

# Guide to Folding Types

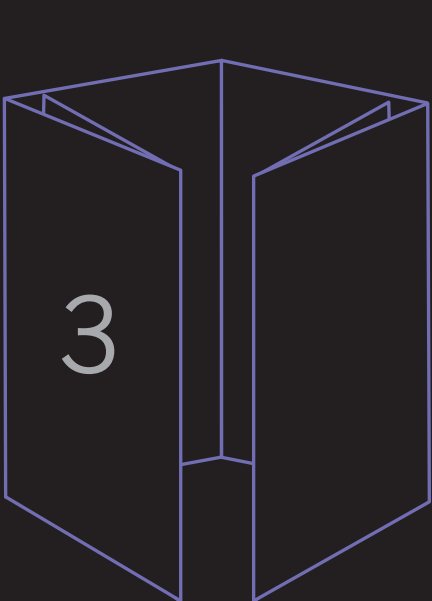
Within the eight broad folding families there are dozens of variations of styles, some simple and others as complicated as origami. Shown here is a sampler of styles, color-coded by family and ranked in terms of complexity. Although there are too many variables to provide a reliable cost comparison, it can generally be assumed that the more difficult the fold, the longer the production time and greater the cost. For a detailed explanation of all folding styles within each folding family and how the folds are achieved, we recommend the book, *FOLD: The Professional's Guide to Folding*, available from [foldfactory.com](http://foldfactory.com).



4-Page Standard  
Level 1



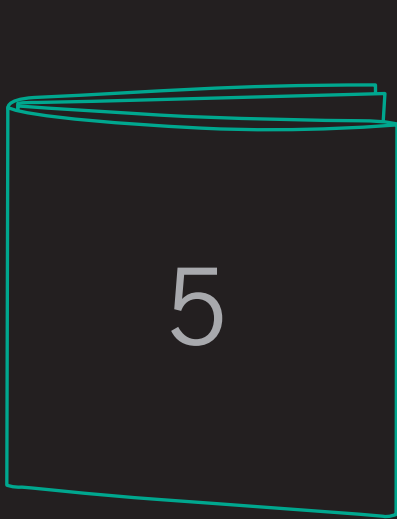
Reverse Accordion with Fold-in  
Level 2



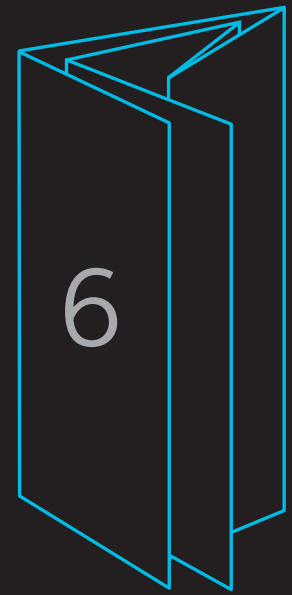
Double Gate  
Level 3



Letter Fold  
Level 1



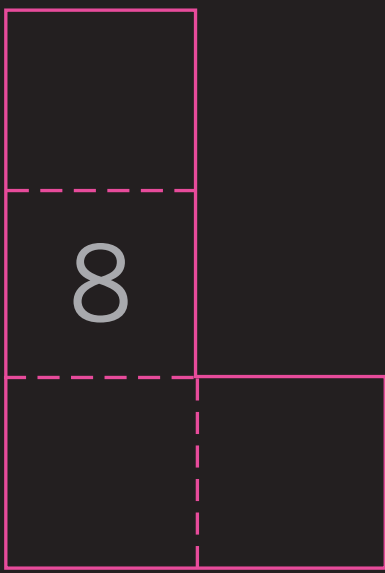
Double Parallel  
into Double Parallel  
Level 2



