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MILLION MASK

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Make Your Own Fabric Ties Instructions



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This guide was prepared by our pattern committee for those of us who are out of elastic. That's not a problem! Fabric ties can be better for laundering a lot in hot water. And you can make them yourself. It's a bit time consuming, but you can do the ironing while chatting with friends and family. #socialdistancing

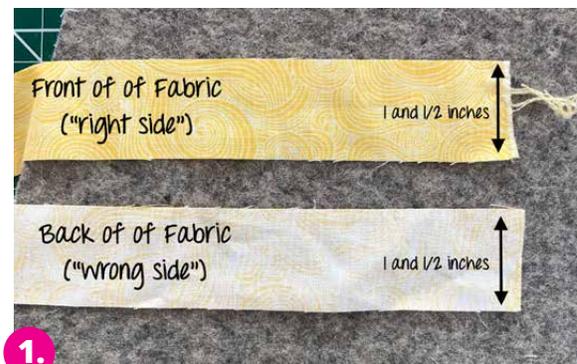
Supplies:

- Fabric
- Scissors or Rotary Cutter and Cutting Mat
- Thread
- Sewing Machine

Note: This explains the manual process, but there are some hacks that can save time like this one: <https://tinyurl.com/fabRICTapehack>

Instructions:

1. Start by cutting a long fabric strip that is 1½ inch wide. Try to get it as long as you can using the length of your fabric. We recommend making enough for four 20-inch strips, which will be long enough to tie into a bow.



2. Fold the strip in half lengthwise, wrong sides together (pattern side out) and iron down the full length of the strip.



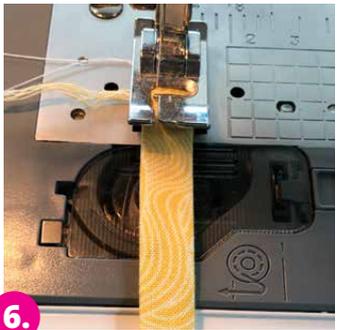
3. Then unfold the strip. Fold in each side of the strip so that the sides meet in the middle, lining up along the middle of the strip that should be apparent due to the ironing you just did by folding the fabric in half.



4. Iron down the full length of the fabric, folding in the sides of the fabric as you go.
5. Next, with the sides still folded in, fold the strip in half again length wise. Iron down.



6. Sew down the length of the strip with a zig-zag stitch to secure.
7. Most masks will need four 20-inch strips, so you'll need to cut your strips to 20 inches if they aren't already. Also, you will want to fold over one end of the strip and sew it down to prevent fraying. To do this, fold the end of the strip towards you and slide it under your presser foot. Go slowly, and make sure the fabric is moving under your presser foot. Do a few zig zag stitches back and forth to secure.



That's it! Great work!



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