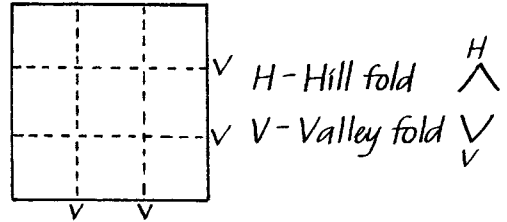


Pinwheel Cards

by Lynn Slevinsky

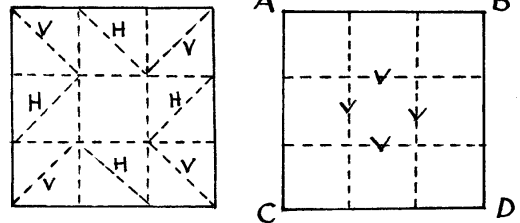
These cards work well for almost any occasion, depending on your choice of color and decoration. Begin with a 12-inch square of paper. With very thin paper you could use a smaller square, and with a larger square you will make a larger finished card. I found Arches Text Wove to be a good choice.

1) Decorate the square of paper using a watercolor wash or some other watercolor technique such as spattering, sponging, use of resist, stencils or stamps. When completely dry, turn over the paper, and decorate the other side.

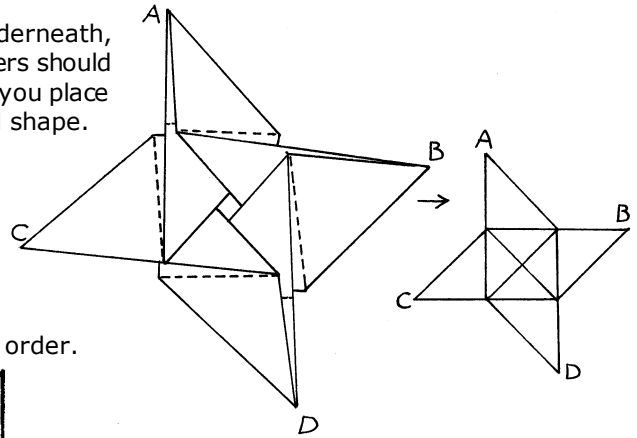


2) Fold the paper into thirds in both directions. Do not turn over.

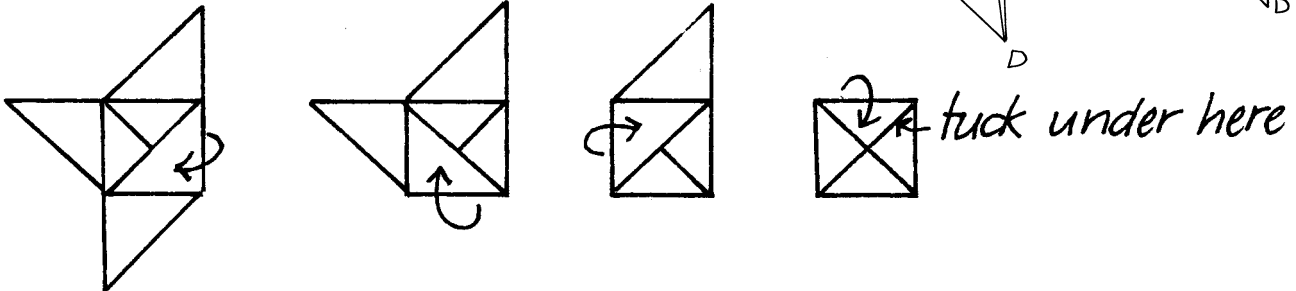
3) Fold each square as indicated, V representing a valley fold, H a hill fold. The 4 sides of the centre square are all valley folds.



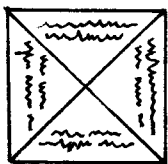
4) Pinch 2 opposite corners (A and D or B and C) from underneath, and fold these, one to left, one to the right. The other 2 corners should fall into place with this twisting motion. This is easier to do if you place the square on a flat surface. This is the resulting pinwheel shape.



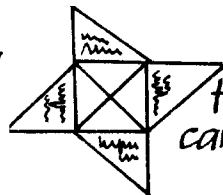
5) Fold the 4 points into the middle, one at a time, and in order.



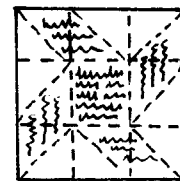
6) Add your message to the folds of this card, ending with the square in the middle. If you wish, you may glue a 4-inch square of card stock or other paper, to either side of the middle square.



add lettering at various angles



this makes turning the card necessary



and that is more FUN!

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