

Teabag Folding



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Teabag folding is also known as kaleidoscope folding. You take squares of the same pattern, fold them the same and then assemble them into a medallion.

The fold you use determine the number you'll need to complete a medallion. Usually you need eight pieces for a medallion. In addition, you can slide them apart during assembly and make a frame instead.

Teabag medallions can be used with cards, scrapbooks and Christmas ornaments.

Tools:

Straight edge to cut paper
Scissors

Materials:

Teabag paper
Glue (not runny)
Folding tool, optional

Steps:

Cut sheet.

Cut your sheet into squares. If you don't have sheets, you can download free patterns online or use a patterned gift wrap.

Option:

Use a square paper punch to punch out squares that are the same pattern / design.

Choose fold.

There are many folds to choose from. Select one and fold your squares so they all look alike.

The next page has a sample fold.

Assemble.

Slide your folded pieces into each other. Be consistent with how you assemble so if one part of your folded shape is on the top, keep it that way. Glue down all loose pieces.



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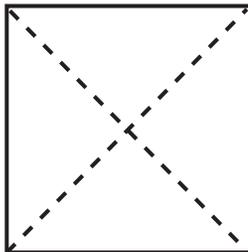
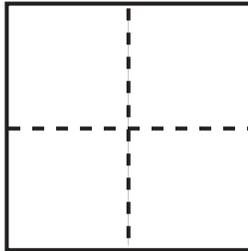
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TEA BAG FOLD: BASIC

Requires: 8 squares

Note: Solid lines are edges and dashed lines are folds.



Steps:

1. Begin with the design side facing you. Fold in half both ways, making four folded squares.
2. Open and fold diagonally with the wrong sides together.
3. Holding it in a triangular shape, push the two corners (A & B) in while allowing the top to open like a mouth. Keep pushing until your fingers meet and you have an "X" when looking down on the paper. Fold sides down so that you have another triangle with two flaps on each side.
4. Fold remaining squares the same way.
5. Separate the two folds and interlock them. Glue them together to form the medallion.
6. Glue sample of folded piece below to refer to at a later time.