

Make and decorate a beautiful paper fan, the fashionable Georgian accessory!
Have fun drawing and collaging the front ... and why not use the other side to share a positive message.



Archduchess Marie Christine, Duchess of Teschen, c.1765 Martin Van Meytens, Source - Wikipedia Commons

In the eighteenth century hand-held fans were used to communicate many things such as wealth, social status and even attraction!

By holding a fan in front of your face you could choose what to reveal and what to hide from others.

Fans offered a paper thin screen between public and private worlds.

There were all kinds of fans from the extremely plain paddle fans, made from paper or wood, to those made from the finest silk and decorated with embroidery or painting.

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You need:-

- A4 card or paper (download and print fan template) or draw your own fan!
- Scissors
- Coloured pencils/pens
- Everyday collage materials – old magazines/newspaper/ junk mail/ foil
- Glue

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Make your fan:-

- Print out the fan design or draw your own on card
- Decorate your fan. Use our beautiful collection for inspiration!
collections.holburne.org/themes/collection-highlights
- Add colour/ collage to your design
- You could make a hole at the bottom of your fan and add a tassel made out of thin strips of paper/wool/ or ribbon

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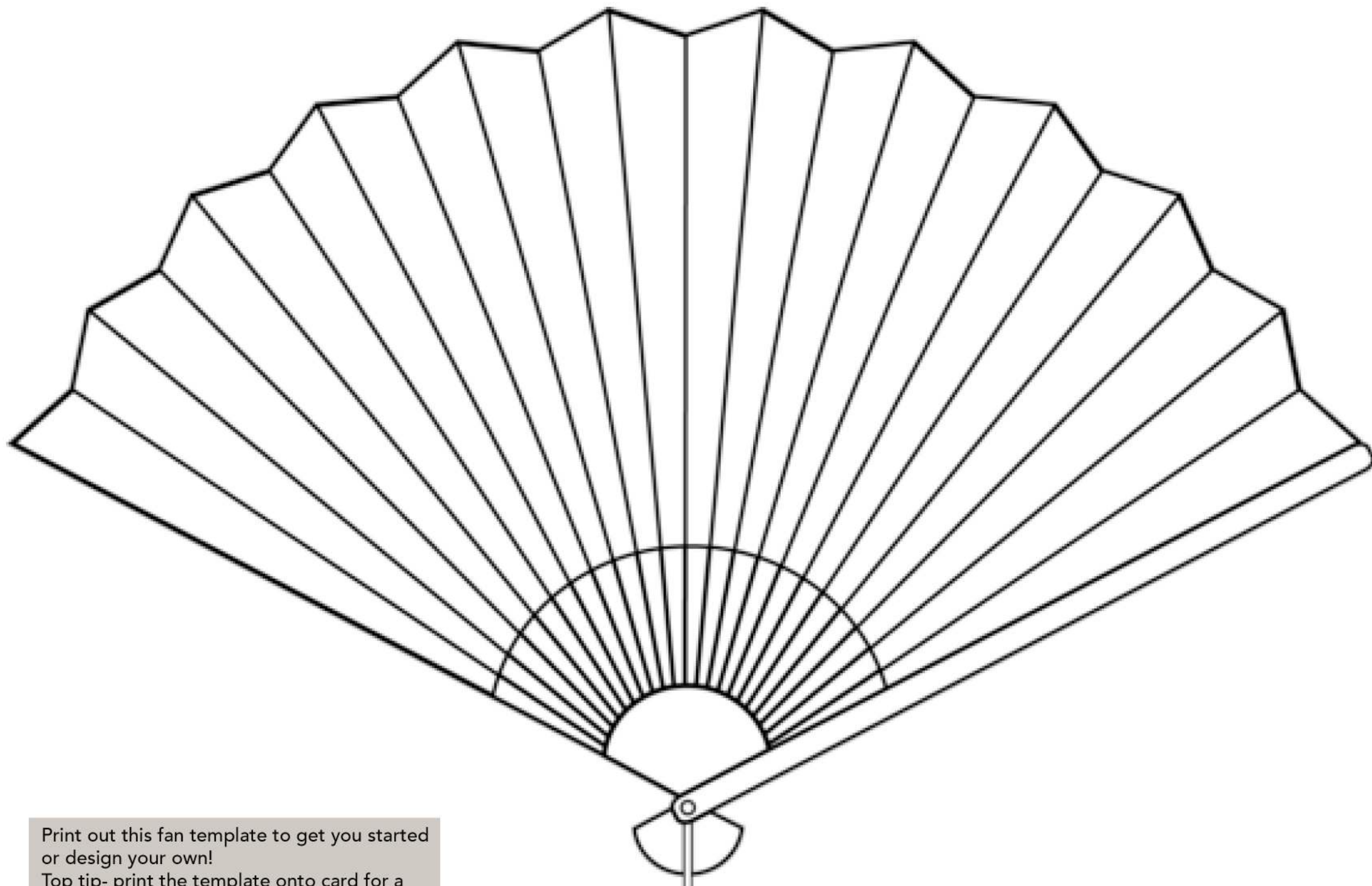
Enjoy your new fashion accessory - fit for a Georgian ball!



Fan leaf: View of North Parade, by Thomas Loggon, engraving and gouache on paper, 1749, Holburne Museum, Bath.

Do you recognize the scene on this fan?
It was made as a souvenir for tourists visiting Bath.
It's not far from the Holburne Museum, overlooking Parade Gardens.





Print out this fan template to get you started or design your own!
Top tip- print the template onto card for a strong base to decorate.