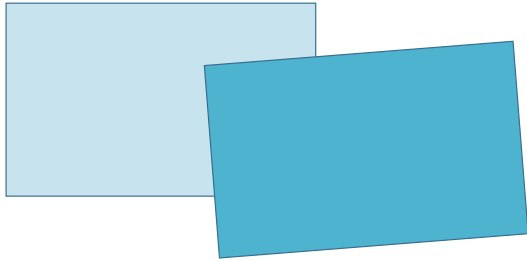


How to Cut & Sew SURGICAL MASKS:

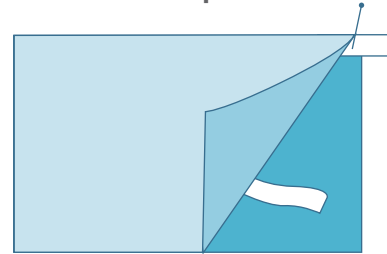


Step 1



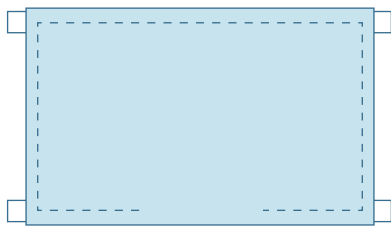
Select 2 colors and cut 1 of each. Place right sides together and sew 1/4" seam on 1 long edge.

Step 2



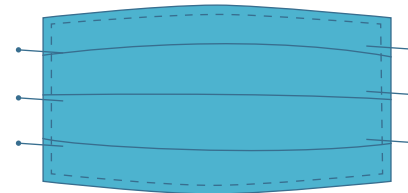
Flip up corner of mask and on inside place elastic in top corner, secure with pin, do the same to secure elastic in bottom corner (do this on both sides).

Step 3



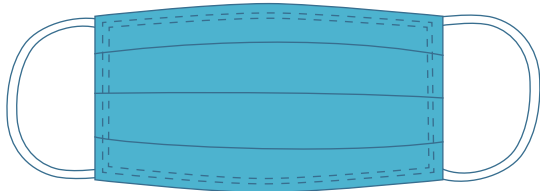
Sew 1/4" seam around remaining 3 edges of the mask to secure (leaving 2" open on lower long side and backstitching to secure.)

Step 4



Turn mask right side out. Press creases at 1", 2³/₄", and 4" and fold 1/4" tucks. Secure with pins.

Step 5



Start anywhere along one long edge, stitching close to edge all around mask and through the tucks to close up mask. Stitch again 1/8" away from previous stitching.

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.

*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.