

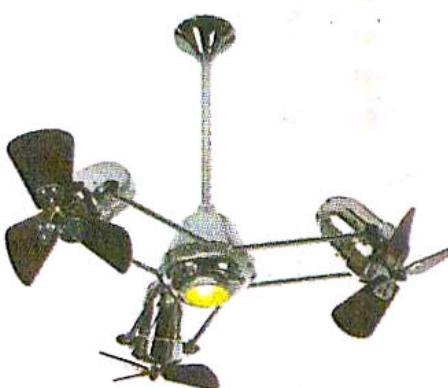
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Fill your home with the harmony of a natural breeze. The fan is a unique feature that incorporates that natural rhythmic breeze that is soothing and relaxing to the human body, as opposed to a constant and stagnant air delivery.

Throughout history, fans have been made from a diverse range of materials. Some of the earliest Egyptian and Chinese hand-fans were made of feathers. The peacock feather was popular because of its eye motif, which was seen as a protective symbol.

The first European country to produce fans was Italy in about 1500. This was in Venice and was a result of the city being a major trading centre for the Orient to the rest of Europe. A fan can be functional, ceremonial, a fashion statement or a means for advertising. Until the mid 17th century fans continued to be very much a luxury item, often made from some of the most expensive materials and studded with jewels. By the latter part of the 17th century the range of fans was increasing and France overtook Italy as the main centre for fan production.

From the sixteenth century onwards the fan was used in fashionable society as a means of communication. Both men and women carried hand-fans and understood the different messages. The messages conveyed on the whole were those of love. Placing your



fan fantasy

which was moved on pulleys operated by a pankhawallah sitting in an adjacent room. These fans also generated a light cool breeze.

Colorful feathers were used for fans in the third quarter of the 19th century. During the latter part of the 19th century the neutral tones of ostrich feathers mounted on mother of pearl, ivory or tortoiseshell echoed the

softer tones of the contemporary dress. 1920s fashions demanded a single ostrich plume dyed to match dress colors.

Leaves of folding fans have been made of fine animal skins (including that of unborn lambs and often referred to as 'chicken skin'), vellum, paper, lace, silk and other textiles. Vellum and 'chicken skin' were used mainly during the 16th and 17th centuries after which paper increased in popularity. These leaves were painted. The first printed fan dates to the 1720s.

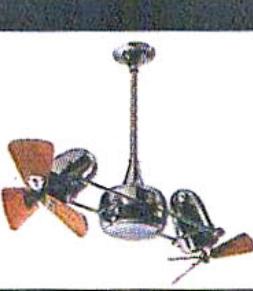
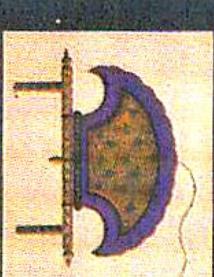
This is the age of the electric fan, and today we discuss is fan cleaning and maintenance.

The most obvious step before you even begin, make sure you unplug or switch off the fan! For table or standing fans, first carefully remove the protective screen. Take care not to loosen the dirt or there'll be more cleaning up to do. If possible, remove the fan blades. Some electric fans have removable fan blades, which make for easier cleaning. Wash the protective screen in warm, soapy water. To get deep into the small crevices, use a soft brush or cotton swabs to dig into the corners. Leave the screen out in the open to dry them. Do the same for the removable blades.

Find yourself a folding ladder or service ladder for ceiling fan cleaning. Use a damp glove or an old sock to clean the blades so you do not miss a spot.

After the loose clumps of dust are washed off, dip a damp cloth in a solution of vinegar and water, and wipe excess dirt from the fan. This solution helps remove tough stains.

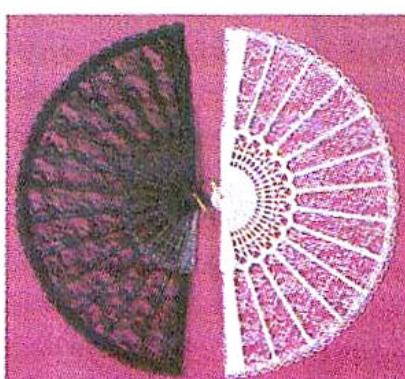
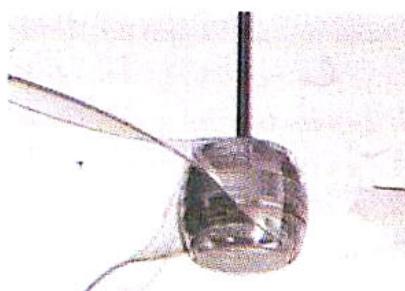
Wipe down the rest of the electric fan, including the exterior casing and the stand. But make sure you're careful not to get any water into the fan's motor.



Assemble the parts after they're sufficiently air-dried. Before you turn on the fan, though leave it out for a few hours, just in case the internal parts are wet.

With the party season coming up, give your fans a good cleaning and add some sparkle to your ceilings.

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ARIES (Mar. 21-April 19)

Take the whole family and make it an enjoyable outing. Keep a lookout for any individuals eager to confront you with unsavoury situations. You need to take a break with the ones you love. Try to curb your bad habits. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20)

Don't play on your partner's emotions. Try to join groups of interest such as ballroom dance classes or perhaps an internet organization. Don't let relatives stand in the way of your personal plans. Your boss may be pushy. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Don't start a dispute unless you're prepared to accept irreversible results. You will have the ability to capture the interest of others. Catch up on your correspondence and reading. Go out with friends. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

Rely on yourself and you will look good to superiors. You need a break from your daily routine. Your ability to talk circles around your colleagues will help you forge ahead in the workforce. You will have extra energy; put it to good use. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Put aside any decisions concerning your position at work. Discover opportunities based on the individuals you mingle with this week. You will attract new love interests. Sudden changes will occur through communications with friends or in-laws. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

VICRO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Don't allow personal problems to conflict with professional duties. You will find that friends or relatives may not understand your needs. Use your inventiveness to find solutions. Changes involving your domestic scene may be unpleasant. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

You may have the energy to clear up that mound of paperwork facing you. You can make money if you are wise in your choices. Don't forget that your budget is limited right now. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 20)

You're on the right track and you can make money if you are willing to go out on a limb. You may find yourself in an opportune position if you are willing to take a bit of a risk. Go out shopping this week. You will enjoy interacting with those who come from different backgrounds. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 20)

Keep your eyes and ears alert for any evasive or deceptive statements. Try not to allow your partner to lead you astray or upset your routine. You can help a close friend find solutions to personal problems. Someone you least expect may not have your best interests at heart. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)

Your emotions will be touched off concerning recent encounters with your lover. Direct your energy into physical entertainment. The answers can only come from within. Don't make any rash decisions that may affect friendships. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)

Stay mellow. Your high energy will enable you to enlist the help of those in a position to back you. Secret affairs may be brought out in the open. You will be drawn to individuals who can provide you with both intellectual conversation and physical passion. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March. 20)

Don't make mountains out of molehills if you want to avoid conflict. Deceit with co-workers is apparent. Enlist the aid of family members and consider the feelings of your mate. You'll stay out of trouble if you pick projects that will benefit the whole family. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.