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Soft Design Charts & Cheat Sheets Tabletop

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How can you find the tablecloth that's right for you? Ask yourself three questions:

- What size tablecloth make sense for the way I entertain and fits my table?
- Will I be layering my tables with linens like table overlays or table runners?
- Will I be matching my tablecloths to chair covers and napkins?

If Your Table Measures	28" x28" to 40" x 40" (square)	36" diameter to 48" diameter (round)	28"x46" to 40"x58" (oblong)	28"x46" to 40"x58" (oval)	46" diameter to 58" diameter (round)	36"x60" to 48"x72" (oblong)
Your Table Seats	4	4	4 to 6	4 to 6	6	6 to 8
Table Shape						
Tablecloth Size	52" x 52" square	60" round	52"x 70" oblong	52"x70" oval	70" round	60"x84" oblong

If Your Table Measures	36"x58" to 48"x70" (oval)	64" diameter to 76" diameter (round)	36"x78" to 48"x90" (oblong)	36"x78" to 48"x90" (oval)	36"x96" to 48"x108" (oblong)	36"x96" to 48"x108" (oval)
Your Table Seats	6 to 8	6 to 8	8 to 10	8 to 10	12 to 14	12 to 14
Table Shape						
Tablecloth Size	60"x84" oval	90" round	60"x 102" oblong	60" x102" oval	60" x120" oblong	60" x120" oval

Proper tablecloth drop is 6" to 12" per side.
Chart is designed to allow for variation in table size.

How do you want your tablecloth to fit your table? It's all about the drop. You can opt for a full drop, half drop, or something in between. Does the drop length of your linens really matter? It's up to your personal preference, but in general a full drop is usually perceived as a more formal look than the halfway or less and is the most popular contemporary table linen fit for events. A half drop is more casual.



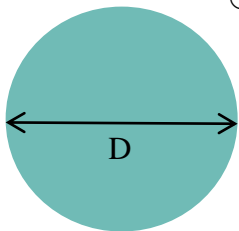
Full Drop



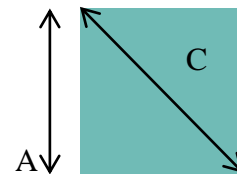
Half Drop

Formulas

Use these formulas for figuring the circumference of a circle or diagonal of a square for ordering decorative cord or fringe



$$\text{Circumference} = \text{Pi} \times \text{D (diameter)}$$
$$C = 3.14 \times \text{D}$$



$$\text{Diagonal of a Square} = 1 \text{ side} \times 1.415$$
$$C = A \times 1.415$$

Images courtesy Linen Tablecloths



Tablecloth Fabric Care Tips

GENERAL LINEN CARE TIPS

- Linens look best when pressed and starched before use
- Ironing temperature should not exceed 320 degrees
- Wrinkle & stain resistant does not mean wrinkle or stain proof
 - Do not dry our tablecloths with industrial dryers
- Drying temperatures exceeding 180 degrees may damage fabric
 - Dry a maximum of 1-2 tablecloths in a single dryer

POLYESTER

- Machine wash with cold water and household detergent
- Tumble dry on low setting
- Immediately remove from dryer when finished
- Iron before use
- Note: You may bleach white polyester linens

DAMASK

- Machine wash with cold water and household detergent
- Tumble dry on low setting
- Immediately remove from dryer when finished
- Iron before use

BURLAP

- Do not machine wash or tumble dry
- Spot treat with gentle fabric detergent
- Pat burlap dry; keep material flat as possible
- Hang burlap to air indoors--keep out of direct sun
- Iron before use--place towel under burlap

ORGANZA

- Machine wash with cold water and household detergent on delicate cycle
- Hand wash/hang dry to ensure material integrity
- Immediately remove from dryer when finished
- Iron before use

SATIN

- Machine wash with cold water and household detergent on delicate cycle
- Tumble dry on low setting
- Immediately remove from dryer when finished
- Iron before use

COTTON

- Machine wash with cold water and household detergent
- Tumble dry on low setting
- Immediately remove from dryer when finished
- Iron before use

LACE

- Hand wash only with cold water & mild detergent
- Avoid vigorous scrubbing & rinse well
- Do not wring, stretch, or twist
- Hang dry only
- Iron before use--place thick press cloth between iron and lace to prevent damages

ECONOMY

- Machine wash with cold water and household detergent
- Tumble dry on low setting
- Immediately remove from dryer when finished
- Iron before use
- Note: You may bleach white economy linens



Common Napkin Sizes

Formal, Multiple Course, Meals- large napkins (22-26" square)

Buffet Service- medium to large napkins 18-24 " square or 12" x 22 "

Informal Dinners- medium napkins 18-20" square

Luncheon- smaller napkins 14-16" square

Tea- small napkins 12 inches square

Cocktails- very small napkins 9 " square, 4" x 6 " or 6" x 8"

