

FACE MASK INSTRUCTIONS



MATERIALS:

- fabric rectangles – $7\frac{1}{4}$ " X 12". Ordinary, cheap, cotton or cotton blend quilting fabric or sheets are fine.
- $\frac{1}{8}$ " elastic or 2mm elastic cord, $\sim 7\frac{1}{2}$ " long
- $\frac{1}{2}$ " bias tape or $1\frac{3}{4}$ " fabric strips, folded
- *3mm strips of aluminum flashing, rounded and sanded, ~ 5 " long
- *fusible bonding web (like Stitch Witchery)

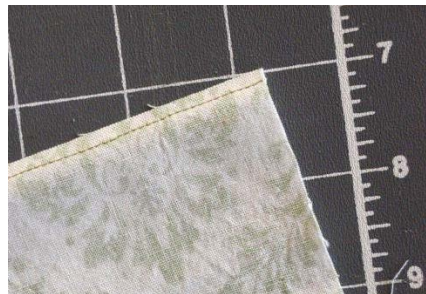
*optional in order to form the mask

around your nose . NOTE: to make the aluminum strip, you can score the aluminum flashing with a heavy pin or needle or mark with a thin magic marker as cutting guides. Round ends, then sand or file the edges smooth.



INSTRUCTIONS:

1. fold fabric rectangle in half along the long side, wrong side out to form a rectangle 6 " X $7\frac{1}{8}$ ".
2. stitch narrow ($\frac{3}{16}$ ") hem



3. *use fusible bonding web and scrap fabric to make fusible fabric patch
4. *cut into small rectangles (~½" X 3/8")
5. *iron on near fold about 1" from raw edge of hemmed piece. This will be the reinforcement behind a slit to insert the aluminum strip.
6. *cut small slit (~1/8") through patch
NOTE: these four steps(#3-#6) can be eliminated in you will not be removing the aluminum strip for laundering or replacement



7. turn fabric rectangle right side out
8. stitch ⅛" along both long sides
9. * stitch ½" from folded edge to make a channel for the aluminum strip
10. *insert aluminum strip into channel

11. pin three folds along each edge or gather down to about 2½"
12. stitch in place



13. use bias tape or folded fabric strip to bind around the folds.
14. insert elastic about ½" deep
15. check the length of the elastic on yourself and adjust before proceeding
16. I like to tack corners and elastic to eliminate the bulky pins before stitching
17. stitch in place



18. *I recommend either removing the aluminum strip for washing or tacking the slit closed so that it does not come out during the wash cycle. NOTE: If you do not plan to remove the strip for laundering, you can eliminate steps #3-#6.
19. You are DONE!!
20. Please feel free to share these instructions ♥