## Face Mask with Filter Pocket Sewing Instructions

Note: If you have not been socially distancing, please do not make masks. Always wash your hands before beginning to prepare masks and after each time you take a break, eat, touch your face, etc. Smoke free homes only please

You have been given a kit that contains fronts, backs, pockets and elastic. The front and the back are rectangles that measure 6 inches by 9 inches. The filter pocket is a smaller rectangle that measures 6 inches by 6.5 inches



Fold under 1/4 inch on the each of the 6 inch sides of the filter pocket. Press and sew down.





Sew the elastic across the corners making sure the elastic is not twisted.



Center the finished pocket wrong side down on right side of mask back and pin to keep in place. Place the mask back on mask front right sides together (the pocket will be in between). Sew around mask leaving 2 inch opening on one of the smaller sides of the mask. All seams are 1/4 inch.



Turn mask right side out and press. Top stitch the top and bottom edges only.



It is a little more difficult to make the pleats with the pocket. Using an iron really helps as does making the pleats from the back of the mask. This allows you to tuck the pocket into the pleat. Sew across the pleats on both sides. Reinforce with a second line of stitching on top of the first.