Napkin Folding



Pyramid Napkin Fold



Arrow Napkin Fold



Bird Of Paradise



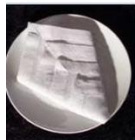
The Slide Fold



The Crown Fold



The Standing Fan



Diamond Fold



Cone Fold



French Fold



Rose Napkin Fold



Neck Tie Fold



The Shirt Fold



Bishop's Hat



Rosebud Napkin Fold



Sail Napkin Fold



Candle Napkin Fold



Basic Silverware Pouch



Fancy Silverware Pouch



Basic Napkin Ring Stuffer



Napkin Ring Fan Fold



Twin Candle Ring Roll



Goblet Fan



Fleur de Lys Goblet



The Lily Goblet

Step by Step Instructions at <http://www.napkinfoldingguide.com/>

Napkin Folding Videos at <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL1CC0757E2166ED42>



Here are some simple folds:

Envelope

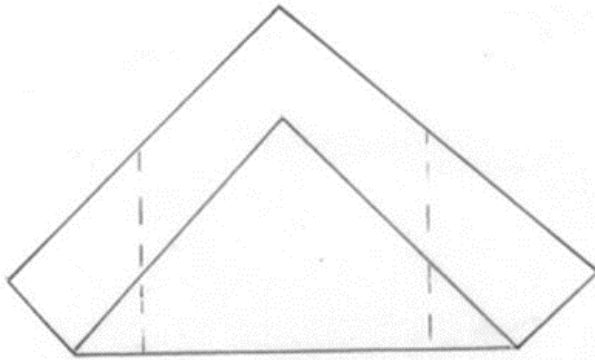
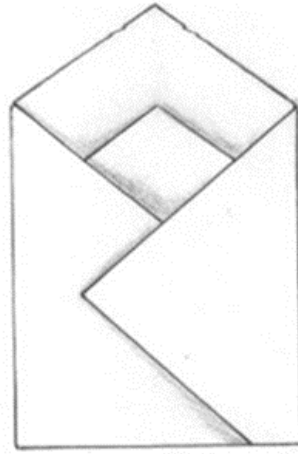
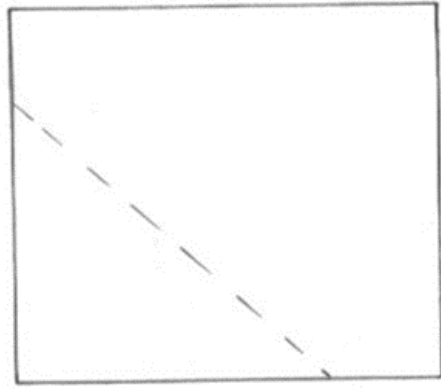