Front Opening Triple Parallel  
Level 3



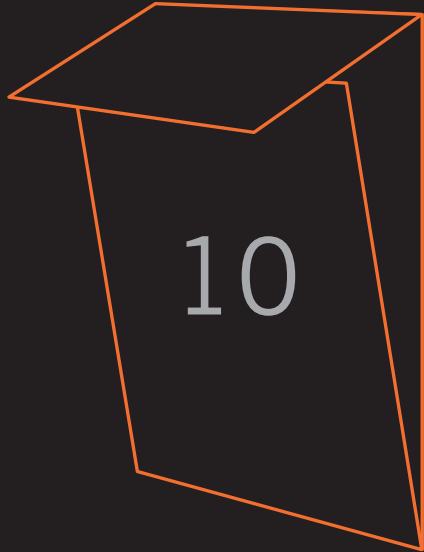
Letter into Roll  
Level 3



L-Cross  
Specialty



Back Opening Double  
Parallel with Outside Short Fold  
Level 2



Vertical Letter with Exposed Flap  
Level 1



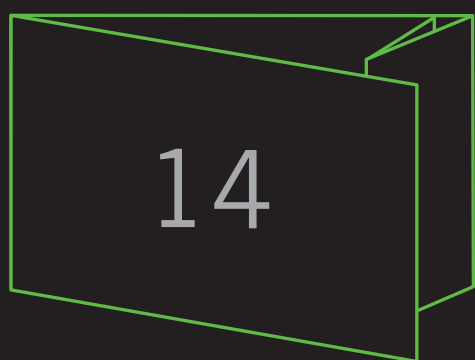
Front-Opening Double Parallel  
Level 1



Tent with Short Fold  
Level 1



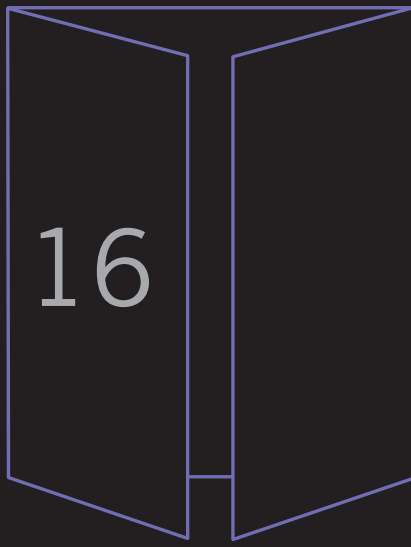
2-Story Map  
Level 3



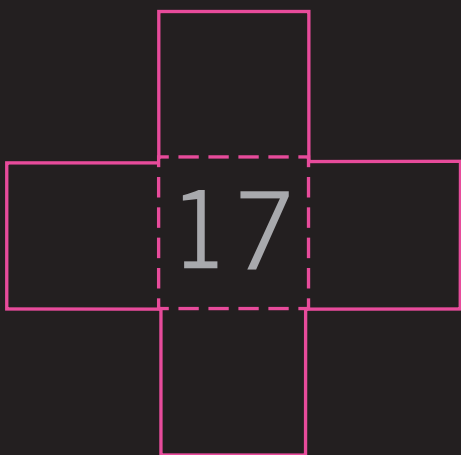
Asymmetrical Roll  
Level 3



8-Page Broadside  
Level 1



Semi-Gate  
Level 3



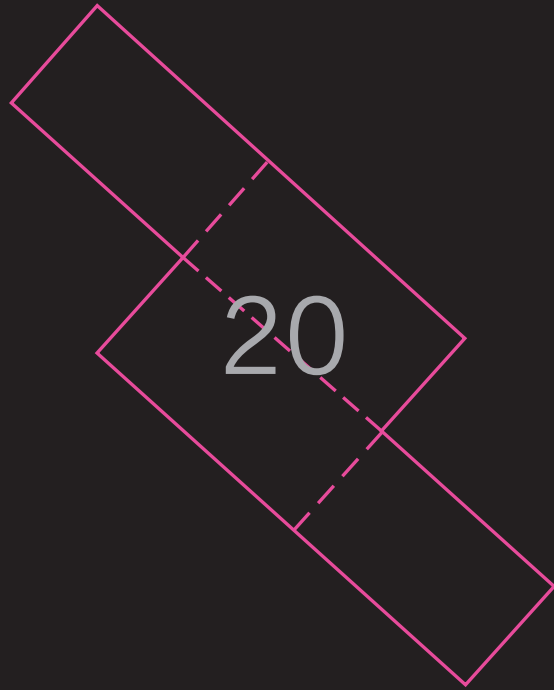
Iron Cross Fold  
Specialty



Front-Opening  
Triple Parallel Accordion  
Level 2



Reverse Roll  
