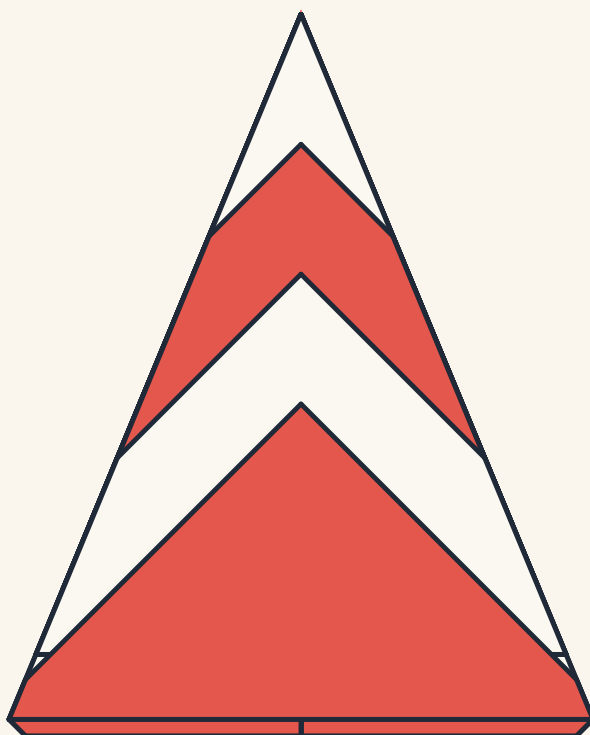


Christmas tree napkin

The Christmas tree napkin is a flat, festive fold: a tall tree with four stacked tiers that lies on the plate. It is made from a square napkin folded in quarters, with each layer folded up a little short of the one before and the sides folded in to shape the tree. It takes about five minutes and looks best in green or red cloth napkins.



DIFFICULTY
Intermediate

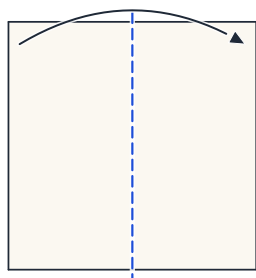
TIME
About 5 min

STEPS
8

PAPER
A square cloth napkin, 40-50 cm (16-20 in); green is

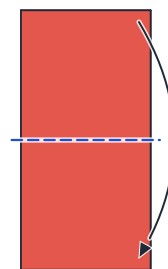
- Valley fold (toward you)
- Mountain fold (away)
- Existing crease

1



Lay the napkin flat with the wrong side up. Fold it in half from left to right.

2



Fold it in half again from top to bottom, making a smaller square. The four loose corners are now together at the bottom right.

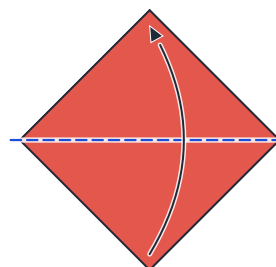
3



Rotate 45°

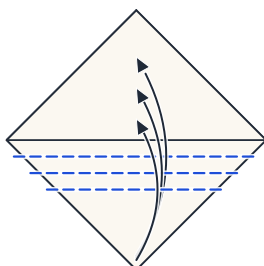
Turn the square a quarter turn so the loose corners point straight towards you, like a diamond.

4



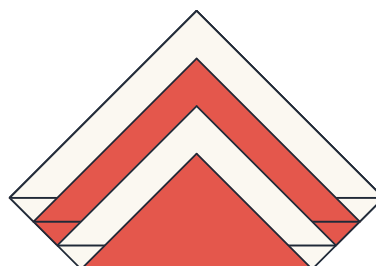
Take only the top layer and fold its bottom corner up to the top corner.

5



Fold the next layer up the same way, but stop about 4 cm (1 1/2 in) below the point of the first. Fold the last two layers up too, each about 4 cm lower than the one before, so the four points stack like steps.

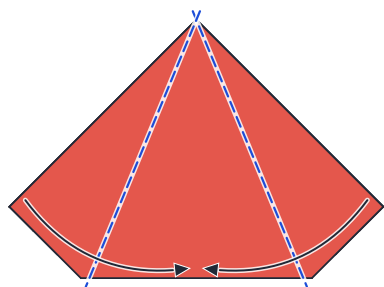
6



Turn over

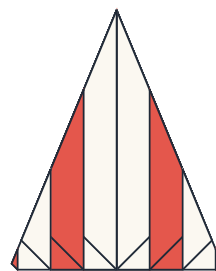
Turn the napkin over, keeping the point at the top.

7



Fold the left and right sides in along slanted lines from the top point, so the two top edges meet on the centre line. The napkin is now a tall triangle.

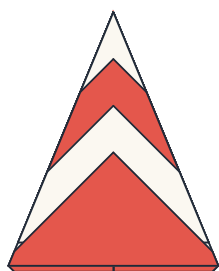
8



Turn over

Turn the napkin over again. The stacked layers show on the front as the tiers of the tree.

Done



Your Christmas tree napkin is finished: a tall tree with four stacked tiers. Lay it on the plate with the point towards the centre of the table and top it with a star-shaped cookie, a place card or a small ornament.