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HOW TO FOLD THE U.S. FLAG

[Folding Video](#)

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 the night.

This custom of folding is reserved for the United States Flag alone.



Step 1:

Hold the flag waist high with another person so that its surface is parallel to the ground.



Step 2:

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



Step 3:

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



Step 4:

Make a triangle fold by bringing the stripe corner of the folded edge to meet the open (top) edge of the flag.



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Step 5:

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



Step 6:

The triangle folding is continued until the entire length of the flag is in this manner.



Step 7:

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