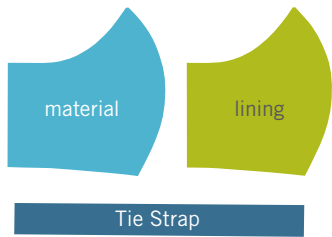


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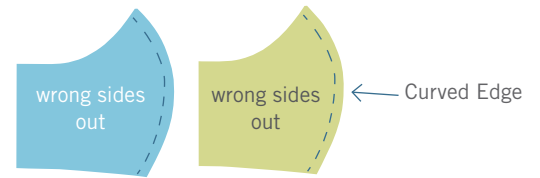


Step 1



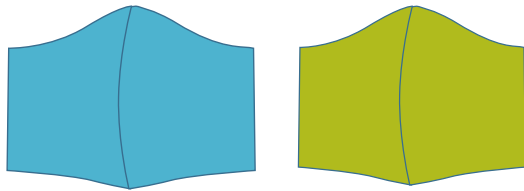
Cut 2 of each shape, giving 4 mask pieces and 2 straps.

Step 2



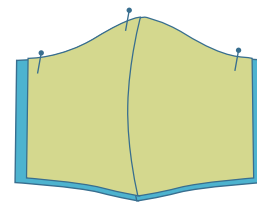
Placing right sides together, sew only around curved edge.

Step 3



Grab both pieces and unfold them so they are now open with the seam (the curved edge you just sewed together) in the middle and the straight edge on the outside.

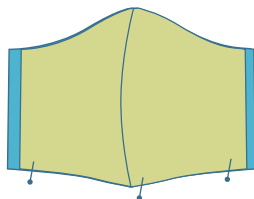
Step 4



Place your lining on top of your material, right sides together, making sure your seams are aligned.

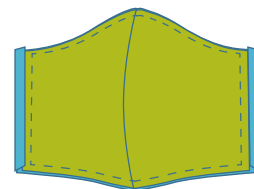
Place pins around the outer edge of the top of the mask. Sew together, removing the pins as you go.

Step 5



Place pins on the bottom of the mask, making sure the edges match up and sew together. Turn right side out.

Step 6



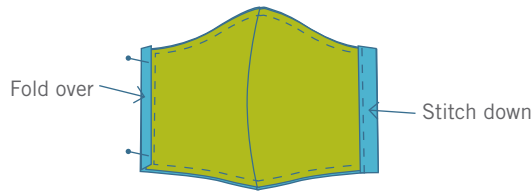
Fold the outer straight edge of the material a 1/4" and press. Stitch around the edge of entire mask.

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Step 7

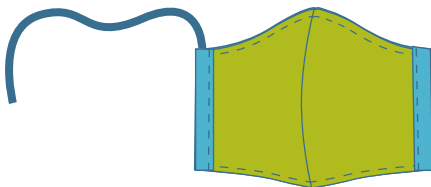


Fold straight edges over and stitch down to create a channel for the elastic or ties.

If strips being used to tie the mask: Cut 4 strips per mask. Fold and press each strip in half lengthwise, wrong sides together. Open each strip and fold and press each long edge in to the center crease, pressing as you go. Double fold in each end and stitch ends and open side.

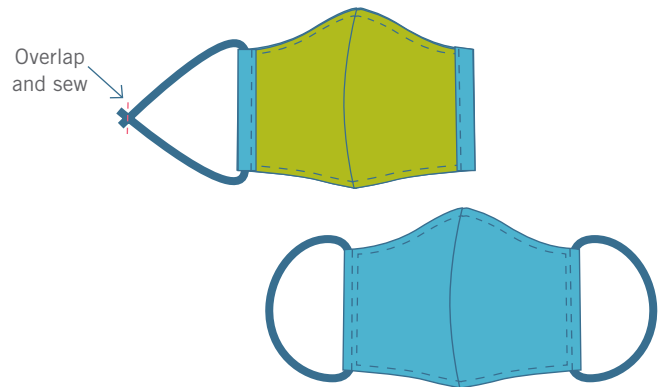
If strips being used to loop over the ear, cut 2 per mask. Instead of finishing the ends, you will be sewing or tying them together.

Step 8



Pin a safety pin to the end of your elastic, or your material that has some stretch/give to it, and shift your elastic/material through the overlap opening on the sides you just created, making sure your safety pin goes first.

Step 9



Now take your material through the opposite side of the mask. Take the two ends of your elastic/material, overlap them, then sew together. Do the same for the other side of the mask with the other elastic/material strip.

*Please note that the CDC does not consider homemade masks personal protective equipment (PPE) and will only be used by professionals as mask covers or when no other alternative is available.