**Master Maker Tips**

**IMPORTANT: Please strive for consistency of products. Use two color fabrics for each mask, so that users can quickly identify whether they have the mask on front facing outward.**

1. Plan to make 2 pleats, and 2 colors per mask (if you have only one color of fabric, use the front side and the back side of the fabric with the lighter color on the back). This allows users to see quickly of they have the mask on correctly.
2. Consistency of masks is key!!!
3. Pin all elastic in place before sitting at sewing machine with both pieces of fabric.
4. Sew all pieces. Start off the fabric at the corners. This ensures that the elastic is caught between 2 seams.
5. Turn fabric right side out. Make sure to pull on elastic so the corners are out and then press it flat.
6. Fold down the pleats and press.
7. Sew down your pleats with 1/8” seam. Sew all the way around the mask. Change stitch to a zig zag stitch and go around the mask again.

Optimally, it can take 5 minutes to do 1 mask following the steps above.

Additional tips:

Create a nest around your sewing machine. Have a pressing table nearby, to minimize movement.