DESIGNING FOLDING INTERVENTIONS FOR POSITIVE MOMENTS

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“Mom is nearing the end and she is constantly folding her sheet or blanket”

[Agecare, 2015]
Repeatedly folding items have the potential to be playful for people living with dementia.

[ Alzheimer’s Society, 2017 ]

How might something be designed that satisfies a need to fold?
“. . she is constantly folding her sheet or blanket and the gown she is wearing. .”

“My mom also folds anything within her reach”

“. . she folds everything she gets her hands on . . .”

“My mom does the same thing . .”

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ITEMS THAT INDIVIDUALS REPEATEDLY FOLD

Objects

- Clothes
- Fabrics
- Kitchen roll
- Laundry
- Napkin
- Paper
- Paper towels
- Silk scarf
- Tablecloths
- Tissues
- Toilet paper
- Towels
THE ACTIONS OF FOLDING

*fold

1. bend over on itself so that part of it covers another.
2. cover or wrap something in (a soft or flexible material).

Various interpretations of folding from thesaurus’

bend, wrap, unwrap, roll, pleat, crease, wrinkle, crinkle, crumple, rumple, ruffle, gather, tuck, hem, plait, corrugate, pucker, double up, ply, envelop, enclose, flex, crimp, turn up, join, curl, flute, notch, cusp, origami, unfold . . .
HOW TO DESIGN FOR THOSE ACTIONS

FOLDABLES

Tissues | Kleenex | Towels | T towels | Face Cloths | Toilet Rolls
| Napkins | Pinnies | Placemats | Coasters | Doilies |
Laundry | Clothes | Handkerchiefs | Pocket Squares | Scarves

Napkin | Paper | Hankie | Scarf | Fabric

ROLL | CREASE | FOLD | WRAP | PLEAT
Thank you

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