

## Pleated Pocket Mask

The YouTube video for the first pattern in the link below is a pleated mask with a pocket built in to accommodate another mask or filter.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BCJcE-r7kcg&fbclid=IwAR06qb4Slul1-dLMjtQum3--ul0L5BVvxa6w-LhKs00qW1QNmmLWMVDAgMw&app=desktop>

The written directions are below. It probably will make more sense to follow both the written and video together.

Face Mask with Filter Pocket 15" x 7.5" fabric  
Please use the pattern for non-profit uses only.

Fabric: Cotton, not see through make sure print orients horizontally

2 - Binding strips 2"x5"

1 - 4-5" Floral wire or twist tie or wire or pipe cleaner

2 - 9" elastic · or 4 - 9" fabric ties

Serge or zigzag stitch both short edges · Fold in half right sides together, press · Mark 1 ½ in from side edge · Stitch from edge to 1 ½ inch mark on each side with ¼" to ⅝" seam, leaving center open · Press seam flat · Turn wrong sides together · Top stitch from side to side on both seam allowances · Measure ½ from seam line on one side only, fold on that line, press · Curl and crimp both edges of wire · Add wire to top of mask (centered), then stitch ¼ inch all the way across to enclose wire · Make 3 - ½ inch pleats, stitch (make sure pleats are in the same direction). Pin binding to top side with right sides facing, folding excess ¼ to ½ around to back on the ends and pin in place. Stitch across these ends with ¼" - ⅝" seam. Turn binding out and press down the ends. Then fold over ¼" on the long edge and press.

Securely stitch or tightly tie ends of elastic together. Insert elastic inside the binding strip (putting the joint inside the binding area and making sure not to twist the elastic.) Fold the binding strip over the elastic to the seam line and pin in place. Stitch along the edge nearest the seam, turning approximately mid-way to stitch back and forth over the elastic (not in video). The elastic will be the weak point, so stitching over the elastic in a couple of places may be wise. If using fabric ties, make a tie using a 1"-1-½" x 22" strip of fabric. Make a tube, or fold in the long edges and stitch in place, concealing raw edges. Finish the binding (which is also a casing) as above, without inserting elastic. Feed the tube through the casing until approximately 9" extend from each end. Repeat on the other side.