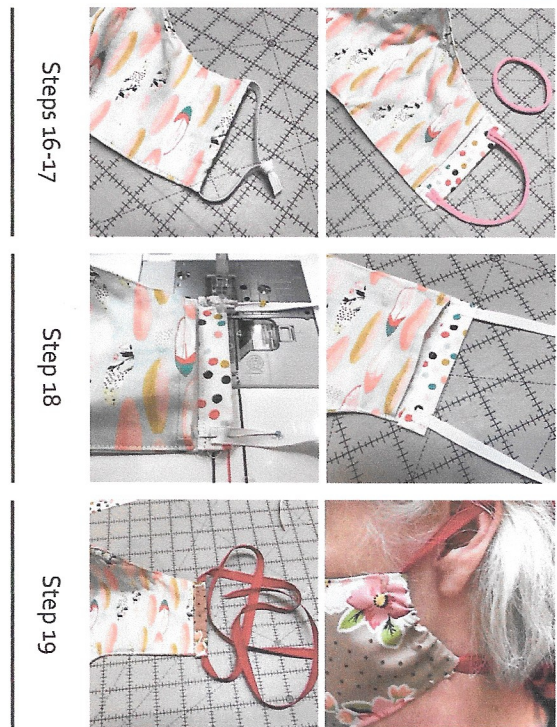


13. Turn under 1/4" along the short sides of the outer face mask and press.
14. Fold this edge again (5/8") so that it meets the pencil line and press.
15. Stitch along the inner folded edge, creating a casing for elastic or ties.
16. Add elastic or ties to the mask. If you have elastic, cut a 12" length and thread through the side casing. Tie a knot and adjust it as needed. Once it's comfortable, you can slide the elastic around so the knot is inside the casing (optional).
17. If you're using hair ties, you can cut them in half and sew them to the outside instead of feeding them through the casing. Otherwise, you will have to place them into the casing before stitching the casing seam closed.
18. For ribbon or fabric ties, you can attach them two ways. The first way (my preference) is to sew each one to a corner of the face mask. The length should be about 16" each. This takes a little longer to put the face mask on, but it's adjustable, the mask sits tight against the face and it makes it easy to remove the mask partially without having to completely remove it.
19. The second way to attach ribbon or fabric ties is to thread a longer tie (36") through the casing on each side and tie behind the head. This method is more difficult to tie it behind the head tightly. It also gathers the short sides of the face mask which might give you a better fit but it also can create gaps.

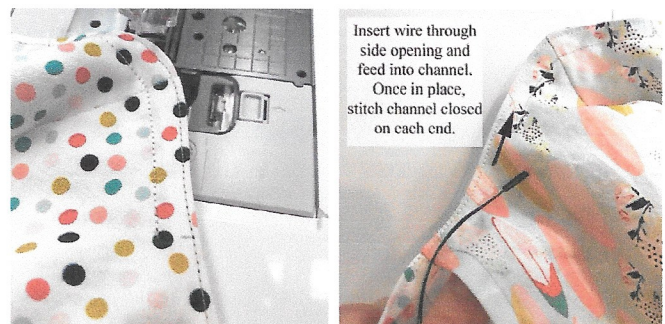


Steps 13-15



Optional nose wire: Cut a length of wire or pipe cleaner to 3 1/2". Turn under the ends a tiny bit and crimp so that there are no sharp edges. I used thin florist wire so I folded a 6 1/2" piece in half and covered the exposed ends with electrical tape. Sew a channel for the wire 1/4" away from the upper edge stitching and about 1 1/2" on either side of the center seam. Insert wire through the side opening. Stitch channel ends closed or leave one end open if you want to remove the wire prior to washing.

Optional Filter: A filter or another layer of material can be inserted at this point. Since I don't have access to any filters, I've used some interfacing just for example purposes. I cut a rectangle 5" x 7" and then cut a curve on both top edges by estimating it (eyeballing it). Use the pattern as a guide. You can also fuse interfacing to the outer face mask pieces at the beginning of mask assembly.



Nose wire



Disclaimer: This pattern has not been tested. If you find a mistake, please let me know. This face mask is not considered personal protective equipment (PPE) and should be used only if nothing else is available.