

Keep Your Cool

During the Alabama Summer

People have been making fans to keep them cool for a long time. Choose one of these fans and follow the directions to make one.

Folded Paper Fan

1. Choose a piece of color paper and decorate it with crayons or markers.
2. Place the paper flat on the table laying it **vertically** (up and down). Fold down one inch of the paper all the way across.
3. Flip the paper over with the folded edge on the bottom then make another fold.
4. Flip the paper over again and make another fold. Keep folding until the whole paper is folded and looks like an accordion.
5. Pinch one end and punch a hole in the end. Tie a ribbon through the end to hold it together.
6. Spread the **pleats** (folded edges) out on the other end. You have a fan!
7. Now you can decorate it more by gluing decorations on and punching shape holes.



Paper Stick Fan



1. Cut out the oval shape.
2. Decorate the oval shape with crayons, markers, feathers, or sparkles.
3. Glue the wooden stick to the bottom of the paper.
4. Wait for the glue to dry and you have a fan!

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