DIY Fan with Chopsticks



Materials:

- Set of chopsticks
- 2 sheets of paper
- Glue
- Scissors
- Colored pencils, markers or crayons
- String



Fans have been used around the world for thousands of years. Today in China, you can find hundreds of different types of fans made from all different materials such as paper and silk and decorated with calligraphy and bamboo. Let's make and decorate a fan of your own!



Start by decorating your paper. Feel free to use any design you like, just keep in mind the paper will get folded.



Once you have decorated to your liking, you are ready to start folding. Grab your first sheet and make about a 3/4-inch fold from the paper's short side. This first fold defines the width of all the next folds.



Flip the paper and make the next fold the same width as the first one. Repeat this back-andforth folding until you've folded the entire sheet. Repeat those steps with the second sheet of paper.



After you are done folding, glue the two sheets together on the short end so you have one long accordion folded sheet.



With the sheet completely folded, fold it again across the middle.



Take a small piece of string and tie it around the middle. Glue the two inner sides of the paper together to come up with the classic fan shape.



Now grab your Panda Express chopsticks and glue them onto the outer sides of the fan. Let the glue dry completely.



Bring the chopsticks all the way around to open up the fan. Move them the opposite way to close the fan.