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FOLDING THE AMERICAN FLAG

Folding the Flag

As an Army and Navy custom, the flag is lowered daily at the last note of retreat. Special care should be taken that no part of the flag touches the ground. The Flag is then carefully folded into the shape of a tri-cornered hat, emblematic of the hats worn by colonial soldiers during the war for Independence. In the folding, the red and white stripes are finally wrapped into the blue, as the light of day vanishes into the darkness of night.

-To properly fold the Flag, begin by holding it waist-high with another person so that its surface is parallel to the ground.

-Fold the lower half of the stripe section lengthwise over the field of stars, holding the bottom and top edges securely.

-Fold the flag again lengthwise with the blue field on the outside.

-Make a triangular fold by bringing the striped corner of the folded edge to meet the open (top) edge of the flag.

-Turn the outer (end) point inward, parallel to the open edge, to form a second triangle.

-The triangular folding is continued until the entire length of the flag is folded in this manner.

-When the flag is completely folded, only a triangular blue field of stars should be visible.

The correct way to fold the American flag

Our flag case is shaped to hold a properly-folded 5x9½' American flag. Here's how it's done.

Step 1
Fold the flag in half. You now have open and closed edges.



Step 2
Fold in half again toward the open edge.



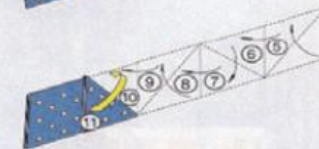
Step 3
Fold the closed corner toward the open edge, forming a triangle.



Step 4
Fold the point of the triangle toward the blue field.



Steps 5-11
Continue folding until you have one square of the field left.



Steps 12-13
Fold the open corner of the square toward the closed edge. Tuck the resulting triangle into the rest of the flag.

