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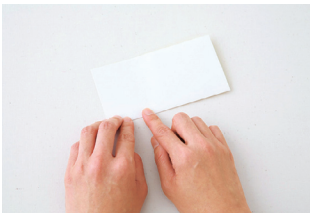
Accordion Fold 01

SINGLE FOLD (INSTRUCTIONS ON PAGE 15)

The single accordion fold is extremely simple because all you have to do is fold the paper once. Use it for designs that display either left-to-right symmetry or top-to-bottom symmetry or for patterns that contain two figures.

HOW TO CUT THE HEART AND BIRDS PATTERN

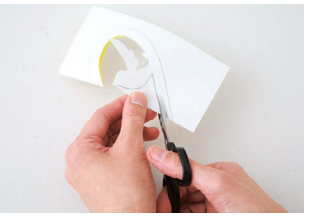


FOLD

1. Lay a piece of 6"-square paper, colored side up, on your work surface. Fold it in half.

DRAW

2. With the fold of the paper on the left, draw the pattern on the paper or enlarge it with a photocopier and staple or glue it to the folded paper.



CUT

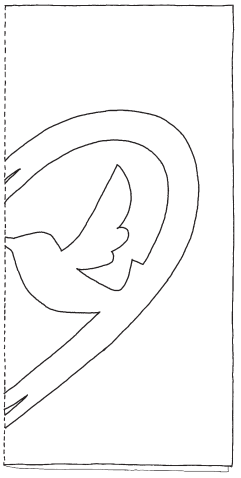
3. Use scissors to cut the bird shape inside the heart.

4. After you finish cutting the inside pattern lines, use scissors to cut the heart shape. Your cuts will be neater if you make small cuts with just the tip of the scissors.

5. Cut the little indentations in the top and bottom of the heart.

COMPLETION

6. When you have finished cutting, unfold the paper to see the result.



Enlarge 250%

Heart and Birds

The heart and birds motif shows why single-fold designs are so attractive. The two birds face each other and appear to be kissing, while the heart shape is symmetrical. The spot where the birds' beaks meet is very narrow, so take care not to cut it accidentally.