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 and how each folding family and how the folds are achieved, we recommend the book, FOLD: The Professional’s Guide to Folding, available from foldfactory.com.

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 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.

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