Sewing instructions for community masks

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Cutting the fabric

These are the dimensions for the pieces that need to be cut. Patterns are provided for the pieces.
The patterns are intended to help you cut out the pieces of fabric; use a “green knife” with a sharp blade for cutting the fabric. The triangular cutting board protects the worktop, but you can also use a different underlay if necessary.
First, use the pattern for the straps to cut an entire piece of the material to a length of 90 cm. This way, the strips won’t need to be cut individually later on. Use a “green knife” with a sharp blade for cutting here as well.
As with the straps, the first step is to cut a piece of the roll to the total length of the pattern. This means you’ll only need to cut the individual strips at the end, as the final length is already fixed.
Cut pieces of fabric
Ironing the straps

Fold the cut strips of fabric (90 x 6 cm) in half lengthwise, iron them and then unfold them again.
Now fold the two halves in to the crease you made in the middle and iron each side separately. Then fold both halves in to the middle again and iron once more. The straps should look like the last picture on the right when you finish.
Ironing the community mask

Start by folding the piece of fabric (37 x 17 cm) in half and ironing it.

Then fold it in half and iron it again.
Ironing the community mask
Step 2

Then fold the two sides in to the middle crease and iron them. The community mask has to be ironed one more time on both sides, as shown in the last picture at the upper right.
Now take the creases and fold the fabric over to make three evenly overlapping sections. Iron each crease of the overlapping sections. Then fold over the two edges and iron them as well. Finally, everything has to be ironed once again on both sides.
Ironed pieces of fabric
First sew along the two short sides. Make sure that the stitch is set as straight as possible.
Sewing the community mask

Step 2

Now sew along the longer side, making sure the edges are folded over.
Now sew the straps onto the middle of the short sides. To do this, open the straps and place the sewed community mask between the two layers as shown above.
Continue sewing the seam to the ends of the straps. Make sure that the seam runs along the middle. To sew the other side of the strap, simply continue sewing in the desired direction on the seam you’ve started. Then fold over the ends and sew them down again. Repeat these steps on the other side.
Finished community mask
Thank you very much for your attention!

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