

Napkin Folding Instructions

How to create the decorative napkins seen in the October/November issue of *Modern Bride* magazine

All designs use a 21-inch square napkin.

Fresh Pick

Lay napkin flat with finished side facing down. Bring in both sides to meet in the center. Fold the right side over one-third of the way. Fold the left side over to the right, leaving 1 inch on the right side. Press with iron. Place flowers in fold.

Awesome Blossom

Lay napkin flat with finished side facing down. Fold all 4 corners into the center to form a square. Press with iron. Turn napkin over and, again, fold all 4 corners into the center to form a square. Press with iron. Carefully unfold the corner flaps underneath halfway to give height and create “petals.” Between the tall “petals,” reach underneath and unfold the flaps so more “petals” peak out. Place place card in center.

Winging It

Lay napkin flat with finished side facing down. Fold the right side to the left side and then the bottom to the top to form a square. Bring the bottom left corner to the top right corner to form a triangle. Fold this triangle in half by bringing the right edge to align with the base. Press with iron. Attach paper lovebirds with ribbon.

Ship Shape

Lay napkin flat with finished side facing down. Fold the right side to the left side and then the bottom to the top to form a square. Bring the bottom left corner to the top right corner to form a triangle. Fold this triangle in half by bringing the right side to the left side. Press with iron. Place menu card on top.

Photo Finish

Lay napkin flat with finished side facing down. Fold the right side to the left side to make a rectangle and press with iron. Hold a ruler along the right side of napkin to act as a guide. Measuring from bottom to top, at the 13-inch mark, fold the bottom of the napkin to the top (the bottom will overlap with, and cover, the top). Measuring from the bottom to the top of the napkin, fold the top overhang down to the 6-inch mark (there should be 1 inch of overhang at the bottom). Measuring from the bottom to the top of the napkin, fold the overhang at the bottom up to the 5-inch mark. Measuring from the bottom to the top of the napkin, fold the top overhang down to the 5¼-inch. Fold the top and bottom down about 1 inch to conceal the edges. Place the Chance Encounter card in the top deep fold. Place the photo's flap in the second shallow fold.

Amazing Lace

Lay napkin flat with finished side facing down. Fold the right side to the left side and then the bottom to the top to form a square. Fold the right side over to the left to make a rectangle and press with iron. For the enclosure: Cut pieces of lace into rectangles, each measuring 9½” by 13”. Using the napkin as your guide, place the lace piece over the napkin, holding the long side horizontally. Bring together the 2 ends behind the napkin and stitch or carefully glue shut.

It's a Cinch

Lay napkin flat with finished side facing down. Fold the right side to the left side and then the bottom to the top to form a square. Fold the square into thirds and press. To make belt: Cut ribbon into 12-inch strips so that 1 end of the ribbon is straight and 1 end is at an angle. Fold the straight end over 1 inch and place 2 D-rings into the fold. Stitch or glue 1/2=inch of the way in to secure the D-rings.

Wrap Star

Place the favor and votive candle or other object in the center of the napkin and bring the 4 corners up to meet. Secure with a ribbon.

Scroll Playing

Lay napkin flat with finished side facing down. Fold the right side to the left side and then the bottom to the top to form a square. Fold the right side over to the left to make a rectangle and press with iron. Lay napkin flat with the folded edges on the bottom. Place the menu in the fold, leaving about 1 inch peaking out. Roll the napkin together and secure with paper band inscribed with the guest's name.