There are many beautiful, elegant, precise patterns for face coverings out there right now—if that’s what you want, definitely go find one of them. This is a quick-and-hacky set of instructions, but they work, and they don’t require much in the way of equipment or materials. You can probably make ten of these with one skein of cotton yarn. (Use cotton, though; nobody wants scratchy fiber on their face.)

1. Get a **trade paperback book**; this is your “ruler”. **Crochet a rectangle** about the same size as the book (A); stitch is your call, just keep it light and loose. Then also **cut a piece of scrap fabric** that same size (B; I used some pink flannel).

2. **Fold the crocheted rectangle into thirds** to make a pouch, and **seam up the sides** (C). You might also want to stitch a little into the opening on each side, to make the opening slightly smaller. **Fold the fabric in thirds** also, and **insert it into the pouch** (D).

3. **Attach something stretchy as straps** (E). I used some stretchy cord from my stash, feels like it might have been straps from a bathing suit. But you can use elastic, or cut up some old tights. I just knotted my cords to the corners; they fit behind my head, one above ears, one below. I like this better than ear straps, because it doesn’t have to fit over your ears, and it can just sit around your neck when you’re not wearing it.

Ta-da! You have a face cover. You can swap out the fabric as needed; you can throw the whole thing in the washing machine. Smaller ones for kids? Use a smaller book for a ruler.