Start with an 8.5x11 sheet. A4 paper will also work.

Fold the sheet in half, with the printed or patterned side on the inside.

Fold down the top layer (only) to meet the bottom edge.

It looks like this.

Now open the fold back up. Do the same thing on the other side.

It looks like this.

Now fold about a half-inch strip on just the top layer. It doesn’t have to be exact. It can be bigger.

It looks like this.

Now fold the corner down so that it almost meets the crease.

It looks like this.

Close-up of the fold.

See how the bottom edge of the triangle is close to the crease, but does not overlap it.

This makes things less bulky later.

Fold the corners down on the other side also.

It looks like this.

Now fold the dog-eared flap down.

It looks like this.

Now open the folded piece, leaving the dog-eared flaps tucked under.

It looks like this.

Rotate the piece 90 degrees.

It looks like this.

Now fold about a one-inch strip up from the bottom. A little more or less won’t hurt anything.

It looks like this.

Now fold the top down so it almost meets the bottom edge. Leave about 2mm or 1/8 inch or so.

It looks like this.

Now tuck the big flap into the triangles on the little flap. Jiggle it around until it’s all flat.

It looks like this.

Fold this in half along the center crease and you’re done!

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