

Paper Fans



Maker Unknown (Japanese), *Kabuki Costume*, Early Twentieth Century, Silk and cotton satin weave with silk applique, silk satin stitch embroidery, and metal wrapped thread couching. Gift of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Robert Friedman, 1973. (1973.8)

Create paper fans inspired by the traditions of Japanese textiles. Japanese textiles often feature complex patterns, symbols, and images as well as rich color. This kimono, a Japanese theatrical costume, features important symbols in Japanese culture. The carp symbolizes strength and courage while bamboo is a symbol of luck and good fortune. What could this Kimono say about its wearer? What kinds of symbols can you include on your fan, and what might they say about you?

Supplies:

- 1 sheet of paper
- A small rubber band or string
- Glue
- Popsicle sticks or Skewer Sticks
- Coloring Supplies

Instructions:

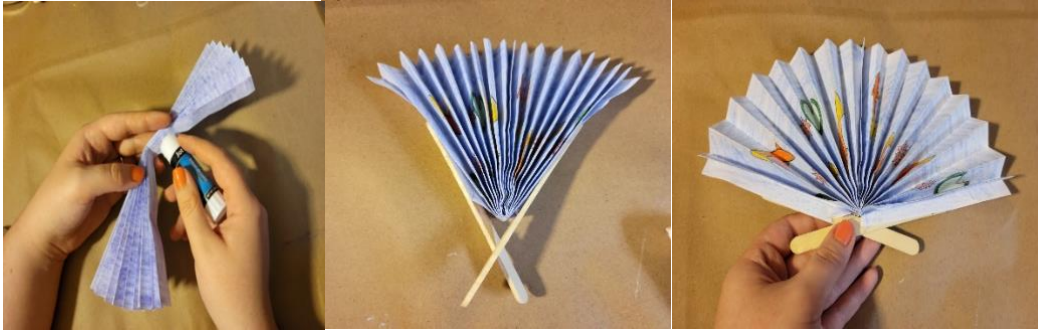
Step 1: Draw your design on your paper.

Step 2: Accordion fold your paper to make a pleated fan pattern.

Step 3: Fold your accordion folded paper in half to form a fan shape. Use a string or small rubber band to tie the center of the fold together.



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Step 4: Glue the two folded halves of the fan together.

Step 5: Glue your sticks onto the edges of your fan paper. Leave your fan to dry before opening.

Step 6: Enjoy using your fan!