

Pleated Paper Magic

A technique for altering pages inspired by Gina Pisello's demonstration at the Form & Function From Afar Conference 2021, and based on *Complete Pleats* by Paul Jackson

BASIC FOLDS - color side up

1. Horizontal folds:

Fold paper in half, making a V fold.

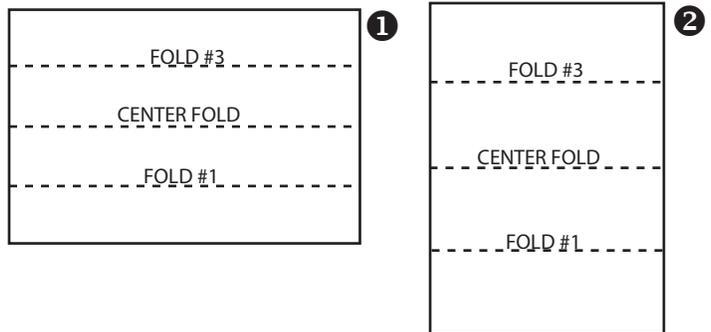
Open paper and fold each side of the paper to the center, making 2 more V folds.

All folds are V folds!

Open and flatten. Rotate your paper 90 degrees.

2. Vertical folds: - color side up

Repeat steps listed above for horizontal folds.



PLEATS turn paper over - color side down

3. Make the "pinch." Working horizontally, pull fold #1 up to center foldline; pinch at outer edges to mark centerpoint (RED) between the two folds. Just make a pinch - do not make a fold across the paper. Mark it with a pencil.

4. Make your first pleat: pull fold #1 up to the pinched foldline (RED). This time fold firmly across the paper UP towards the red marker. Then take that same fold and fold DOWN towards the lower edge of the paper. Crease fold well. THIS IS YOUR FIRST PLEAT. Turn your pleat up towards the center fold.

5. Rotate your paper 180 degrees. Take the center fold and fold it to the pleat just made. Crease the fold, turn it down to make the other side of the pleat. THIS IS YOUR SECOND PLEAT.

Leave the pleat down flat towards you. Do the same with fold #3, folding up to the second pleat, and then down, creasing the folds. THIS IS YOUR THIRD PLEAT.

6. Leaving your folded pleats in place, rotate your paper 90 degrees, making it vertical. Repeat steps 1-3.

7. Make slits according to the full-page diagram.

8. Turn pleats according to demonstration to see the magic!

