

Home sewn simple mask

Materials:

2 pieces bias tape, 36" each

1 8x15" piece cotton women fabric

5" piece of thin, flexible wire

Washable marking pen or tailor's chalk

Usual sewing tools (pins, ruler, scissors, etc)



Finished dimensions: 8" wide by approx 4" tall

Notes:

Most of the credit goes to this tutorial, which I used to start and modified for my use:

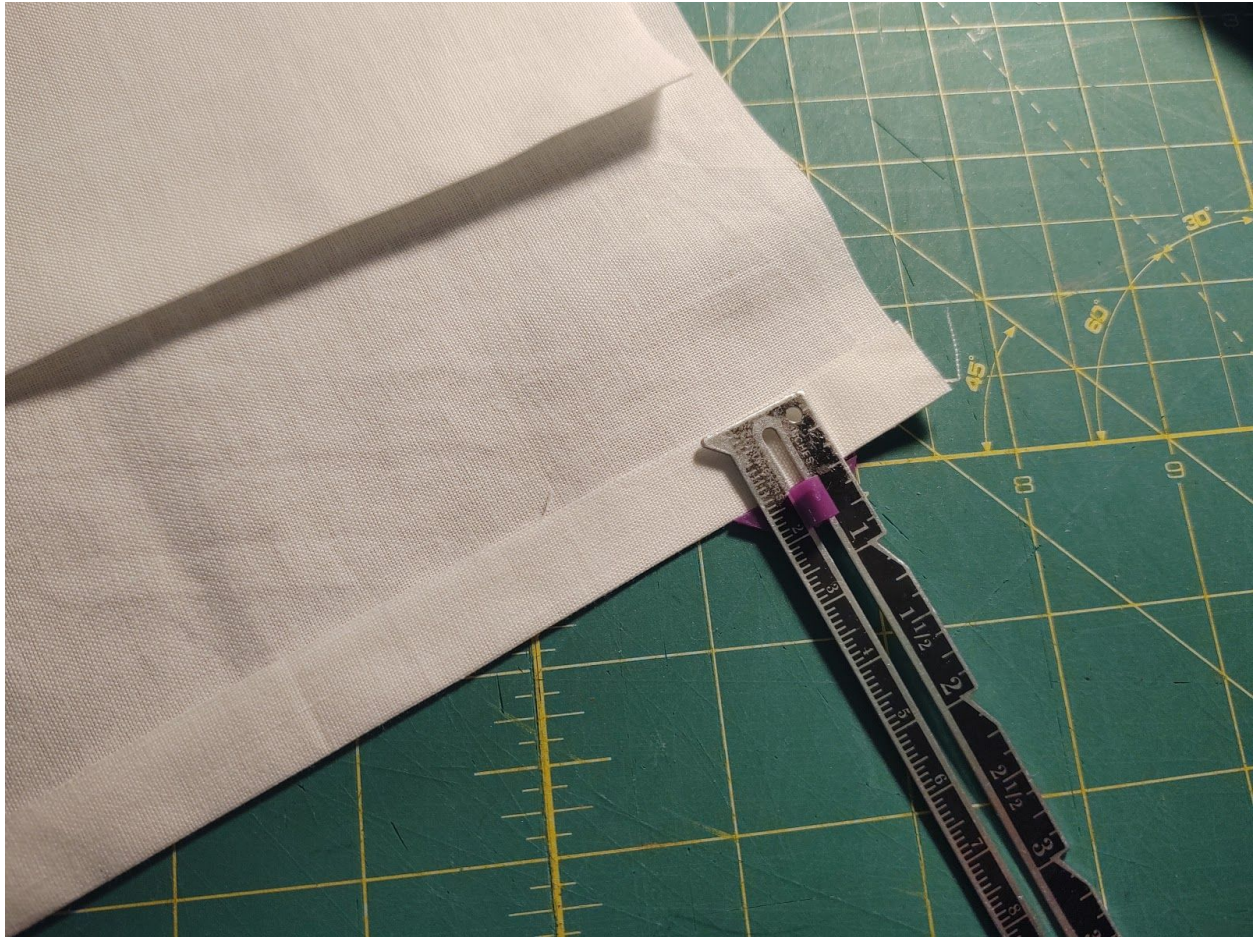
<https://buttoncounter.com/2018/01/14/facemask-a-picture-tutorial/>

I used a contrasting thread color so that it's easier to see in pictures.

I picked up a roll of twist tie at the Dollar Tree (with the gardening items). The package has a cutter included, so it's pretty much perfect for this.

Directions:

Hem the 8" ends of the fabric. I folded over $\frac{1}{2}$ ", pressed, then folded under another $\frac{1}{4}$ " and pressed. Pin and sew, close to the edge. You want to make a small casing.







Insert wire into one of the casings.