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Candlestick

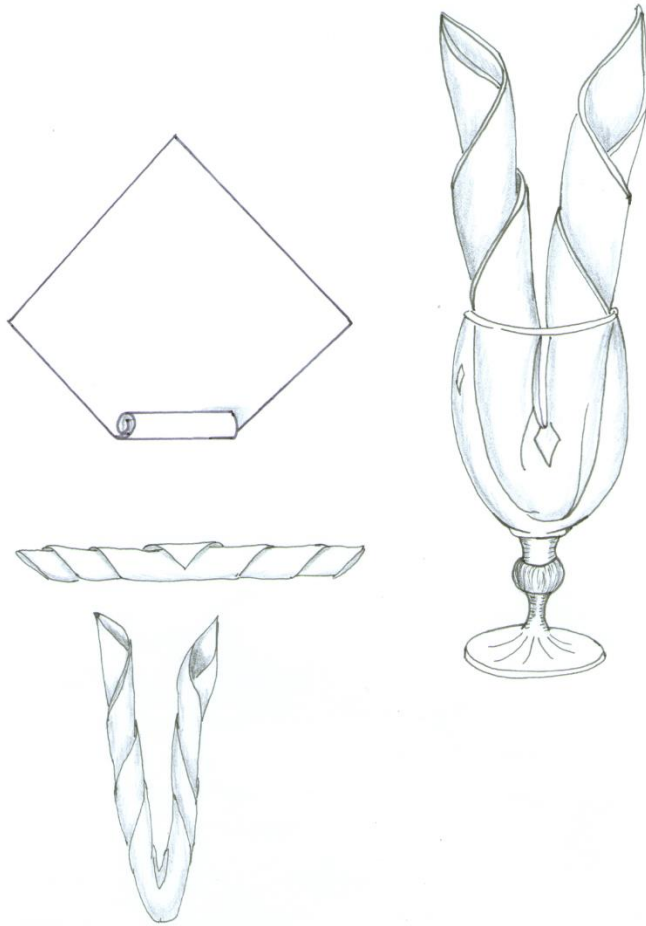


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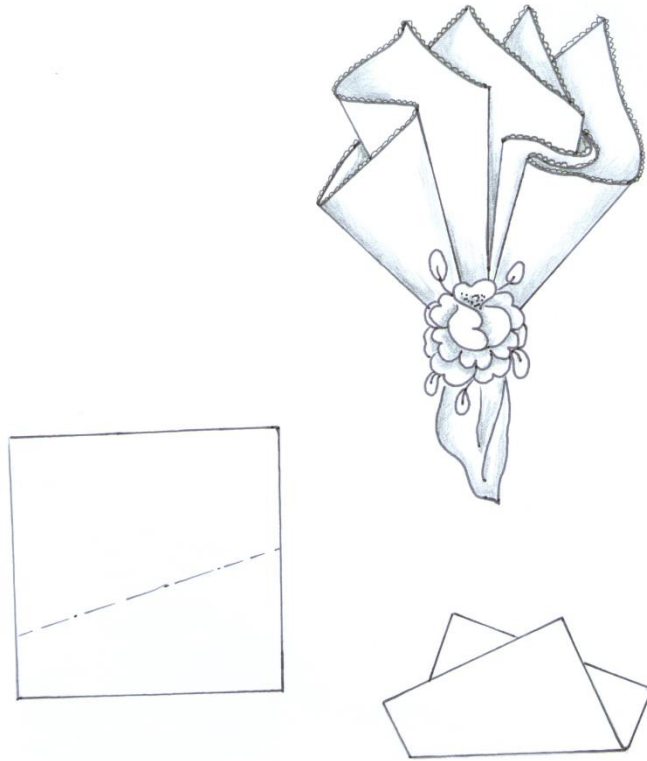


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Picnic Fold

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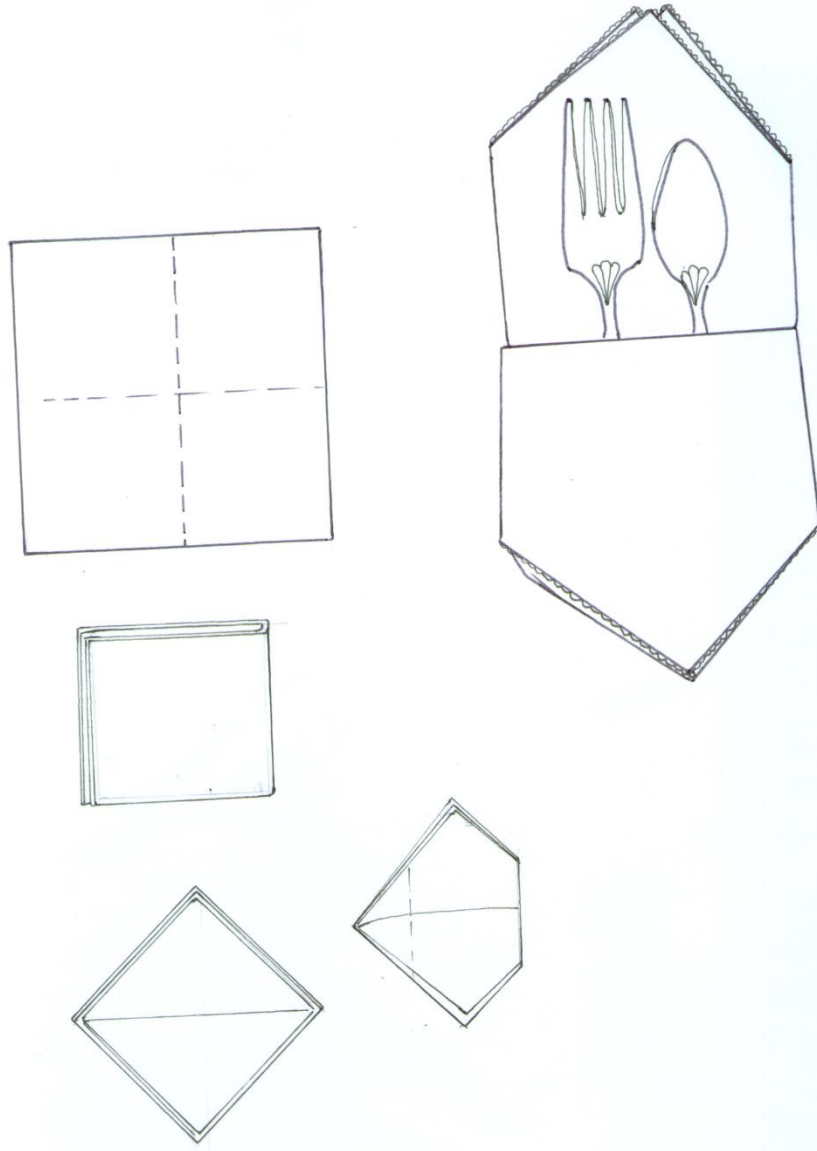


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