

An American CD Case

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With the advent of writable CDs, an origami CD case can be very handy. Below is a version with some nice properties: it's made from 8 1/2 x 11in. paper, it has a pocket which holds the CD securely, it opens and closes easily, and my girlfriend likes it. The instructions below make a case whose outside cover is unmarred by creases, for easy writing of track listings.

(1) Fold the top to the bottom, but only pinch the sides.

(2) Then pinch the top side in fifths. (Use the Fujimoto approximation technique or something.)

(3) Fold the left and right sides to the 2/5 lines.

(4) Allrighty! Fold the bottom to the 1/2 pinches from step (1).

Note: The CD goes in the pocket thusly generated!

(9) Tuck the flap inside.

(10) Hey, you're done! You can make a crease at the top, to use as the "spine" for when you store the case on a CD rack or shelf.

(8) Fold the corners in at the top, and then fold the top down to fit a CD. (The final model should be square.)

(7) Mountain fold inside. (Not a reverse fold!)

(6) ...like this! Note the detail in the X-ray vision, which illustrates the groovy landmark for step (5).

(5) Now spread the layers of paper to the sides...

