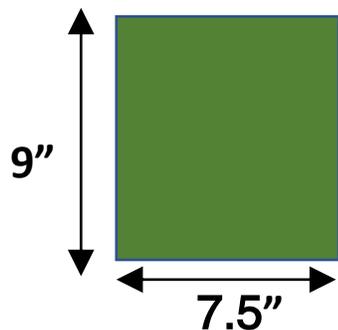


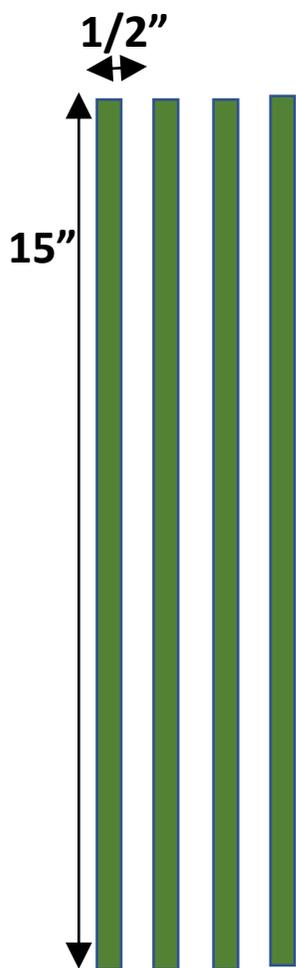
Facemask with Serged Straps and Filter Pocket

Step 1:



Cut 2 light-color BACK pieces, each 9" x 5"

Cut 1 colored FRONT piece 9" x 7-1/2"



Obtain 4 straps, about 1/2" wide and 15"-20" long
(May be serged or finished folded scraps)

Step 2:



Press a ½" fold on one long side of each back piece



Stitch down the fold on both back pieces.

Step 3:



Place 1 back piece on the front piece, right sides together (stitched fold UP).



Place second back piece on the front piece, right sides together (stitched fold UP).

The back pieces will overlap, as shown.

Stitch with $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam all the way around the mask, as shown.



Snip the corners.

Step 4:



Turn the mask right side out through the pocket opening.

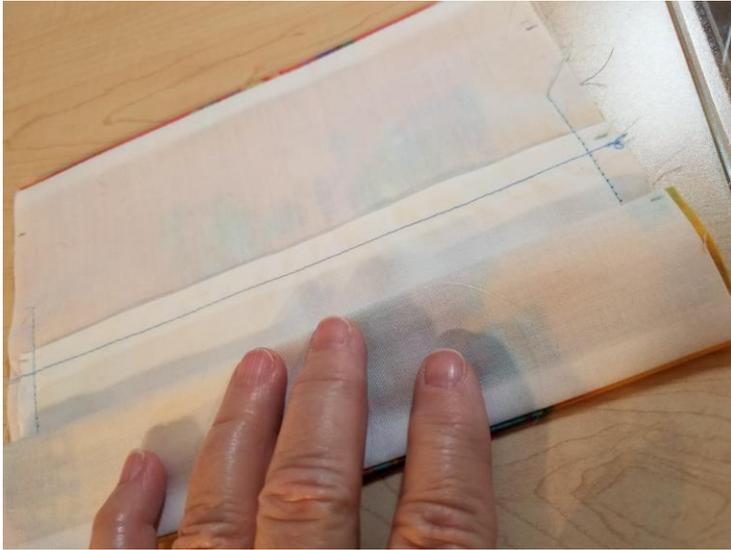
Gently poke the corners out.



Press the rectangle, taking care to smooth the seams.