with Short Inside Fold  
Level 2



Checkbook  
Specialty



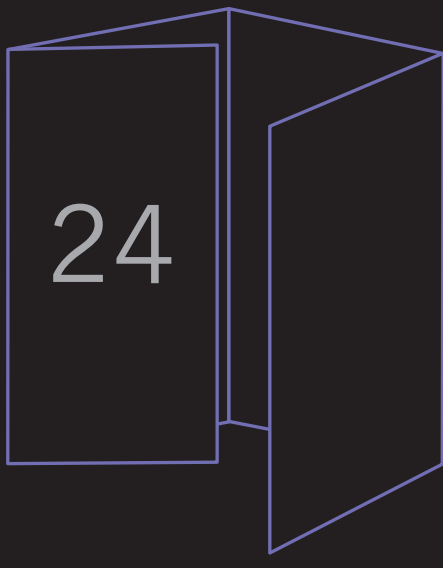
Accordion into Accordion  
Level 2



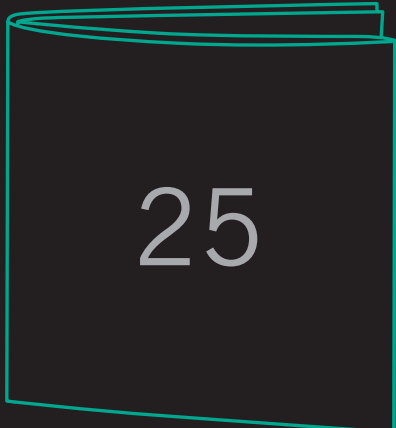
Angled Accordion  
Level 2



Roll Fold  
Level 1



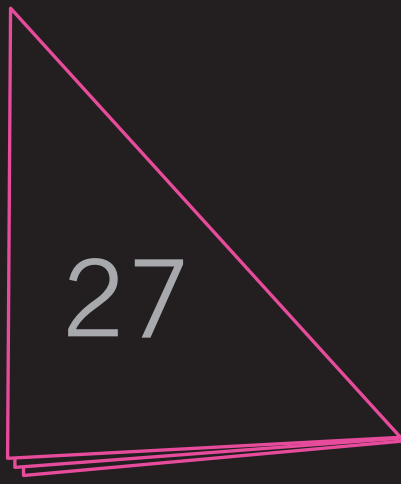
Gate Fold  
Level 3



Gate into Double Parallel  
Specialty



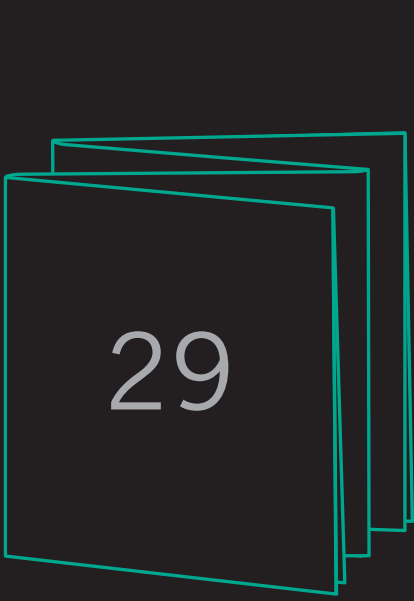
Wrapped Accordion  
Level 3



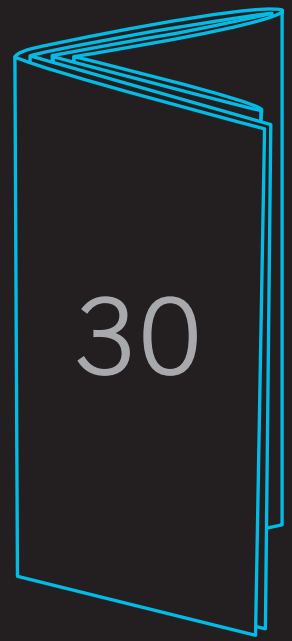
Triangle  
Specialty



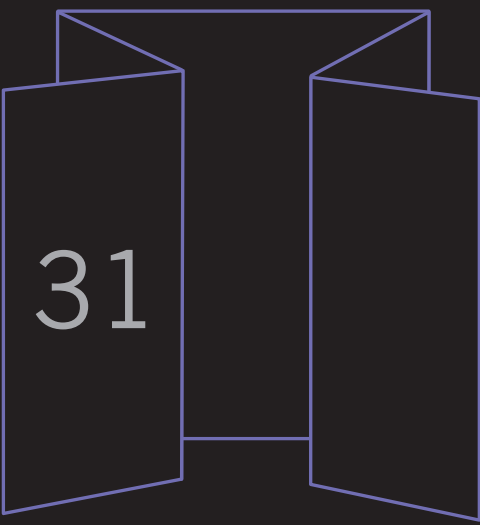
3-Story Map  
Level 3



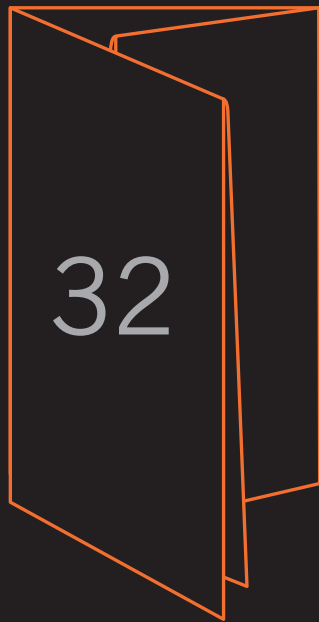
Letter into Accordion  
Level 3



Double Parallel with Center Fold  
Level 2



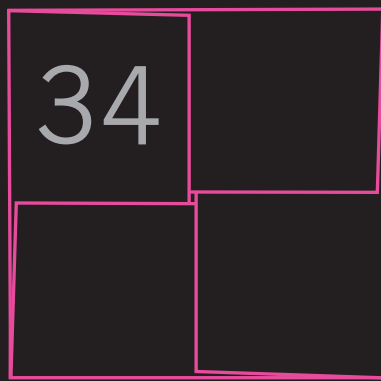
Open Gate  
