

Mask Ornament for 2020



Supply List:

Scrap of fabric, thread
Contrasting thread for "2020" for machine or
hand embroidery
1/8 inch elastic or thin ribbon – about 8 inches
Printer or freezer paper to trace pattern

Tools:

Basic sewing supplies
Stabilizer – tear-away, water-soluble,
or tissue paper
Iron
Water or air-soluble marker
Glue Stick

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We didn't put up a Christmas tree this year – there wasn't much point. But despite that, I decided to create an ornament as a reminder of what this year was about – one aspect, anyway.

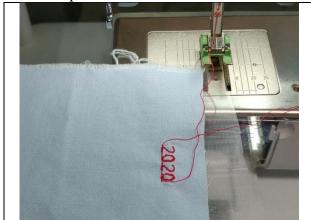
This idea came about after I designed a doll to honor healthcare workers. This mask is based on hers, but is just a bit bigger.

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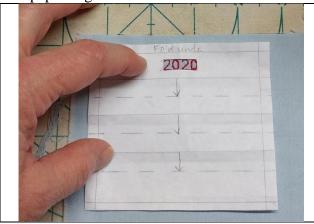
Trace pattern piece onto paper (printer paper, freezer paper, etc.) using a light box or window and natural light. Transfer all markings. Cut the window from your traced pattern. This will allow you to center the stitched or embroidered "2020."



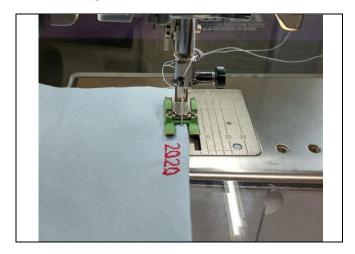
1. Begin by stitching "2020" to your fabric. This isn't a feature I'd used on my sewing machine before, so I had to practice on scrap fabric. Refer to the pattern so the stitching isn't positioned too high on the fabric. You'll need room to turn under the raw edge. **Note:** This part worked better when I placed stabilizer under the fabric.



2. Place the pattern onto your fabric so you can see the stitched year. Cut out around the paper edge.



3. Turn under the top and bottom edges about 1/8 inch. Press. Stitch down from the front of the mask.



4. If you're making more than one ornament, consider daisy-chaining to save time.



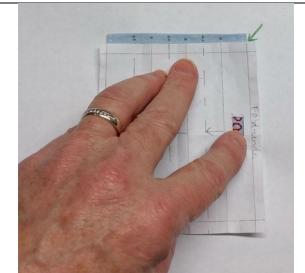
5. Repeat for the bottom edge.



6. Flip the mask over and press the sides under about ¼ inch. Secure with glue stick.

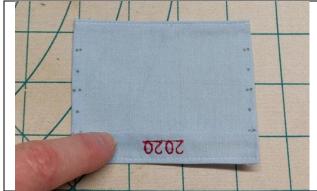


7. Use the markings on the pattern to mark the fold lines on the right side of the mask. I used one dot for the solid line, and two dots for the dashed line. Do this for right and lift sides of the mask.



The fold line on the pattern is aligned with the finished edge of the top of the mask.

8. With the mask upside down, bring the solid line down to the dashed line. Press.



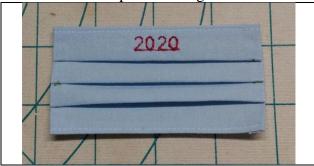
9. Use the glue stick instead of pins to secure the pleats.



10. Try to keep the glue along the edge on the inside of the pleats.



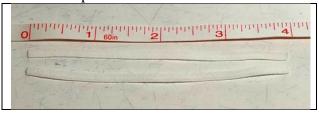
11. Both sides are pleated and glued.



12. Flip the mask over and use a bit of glue to secure the pleats on this side.



13. Cut two pieces of 1/8 inch elastic or ribbon.



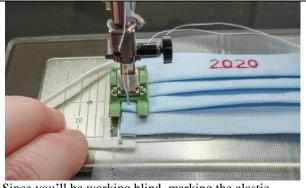
14. Place the mask on stabilizer (optional) and tuck the elastic under the mask, so about ¼ inch of the elastic is underneath. Sew the pleats and elastic, securing thread ends.



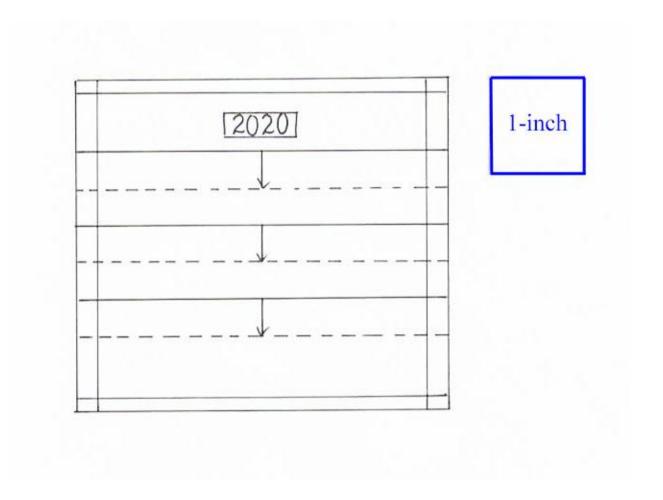
15. Tear away the stabilizer.



16. Sew elastic to the other side.



Since you'll be working blind, marking the elastic about ¼ from the ends helps with placement.



Mark the pleats of the fabric mask at the left and right edges. The solid line is folded down to the dashed line, then pressed, glued and sewn.

This pattern (enlarged) would not be suitable for a human mask, as it's only one layer of fabric.