

Sewn Superhero Cape and Mask

What you'll need

- Blank paper and pencils
- Printouts of logo and mask templates
- Scrap fabrics for logo
- Fusible webbing
- Iron, ironing board and press cloth
- Straight pins
- Fabric scissors
- 2 fabric pieces, about $\frac{2}{3}$ yard each, in different colors
- Sewing machine and thread to match
- 3-in.-wide bias strip of fabric for tie, about 26 in. long and folded in half, lengthwise
- Felt square in coordinating color for mask
- $\frac{2}{3}$ yd. elastic or ribbon for mask
- Hot glue gun and glue sticks, or sewing machine
- Stick-on jewels, fabric markers or scraps of fabric and fusible webbing to decorate mask (optional)



How to make it

For the cape

1. Draw a logo for yourself as a superhero on the blank paper. (We made an outer-space design from 3 scraps of fabric—templates provided—but feel free to create your own.) Set aside.
2. Now iron fusible webbing to your scraps of fabric following manufacturer's instructions and using a press cloth. Pin your paper logo on the fabric side of the fused fabric and cut out the design. Remove pins, template paper and backing paper. Set aside.
3. Layer the 2, $\frac{2}{3}$ -yard pieces of fabric together and cut out a large cone shape (somewhere between a half circle and a quarter circle). See Diagram 1. Cut out the inner neck area.
4. Sew the pieces together along the sides and bottom and turn inside out at the neck opening. Iron flat. Sew again along the sides and bottom (optional) to keep it from shifting around.
5. Now turn the cape over so the back finished side is facing up. Center your fabric logo pieces on the back until you like how they look. Then iron the pieces, fusible-webbing-side down, to the back of the cape using a press cloth.
6. Next, open the bias strip of fabric and center it at the neck opening of the cape. Enclose the raw edges of the neck opening inside the fold of the bias strip and pin to secure. Sew through all layers. Sew the two sides of the folded bias strip closed on either end of the cape.

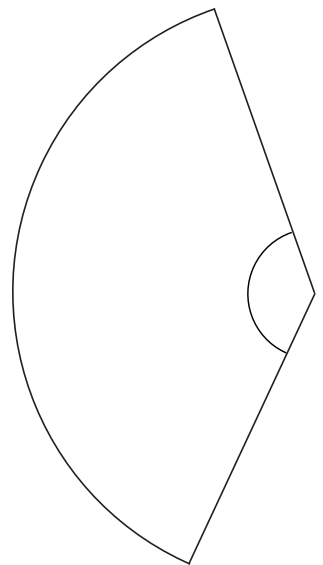


Diagram 1

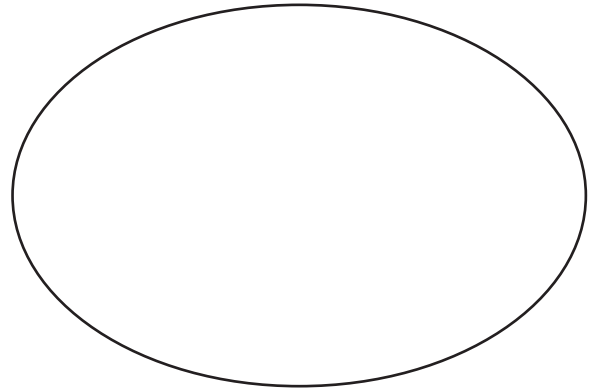
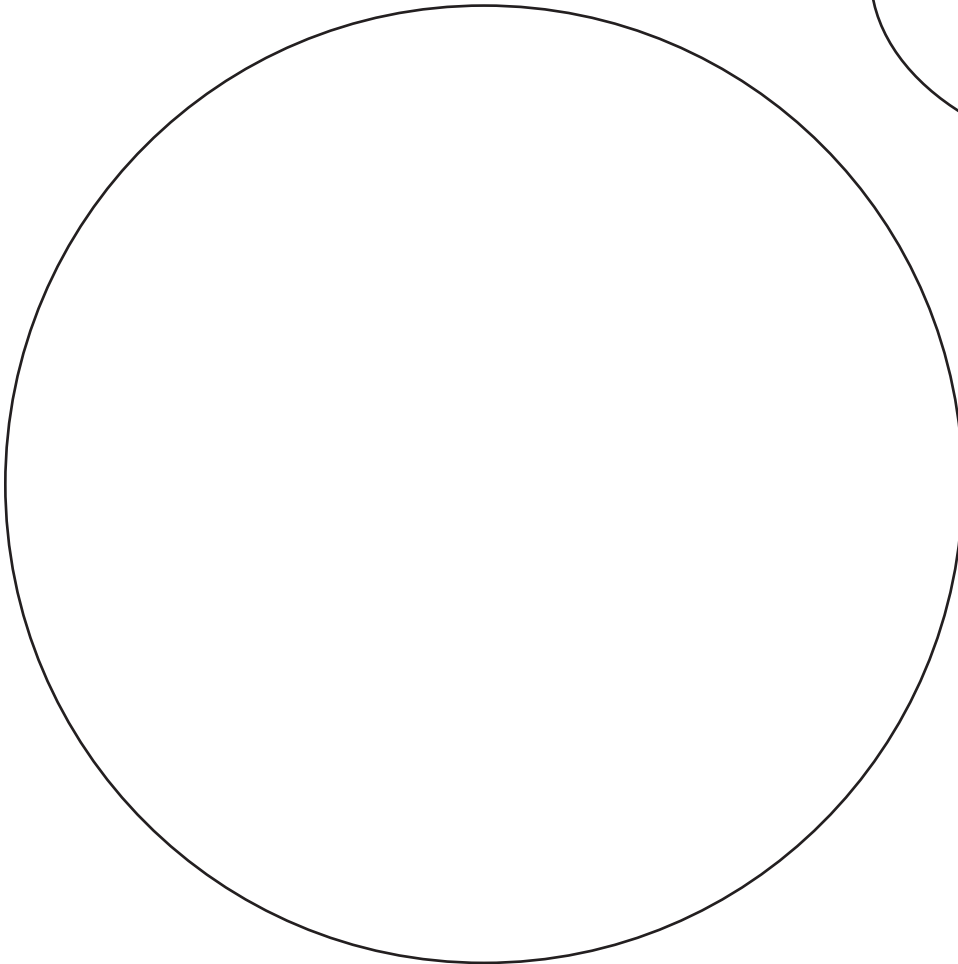




For the mask

1. Choose a mask template and cut out 2 masks from the felt square. Cut out eyeholes. Layer the 2 masks together.
2. Cut the elastic or ribbon in half and place one end of each piece between the mask layers. Pin to secure. Sew around the outside edges of the mask using a $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch seam allowance. Sew around eyeholes.
3. Embellish the front of your mask with stick-on jewels, fabric markers or little scraps of fabric and fusible webbing (optional).

Logo templates



Mask templates

