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FOLD [ABLES]

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.”

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FORUM | DO ALL DEMENTIA PATIENTS FOLD THINGS?

(Agecare, 2015)



“ . . 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 . . ”

> How might *something* be designed that satisfies a need to fold?

Objects

ITEMS THAT INDIVIDUALS REPEATEDLY FOLD

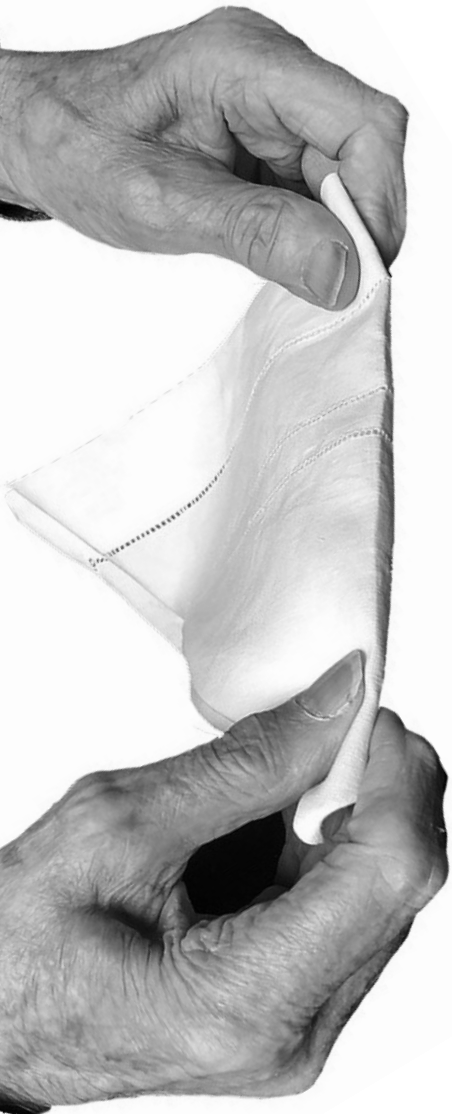
▼ Objects

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



*Hand action

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).

dictionary definition

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 . .

Various interpretations of *folding* from thesaurus'



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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





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