Have you ever eaten dinner in a restaurant or neighbor’s house and seen napkins folded like fans or flowers? These artistic touches make the guest feel special, and it’s not hard to do!

For casual meals, try a simpler fold. For more formal meals, or special occasions (such as a holiday or birthday) try a harder fold.

Some folds work better on paper napkins than cloth napkins.

Napkin rings were originally designed to help individual family members keep track of their napkins and were engraved with the person’s initials, since it was not practical to wash napkins after each use!

Label and color the placemat to help you learn how to set the table.

Use the napkin folding diagrams to practice folding napkins.

Share
Which napkin folds did you like the best?

Process
How do you know which napkin folds are most appropriate for which occasions?

Generalize
What makes the most sense to you about the way a table should be set?

Apply
What did you learn about setting a table that will help you in the future?