

The simple rectangle

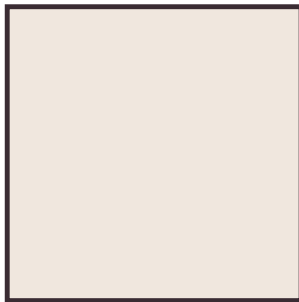
Proposed 20 x 20-in square (about 51 x 51 cm). Drawings explain geometry; test your own cloth.

Start: Good side down; bottom edge nearest you. No ring needed.

■ Good side □ Reverse - - - - - Crease

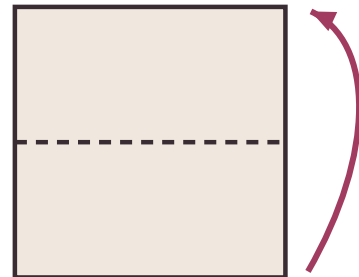
1 Square, reverse up

Smooth it with the reverse facing up and all four edges aligned to your work surface.



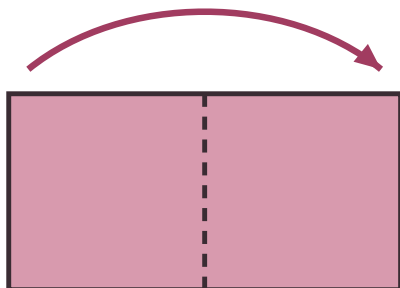
2 Bottom to top

Crease halfway up the square. You now have a horizontal 20 x 10-inch rectangle, with its closed edge nearest you.



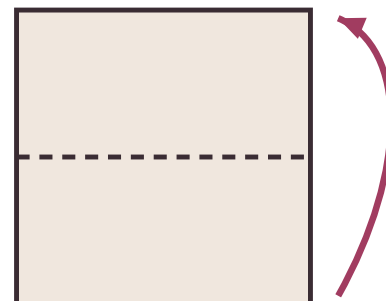
3 Left to right

Crease down the center. The result is a 10 x 10-inch square.



4 Bottom to top

The final shape is 10 inches wide and 5 inches high. Lift it from underneath so the layers stay together.



Check the sample: The 20-inch example finishes 10 x 5 in. Lift from underneath. Check which face or monogram appears on top, then repeat that orientation.

Original measured proportions and vector diagrams. Full steps: feteandfig.com/stories/napkin-folding-ideas

The diagonal cutlery pocket

Proposed 20 x 20-in square (about 51 x 51 cm). Drawings explain geometry; test your own cloth.

Start: Good side down; keep the top at the top during both turn-overs.

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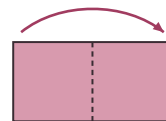
1 Bottom to top

Align those two edges to make a 20 x 10-inch horizontal rectangle.



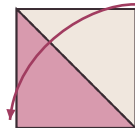
2 Left to right

You have a 10-inch square: its left and bottom edges are closed folds; four loose corners meet at the upper right.



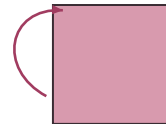
3 One top corner

Take only the topmost loose upper-right corner to the lower-left corner. The crease runs upper-left to lower-right; leave the other three layers unfolded.



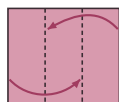
4 Turn the whole square

Turn the entire square over left to right. Keep the top at the top. The triangular flap is now underneath. Do not rotate the square.



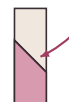
5 Overlap the thirds

Find the vertical thirds. Bring the right edge left to the one-third line. Bring the left edge right to the two-thirds line. Both outer thirds overlap the middle.



6 Turn back to the front

Turn the whole bundle over again left to right, keeping its top at the top. The flap is now in front. Slide handles under it from above; working ends stay visible.



Check the sample: Final size: about 10 x 3 1/3 in. Keep flat; the back is not sealed. Add utensils in the final position, handles under the flap from above; working ends stay visible.

