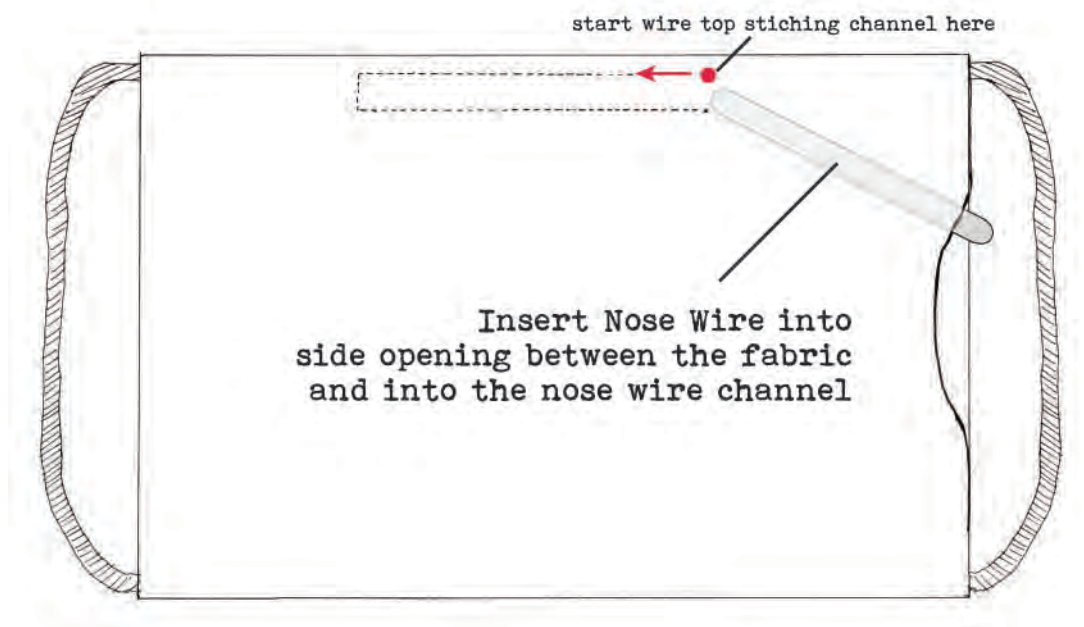


5- Turn mask right side out through opening and press flat. Be sure to tuck in open edge seam and iron flat. Use a dull pencil to push corners out.

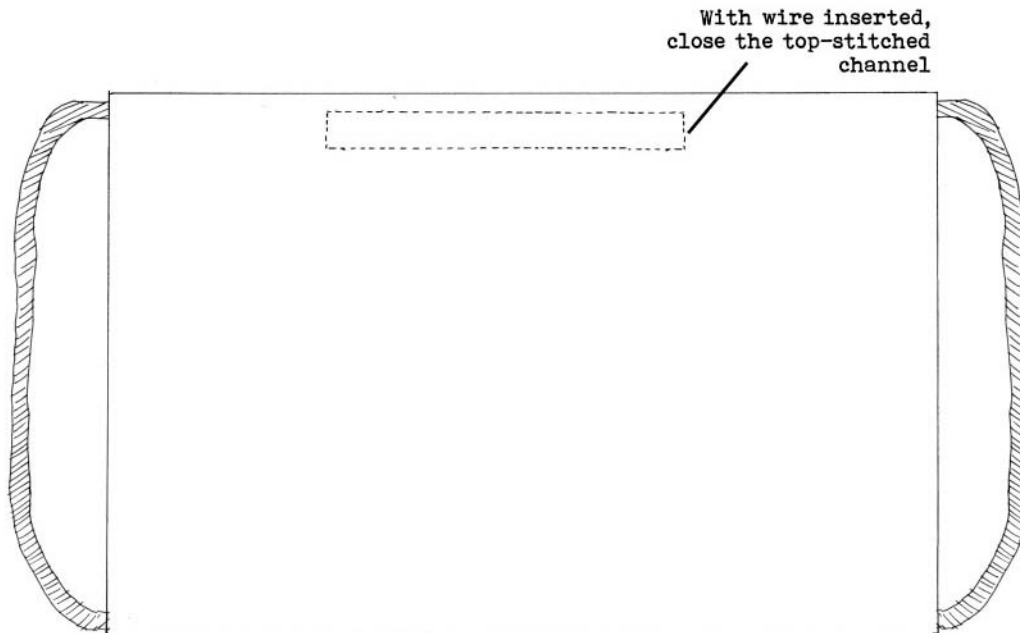


6- Using mask pattern guide, pin or chalk to mark the placement and size of the top-stitching for nose wire channel. With your needle down (sewing machine) begin top stitching the channel on upper right corner. Sew three sides and with needle down, raise your presser foot.

