

Magic Makers 26April face mask additional advice.

If adding the binding is causing you a headache (it's not the easiest thing to do), it can be done in two steps.

For example, on the right-hand side of the mask:

1. 'Outside' of the mask should be facing you, pleats facing downwards.
2. Binding measured so that you are working on the middle section that will attach to the mask.
3. Open the binding and lay it with WS facing you, right hand raw edge lined up with the raw edge of the mask.
4. Sew along the right-hand fold of the binding so that you are sewing it to the 'outside' of the mask. Its OK to go a bit over at each end.
5. Turn the mask over so the 'inside' is facing you.
6. Fold the binding over, encapsulating the mask edge. The binding raw edge must be folded under.
7. Pin in place.
8. Fold the binding all the way to one end making sure it is smooth all the way from mask to end and fold the end inside.
9. Sew from this end, (remembering to backstitch at the start) close to the edge, all the way along the folded binding to make one tie.
10. When you get to the mask, sew along the folded-under edge of the binding, close to the edge but making sure you catch the binding down to the 'inside' of the mask. I like to back stitch over top and bottom join to make it nice and secure as this will take the strain during wear.
11. Continue sewing along the other end of the tie, folding the end inside before you get there and backstitching over it.

These instructions can be followed using any standard sewing machine foot, you don't need any special feet. However, if you have one, an adjustable clear plastic binding foot is quite useful but not necessary and will need some practise if you haven't used it before. These are snap on feet so depending on your machine you may need a snap on adaptor to make the foot fit. Probably not worth the expense, unless you fall in love with bias binding!