

Keeping Your Cool!



Fans have been used for thousands of years to keep people cool and fashionable.

Fans were especially popular in the Victorian 19th century (1800-1899). Many were decorated with feathers and fancy designs.

Fans have also been used to advertise businesses and products. One side of the fan features a picture, while the other side has the advertisement. In Alabama many funeral home advertisement fans were kept on church pews.

Before air conditioning, fans were especially important in Alabama because of the long hot summers.

Paper Stick Fan

Directions:

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!