Specialty



Broadside Letter  
Level 2



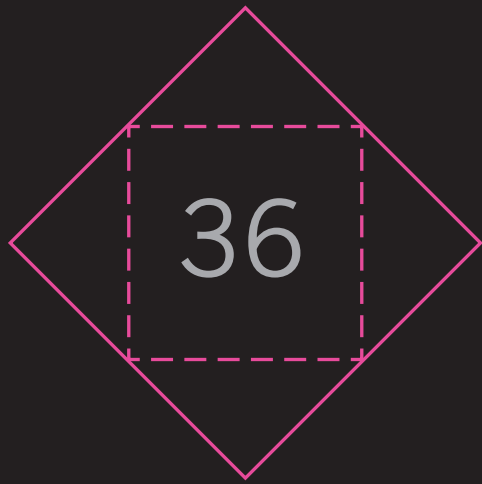
Accordion with Fold-In  
Level 2



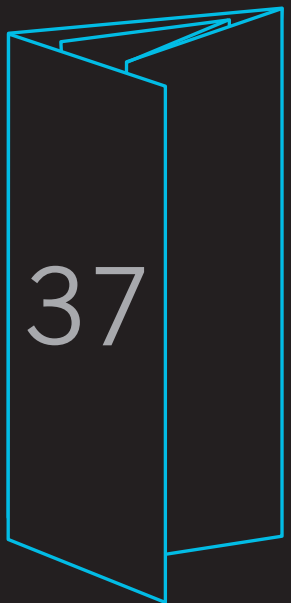
Box Top  
Specialty



Accordion  
Level 1



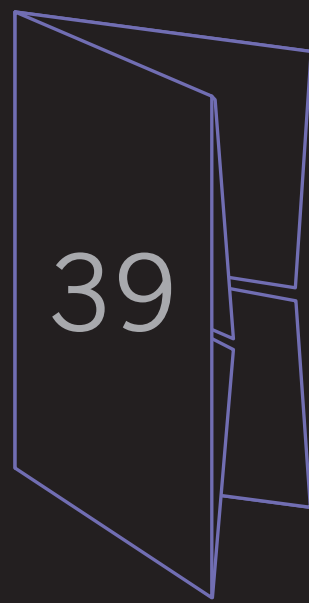
Corner Folder  
Specialty



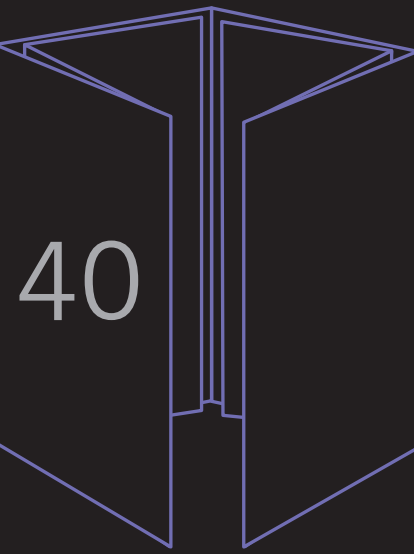
10-page Parallel  
Level 3



Gate into Gate  
Level 3



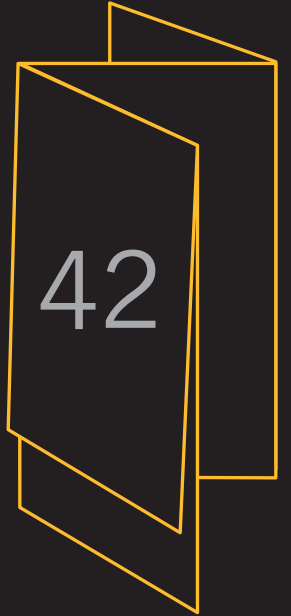
Vertical Semi-Gate  
with Center Fold  
Level 3



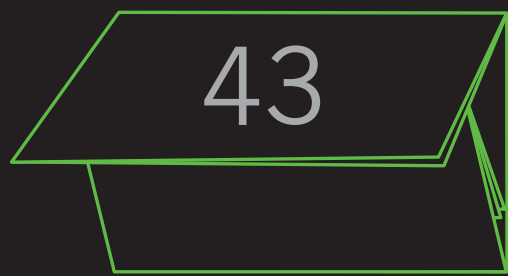
Double Parallel Gate  
Level 3



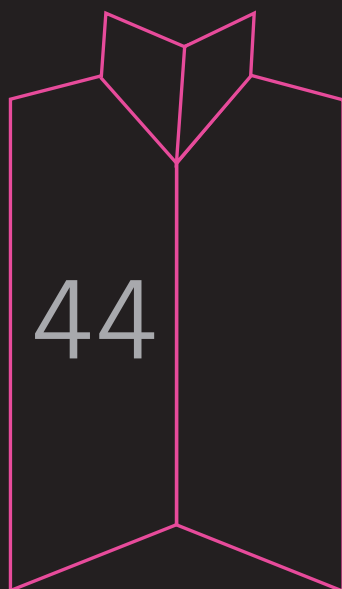
Double Accordion Map  
Level 3



Accordion  
with Outside Short Fold  
Level 2



Broadside Vertical Roll  
Level 2



4-page Pop-up  
Specialty

## Folding Families

- Accordion Family
- Basic Family
- Exotic Family
- Gate Family
- Map Family
- Parallel Family
- Poster Family
- Roll Family

## Fold Complexity Levels

**Level 1** – standard, easy set up on the folding machine, fast machine running speed.

**Level 2** – moderate makeready, possibly slower folding machine speed, some special considerations.

**Level 3** – longer and more difficult makeready, possibly requires special machinery, slower folding speed, need for greater bindery expertise.

**Specialty** – unconventional, possibly involves hand-folding, special equipment, processes and considerations, extra production time, may require services of a specialty bindery.