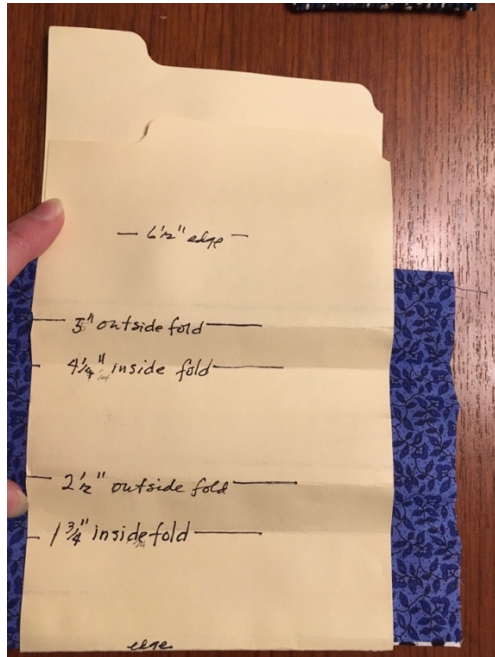


A great pleating shortcut for the simple masks.

Mark both inside and outside of a manila folder as shown. Score the card to make folding it easier, paying attention to inside or outside folds. Fold both sides the same.



Though this template idea will probably work for most of the masks we make with minor alterations the same concept would apply to other pleating configurations. Just measure a completed mask and transfer those measurements to a folder as I have done for the two pleats shown here.

This technique works for masks with raw edges on the sides for adding binding, for masks with raw edges on the top and bottom for long ties, and for fully turned pocket masks to which you will add ties after pleating.

Place your sewn and turned mask inside the folder with the bottom edge in the crease of the folder. Fold up the whole sandwich. Press it and stack the pieces for the next step. (Pressing can save the need for pinning when putting the side binding on if you use precut binding pieces. You just adjust the pleats slightly if necessary to fit the precut length.)



The finished pleated mask ready for the next step.

