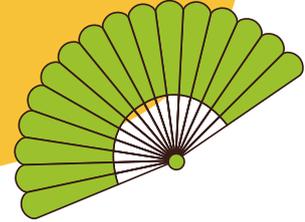


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Fantastic Fans

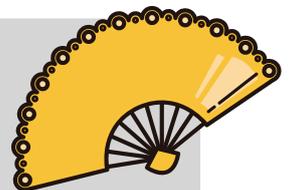


Fans were very popular and fashionable accessories for wealthy women in Georgian society. They were designed to be held in the hand and waved back and forth to cool yourself down, but in the Georgian period they were often used to send secret messages!

Georgian fans were very beautiful and often highly decorated with gold leaf, mother of pearl and colourful pictures. In this worksheet we will show you how to make your own, then teach you the art of fan language so that you can send your own secret message.



Instructions



You will need:

- A4 Paper (plain or patterned)
- Colouring pens
- Glue
- Print outs of Georgian pictures on page 3 (optional)

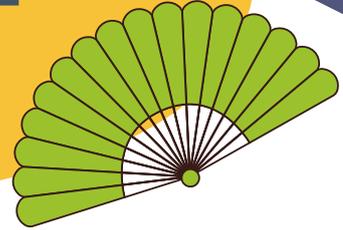
1. Choose a colorful sheet of paper to fold into an accordion. Start at one end and fold about 2cm of paper up. Next, turn the paper over and fold another 2cm. Repeat until the whole sheet has been folded.
2. Fold the accordion in half.
3. Pull the top edges of the folded side up and attach them together with Glue.
4. When the fan is not in use, close it and wrap an elastic band or string around it.

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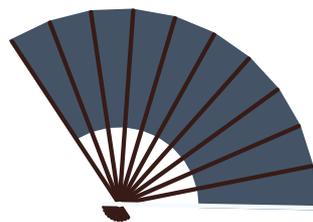
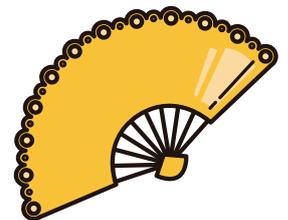
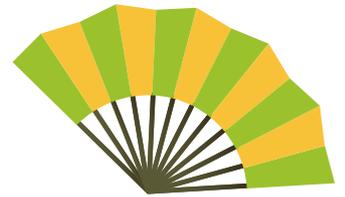
Fan Language



Fans were not only used as a cooling device in the Georgian period. They could also be used to send silent but important messages of love and perhaps hate across a crowded ballroom.

Pick up a fan and try sending some messages yourself!

- Touching closed fan to chin- "Your flattery annoys me"
- Fanning away from face- "I am not in love with you"
- Tapping left cheek- "No"
- Tapping right cheek- "Yes"
- Twirling in left hand- "We are being watched"
- Open wide- "Wait for me"
- Open and shut- "You are cruel"
- Placing handle on lips- "Kiss me"
- Finger on tip of fan- "I wish to speak with you"
- In right hand in front of face- "Follow me"



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