Directions for Creating a Clear View Mask

Items needed to make one mask:

- 20 or 22-gauge wire: 6” length
- Surgical wrap fabric (this fabric has a blue layer and a white layer - you will be cutting through both layers) cut in the following sizes to make one mask:
  - 36” by 1” strips (if you want ties same color cut 2 strips)
  - 7” by 8” (1 each white and blue)
- 1 piece of clear vinyl cut 6” by 4”

Directions:

1. With right sides together sew the top and bottom approximately ¼” from the edge. (The top/bottom is the 8” length). The white fabric layer will be the inside of your mask/ blue layer the outside.

2. Turn right side out. It will look like a tube. (Figure 1)

3. Topstitch on top and bottom near the edge. (Figure 2)

4. Sew an additional line of stitches at least ¼” away from topstitching on the top only (this is where you will be adding the wire later).

5. Cut out a window approximately 3” by 5”
   a. 2” from the top
   b. 1 ¾” from each side
   c. 1.5” from bottom

(Figure 3)

(Figure 4)

(Figure 5)
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6. Insert vinyl between the two layers. Secure vinyl with long clips or small piece of tape so that it is even on each side. DO NOT USE PINS

7. Sew a zigzag stitch around opening. Be careful not to puncture the vinyl. Give the vinyl a gentle tug to make sure it is secure in the seam.

8. Curl both ends of the wire making it smooth on each end.

9. Insert wire in the opening created at the top, centering the wire.

10. Sew small closure on each side of the wire to keep it from sliding (see figures 10 & 11). Be careful not to sew over the wire.

11. Make folds approximately 2” from top and 1” from bottom. The folds will face the center of the mask. Mask will measure about 4” on the sides after folds are added.

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12. Sew a small dart (towards the inside) on both sides in the middle of the two folds. Do NOT SEW INTO the VINYL.

13. Sew a small dart (towards the inside) at the center of the bottom. This will make the mask fit better around the chin.

14. Locate the middle of each 1” strip. Crease fold or mark with a clip.

15. Fold 1” strips along the width, match crease mark from previous step with center of side of the mask.

16. Wrap tie around side of the mask and secure the tie to the side of the mask with clips (see figure 15).
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17. Folding tie over and sew from one end to the other securing the tie to the mask at each side. (Figure 15)

18. Sew an addition row of stitches on each side to increase strength.

19. Repeat steps 14-18 on other side.

20. You have finished your “Will’s View” Mask!

This mask was originally made for the nurses caring for Will’s family so he could read the nurses’ lips throughout the birthing experience of their daughter. The original mask was made with page protectors instead of vinyl and paper clips instead of wire. The inspiration for using the surgical wrap fabric to make this mask was from a pattern provided by University of Florida Health (UF Health). [https://anest.ufl.edu/wordpress/files/2020/03/PROTOTYPE-2-TUTORIAL.pdf](https://anest.ufl.edu/wordpress/files/2020/03/PROTOTYPE-2-TUTORIAL.pdf)

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