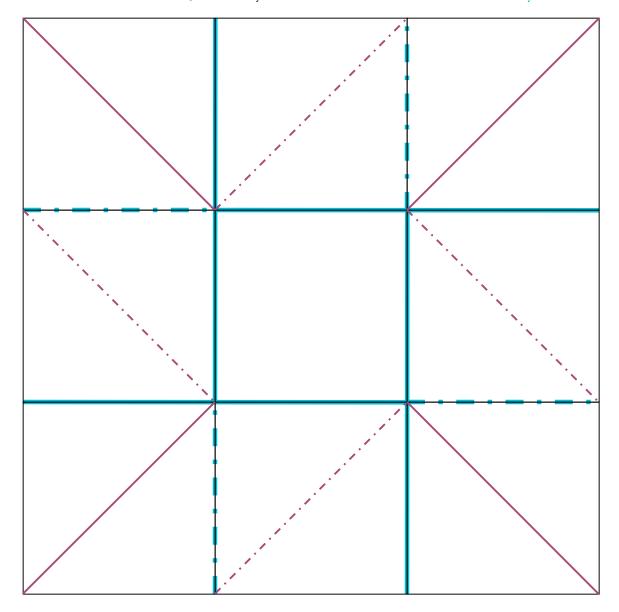
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Nancy's Puzzle Purse

Traditional puzzle purses and baptismal certificates have invariably used a folding method in which every one of the nine squares gains creases on both diagonals, due to attempting to fold all squares at once. However, this creates many creases unneeded by the puzzle purse.

Without the extraneous creases, the purse will open and fold much more easily, so it is best to only fold along the colored lines shown. The two colors are just used to aid the eye. Dotted lines are mountain folds (the paper bends away from you) and solid lines are valley folds (you can look deep into the valley formed).

When finished, take two diagonally opposite corner squares, one in each hand. Fold the purple diagonal in each hand so you have two "ears", and bring towards center while twisting gently, bringing your right hand toward you and your left hand away from you so that the purse spins on its vertical axis. Flatten the pinwheel thus created, and fold each outthrust leaf across the center square in clockwise order. Tuck the last leaf into the center and you're done!