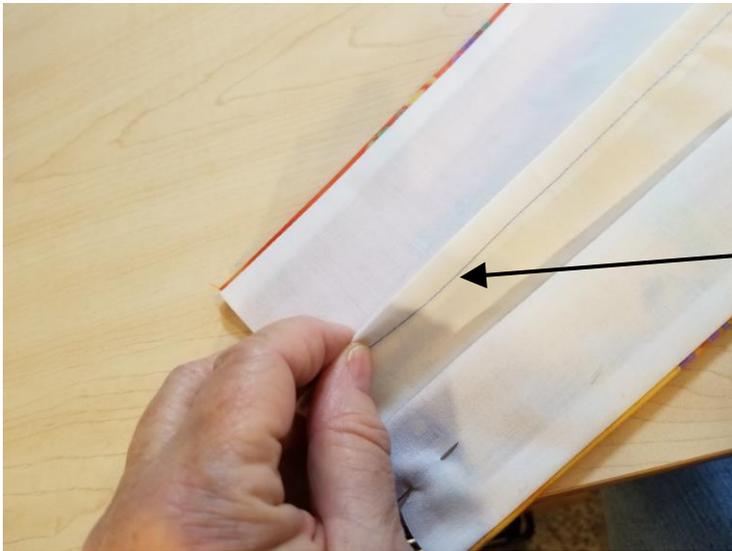
Step 5: Form Pleats



Fold the first pleat to make a $\frac{3}{4}$ " pleat

Pin or clip in place on both sides

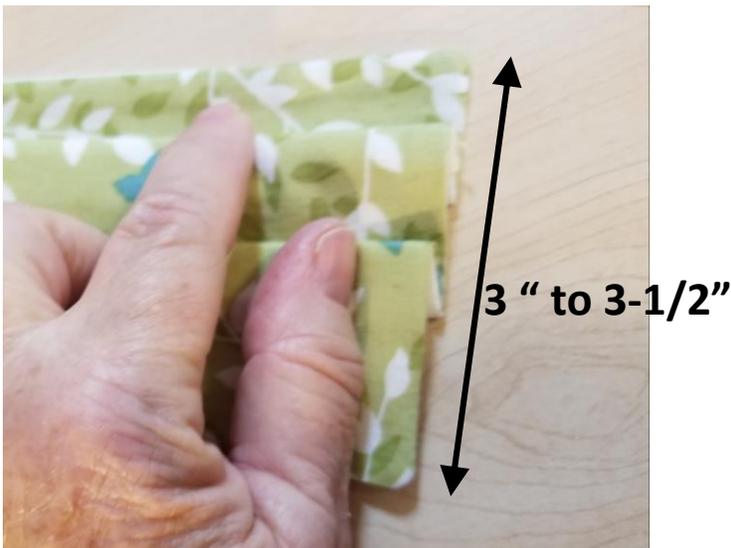
NOTE—See **Easy Pleating Tutorial** for help in making even pleats.



Fold the second pleat, to make another $\frac{3}{4}$ " pleat.

Adjust pleat size if needed to keep pocket out of the way.

Pin or clip in place.



When the mask is pleated, the sides should measure between 3" and 3-1/2".

Step 6:

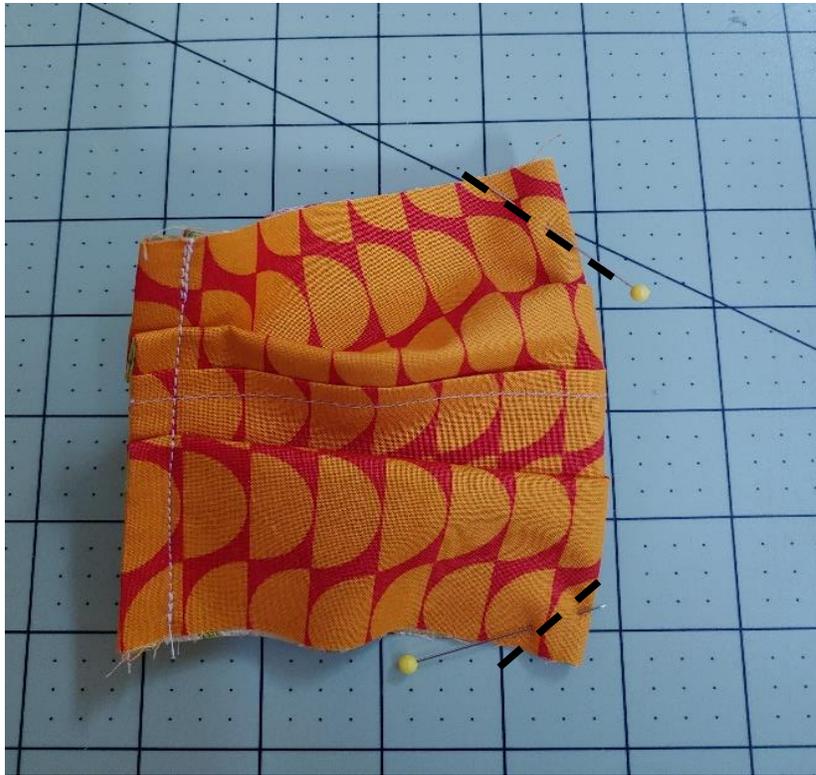


Stitch along both sides to secure pleats, with a 1/2" seam allowance



Edge stitch along the top of the mask, as shown

Step 7:



Fold mask in half, right side out, as shown.

Form 2 small darts along the vertical fold, as shown.

Sew a $\frac{1}{2}$ " by 1" dart at the top and a $\frac{1}{2}$ " by $\frac{1}{2}$ " dart at the bottom.



Fold each dart to one side and topstitch the dart flat to the mask, as shown.



Step 8:



As needed, cut 4 straps to a length of 15" to 20".
(Strap fabric does not need to match the mask!)



Lay a strap on the mask, with the end even with the pleated side, as shown.

Stitch the strap to the mask, backstitching to secure the strap.



Fold the strap out away from the mask, covering the first set of stitching.

Stitch again to secure the strap, as shown.

Repeat at all 4 corners.

Your mask is done!

