

JAPANESE FAN

Number of participants: Unlimited

Duration: 30 min-45 min

Age Restrictions: 5 years and older

Children will learn about Japanese fans as they create a fans using paper.

In ancient Japan, hand fans such as oval and silk fans were used to cool and refresh oneself. In some cases, the fans were made of thin slats of wood. They were often decorated with images from nature such as trees, leaves, flowers or animals.

Space Requirements: Craft table

Supplies:

- 12x18 white paper
- Watercolors
- Paintbrushes
- Popsicle sticks
- Tape, glue or stapler

*provided in kit

Activity Instructions

- Fold paper in half horizontally (i.e. like a book).
- On the folded side, draw half of a fan shape (like a arch) and cut. The piece will resemble a arch shape. You may wish to make a template if doing this with younger kids.
- Decorate arch shape as desired using pencil crayons, watercolours etc. and allow to dry, as needed.
- Fold the paper back and forth, creasing each time. Gather the paper together to form the fan and staple or glue.
- Tape to popsicle sticks together to form a handle.

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Cut the paper into an arch.



Pinch the paper together and tape.