Through the open edge insert nose wire into top-stitched channel (using nose wire provided in kit or make your own, per video tutorial)

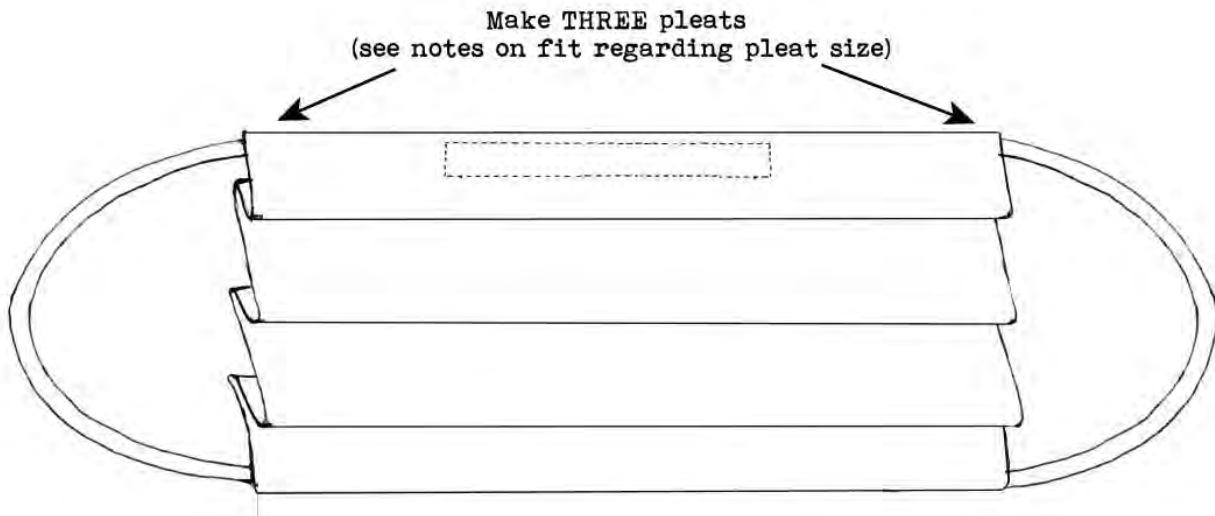


7- When wire is fully inserted, lower the presser foot, turn mask and sew final end of top-stitch channel to close.

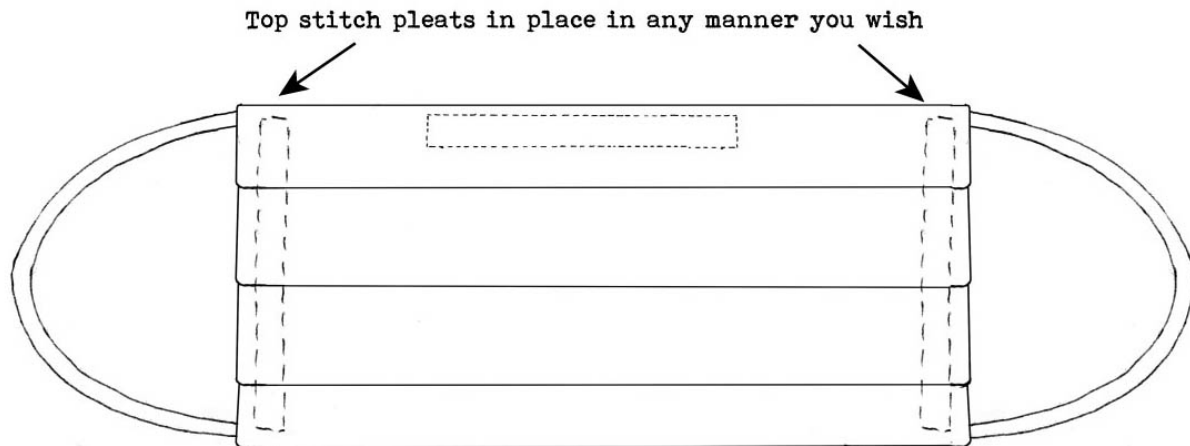


8- Hand pleat THREE pleats on each end of mask (no need to sew open side closed, unless you wish to add decorative top stitching) Pin pleats on each end in place.

IMPORTANT: The size and tightness of your pleats determine the fit of your mask. NOT the length of the elastic. See bottom for notes on sizing with pleats.



9- Top-stitch the each ends of the pleats near the elastic.



YAY! You are done. When you first wear your mask, gently push nose wire over the bridge of your nose. You can use the reverse side of your mask without needing to re-bend your wire.

TIPS:

-If you use your own supplies (not our kits) be sure to use only 100% cotton. Tightly woven cottons, like quilting fabric is breathable and comfy while offering good protection. Take care using T-shirt fabric. What you gain in comfort, you may lose in breathability.

-Use at least 2 pieces of fabric. You will get more use if you use coordinating fabrics so your mask is reversible...and you will get less bored with your mask.

-When sewing on a machine, it's recommended to use your machine's "needle down" feature, if it has one. This will make for more accurate corners and turns.

-When turning fabric inside out:

-cut the corners of your seams off, being careful not to cut your seam. This will make turning corners easier and neater.

-Use a dull pencil to help push the corners of your mask out.

-Use 22 or 20 gauge floral wire or non-tarnish craft wire if you don't have aluminum nose wire: cut wire to approx. 3 1/2", and bend ends into small loops to keep wire from poking out of mask.

Pleats Mask Size adjustment:

-The size of the pleats determines the fit of this particular mask. The tighter you pleat, the smaller the mask end, the smaller the diameter of the elastic loop.

Play around with pleating and fit by sewing / basting the pleats or carefully pinning and trying on the mask. Adjust pleats until you get a comfortable, but slightly snug fit. Elastic will relax with use and washing.

