

Thanks for supporting our small business and purchasing masks from Geek Lolita!
We want to bring the world high quality clothing made from superior materials.

Why do my masks look a little wrinkled?

**During this time, we wanted to let you know we are doing our best to keep our workshop as clean as possible, but alas, it is not 100% possible to make it germ/allergen free. Rest assured, once masks and filters have been created, they are given one final laundering. They may appear less than perfectly pressed as a result.

Laundry recommendations: You can machine wash and dry both the mask and the filter insert. You can take the nose wire out prior to laundering, but it is not necessary (it may fall out while washing, but we have always found them all floating around in the washer). We like using mesh bags to keep them together.

Nose Wire: Insert by pushing through the channel. Once you get to the nose contour, you might find it helpful to shift the fabric straighter to get the wire through more easily.

Elastic adjustment and replacement: Because our masks have a channel for elastic, it should be easy to make fitting adjustments by re-tying the knot or stitching a new overlap, as well as replace the elastic when it gets stretched out. *Expect the elastic to wear out before the mask.* This is a result of the heat from washing and drying speeding up the breakdown of the elastic.

Filter insert:

Why make it an insert? So you can choose to wear a filter or not. In addition, pressed materials do not have as long a life as woven fabrics. This makes it easy to replace filters when they tear or stretch out.

You can buy these from us or make your own. The best type of material available to most folks is a polypropylene or polyester pressed material. This captures moisture and is better at trapping particulates than woven fabrics. You can purchase this as a type of interfacing from a fabric store or online. We use Pellon #40 Midweight or #50 Heavyweight Stabilizer, depending on what is available. In a pinch, you can use one of those pressed material shopping bags that most people have. It will wash and dry similarly to the interfacing.

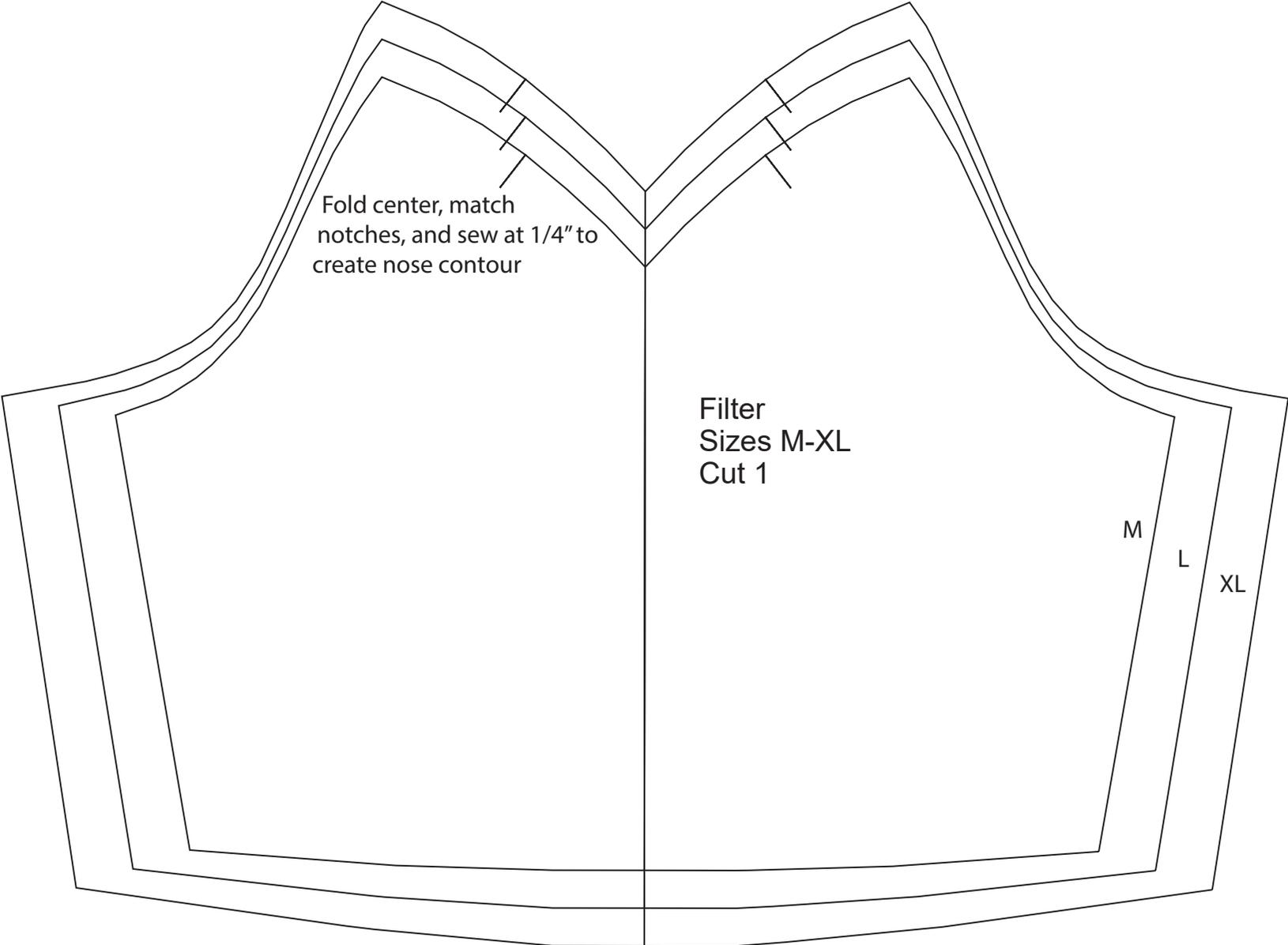
How to use the included pattern:

1. Cut out the size needed from the paper pattern. If you need both sizes, cut out the Large size, trace it on another paper and then cut out the size Medium.
2. Cut out your filter from pressed material.
3. Sew the nose contour (You can use a machine or hand-sew this step.): fold the filter in half, matching notches. Sew along edge at $\frac{1}{4}$ ". Fold the seam allowance to one side with your fingers. Then, top-stitch near the seam line to keep the seam flat, and it is ready to use.

****non-sewing alternative:** simply use the filter after you have cut it out. It might be a little trickier to place, but it will still work just fine.

Please enjoy your masks!

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Fold center, match notches, and sew at 1/4" to create nose contour

Filter
Sizes M-XL
Cut 1

M

L

XL