Method reference: LA Linen, How to Fold Cloth Napkins. Original proportions and vector diagrams.

The flat fan with a ring

Proposed 20 x 20-in square (about 51 x 51 cm). Drawings explain geometry; test your own cloth.

Start: Good side down. Use a smooth ring wide enough for the doubled pleated bundle.

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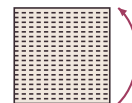
1 First one-inch pleat

Crease 1 inch above the bottom edge (about 2.5 cm). Fold the bottom strip upward; its loose edge reaches 2 inches above the original bottom edge.



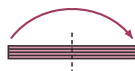
2 Alternate all the way

Turn the whole napkin left to right, keeping the folded edge nearest you. Fold another 1-inch strip upward. Repeat to the top; adjust the last pleat. Result: about 20 x 1 in.



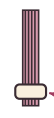
3 Fold at the midpoint

Pinch the pleats. Bring the left short end to the right short end, folding at the midpoint. The doubled 10-inch bundle has one closed bend and two free pleated ends.



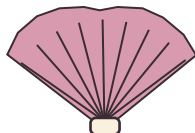
4 Ring at the closed bend

Rotate the bundle until the closed bend is nearest you and free ends point away. Slide the ring over the bend just far enough to hold the base. Do not force it.



5 Spread the two wings

Keep the ring nearest you. Spread one wing left and the other right, opening their pleats while the ring keeps the base together. Let the fan lie flat.



Before the batch

- ☐ Use clean hands and a clean, dry surface.
- ☐ Follow your napkin's care label for laundering and pressing.
- ☐ Open one completed sample as a guest would before copying it.

Actual cloth size: _____

Check the sample: Keep the ring nearest you and the fan flat. If thick cloth will not fit, choose another ring or the rectangle. Do not force it or add pins or wire.

Method reference: Bumblebee Linens, Fan Napkin Fold. Original proportions and vector diagrams.

The loose roll with a ring

Proposed 20 x 20-in square (about 51 x 51 cm). Drawings explain geometry; test your own cloth.

Start: Good side down; bottom edge nearest you. Choose a smooth ring.

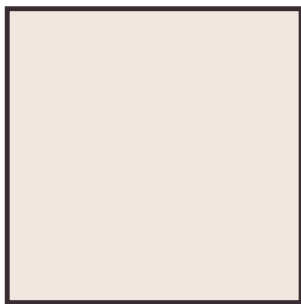
■ Good side

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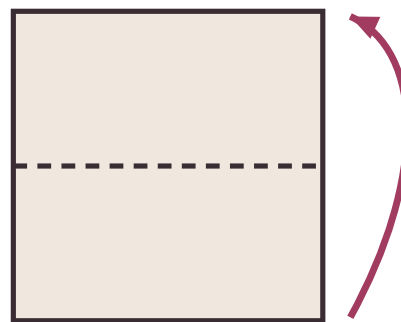
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Keep the good side down and the bottom edge nearest you.



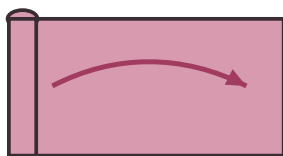
2 Bottom to top

The result is a horizontal 20 x 10-inch rectangle.



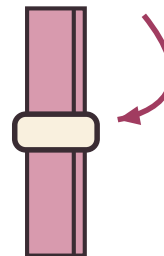
3 Roll left to right

Start at the left short edge and loosely roll across the rectangle's width. The roll's long axis runs top to bottom; it is about 10 inches long. Keep the edges reasonably even without compressing the cloth into a hard tube.



4 Ring at the middle

Hold the loose outer edge against the roll. Slide the ring over either end to the middle. Lay the roll flat with that loose edge underneath. The guest should be able to remove the ring without tugging.



Check the sample: The finished roll is about 10 in long. Rest the loose edge underneath. Check that a guest can slide off the ring without tugging; store rings separately for laundering.