

Homestead Mask - A simple to make gathered mask with pocket. No pleats. No templates.

Credit to Homemade on our Homestead.

How to video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zm_NmpdgWWA&app=desktop

Q&A: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IUrGc_-UWkE

Please watch videos, but note cutting and instructions below are slightly different from the video.

Materials needed:

1 (8" x 10") rectangle of fabric for the front.

2 (4-1/2" x 10") rectangles for the lining. Please use a different fabric than the front.

1 (6" x 8") rectangle of light weight interfacing. (Fusible or sew-in.)

1 (6") piece of pipe cleaner. (Or thin floral wire.)

1 (54" length) tie. (Grosgrain ribbon, 3/16" clothesline, cording, shoe lace, bias binding or homemade.)

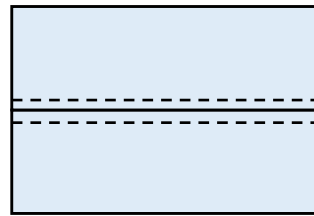
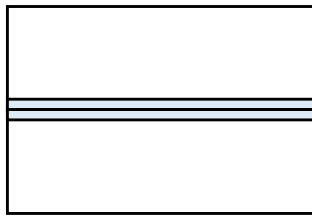
1. Lining:

Lay lining pieces right sides together. On one long side, mark 3" from each end.

Using a 1/2" seam allowance, sew to mark and backstitch. Lift pressure foot.

Start sewing at second mark, backstitch and stitch to edge. Press seam open.

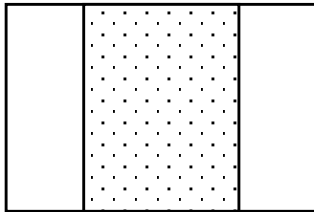
This leaves a 4" pocket opening. Top stitch 1/4" away from both sides of seam.



2. Front:

Apply interfacing to the wrong side of front, lining up 8" of interfacing to 8" of front.

The interfacing will not cover 2" on each side. This reduces bulk.



3. Front to lining:

With right sides together and using a 1/4" seam allowance, stitch lining to front.

Stitch all the way around. No need to leaving an opening for turning.

Clip corners. Turn through pocket opening. Ease out corners. Press.

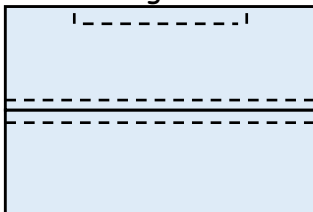
4. Casing for pipe cleaner:

Fold over ends of pipe cleaner 1/2". Wrap and knot thread around pipe cleaner to keep fold in place.

Along one long side of mask, place a pin at center. Mark 3" out from center in both directions.

Sew (just this 6") 1/2" from edge. Insert pipe cleaner into the pocket and then into the casing.

Tack casing at each end to secure pipe cleaner.



5. Casing for ribbon:

On the liner side, at each short side, fold in 3/4". Press. Clip. Stitch.

Top of mask has the pipe cleaner.

Insert ribbon from top to bottom on one side, then bottom to top on the other side.

Ends of ribbon should be at top, loop at the bottom.

Tie each ribbon end in a simple knot. Trim ribbon end at an angle.

Before delivery: Hand wash in warm soapy water. Towel dry, then put in dryer.