Mark 1.5" from each edge. Center the wire and stitch to close the casing.





Fold the fabric in half, matching up the hemmed edges.



Mark for pleats on each side by measuring from bottom fold:

1.5"

1"

0.5"

1"

0.5"

1" (this last mark should be approx 1.5" from the top edge)



Fold the bottom under at the first marks...

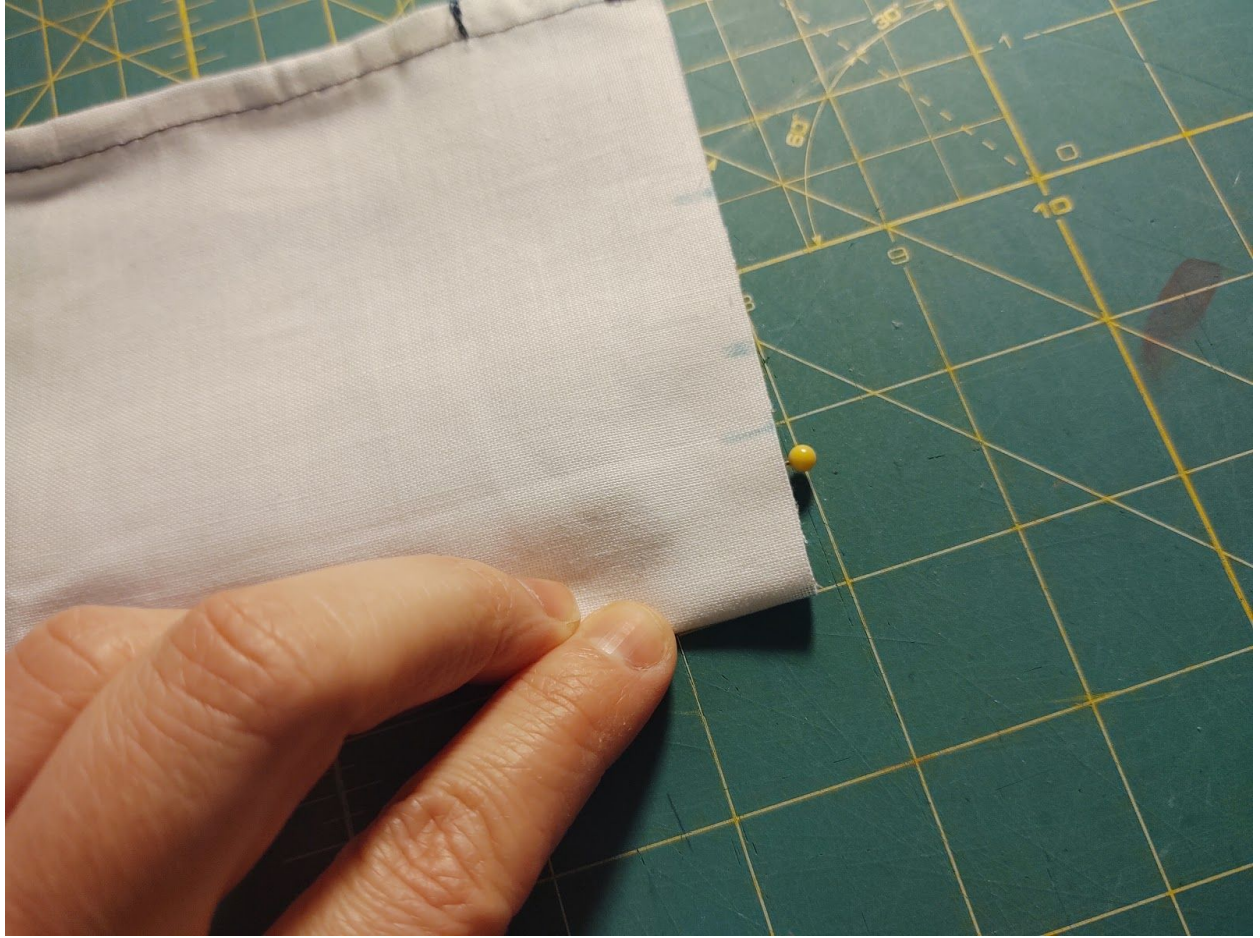


...then pinch and flip up, matching with the next set of marks.



Pin down. This should make a 0.5" deep pleat.

Follow the same method at the next marks, pinning again.





Follow the same method for the third pleat.



If my instructions here for making the pleats don't make sense, please refer back to the original pattern, which explains it better than I:
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Baste each side.



The edge with the wire is the front.



Fold the bias tape in half, marking the center with a pin.



Match the center to the center of the side of the mask (approx the top of the middle fold). Pin in place, encasing the edge.



Repeat for the other side. Sew in place, continuing down the length of the bias tape.



Repeat on other side. Finish by sewing the two unfinished sections of bias tape.

You're done!