

Fashionable Folding

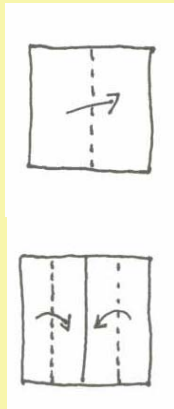
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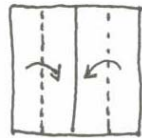
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Folded Shirt

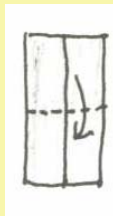
1. Cut a 3" x 3" square of paper. (You can also change the dimensions and cut any 1:1 square). Fold the square in half, crease well, and unfold.



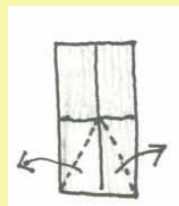
2. Fold each half in half again to meet at the center (a "window fold").



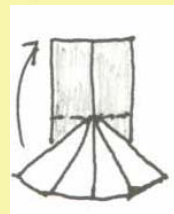
3. Find the center by folding in half top to bottom, and then unfold.



4. With the pattern side facing up, fold the bottom inside right and left corners out.



5. Fold the bottom half back to meet the top edge.



6. Fold the two corners in the top center down to form the collar. You can create lots of different collar looks, depending on how wide or narrow you make the folds.



7. Fold the tips of the shoulders back to round them off. Again, you can achieve a lot of different looks based on the angle at which you fold the tips down. For a masculine look of square shoulders, don't fold the tips back at all.



Folded Pants

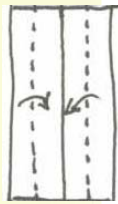
1. Cut a 3" x 6" rectangle of paper. (You can also change the dimensions and cut any 2:1 rectangle). With the patterned side up, make a small fold along each short edge of the rectangle so that a small white hem is visible. (You can omit this step if you don't want a white hem.)



2. Turn the rectangle over so that the non-patterned side is facing up. Fold in half length-wise, crease well, and unfold.



3. Fold each half in half lengthwise to meet at the center (a "window fold"). Patterned side of the paper will now be facing up. Crease the folds well.



4. Fold in half again along the existing center crease.



5. At this point, you'll have one narrow strip of folded paper, with the patterned side facing up on both sides. To make pants, fold the strip diagonally in half.



6. Slide pants under the bottom of the shirt.

As shown here, you can fold the sides of the shirt diagonally for a tapered look over pants or a skirt.



Options

- To make a simple pleated skirt, cut a 2" x 6" strip of paper and accordion

fold it into small pleats. To shape the skirt, stretch the lower end to the desired fullness, and squeeze the upper end to match the width of the bottom of the shirt.

- Add tiny buttons to front seam of the shirt.

- Cut a pocket to add on the front of the shirt.

- Use decorative scissors to create a stylish edge along the bottom of the sleeves and shirt hem.

- Have fun with your paper choices! Denim, batik, and other papers that simulate fabric work very well.

- Even thicker, textured papers can work - just take extra care to get good creases (preferably with a bone folder or similar tool) when you fold the thicker papers. Remember that the color on the non-patterned side will be seen in the hems and collars.

