

Child's Mask with Elastic Head Loops and Spring Lock

This seems to be a design that works well for smaller kids that have to wear a mask for a long time (like at school). It stays on best for girls when they have a ponytail to hold up the top loop.



Materials

For small children - 3x 5"x9" squares, For bigger kids – 3x6"x9" squares

½" double fold bias tape

Nose bend (aluminum, pipe cleaner, I'm using thin, rubber encased electrical wire)

34" of ¼" elastic

Spring lock (like what goes on the cords of a raincoat – see pink spring lock in the 3rd picture)

Instructions for Mask Shown Above

- Start sewing the mask just like in this YouTube video:
 - Basic mask with elastic ear loops: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AhGUBjK10DI>
- Rather than doing the elastic ear loops, sew in loops made out of the ½" double fold bias tape (see 2nd picture)
- Add a nose bend and side ruffles (just like the video)
- After hemming the ends of the ¼" elastic, run it through the loops, starting at the upper right corner. Add the spring lock (3rd picture)
- Once the mask is on a child, you can adjust the elastic for it fits snugly around their neck and head. They can grab the spring lock and pull it off their head easily and let it hang around their neck. (far right picture).

Size Modifications

Smaller kids - 5"x9" with 5.5" elastic ear loops

Bigger Kids and Women – 6"x9" with 6.5" elastic ear loops (what's shown in the video)

Bigger Guys – 7"x9" with 8" elastic ear loops (size my husband wears)

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