

AZTEC FAN



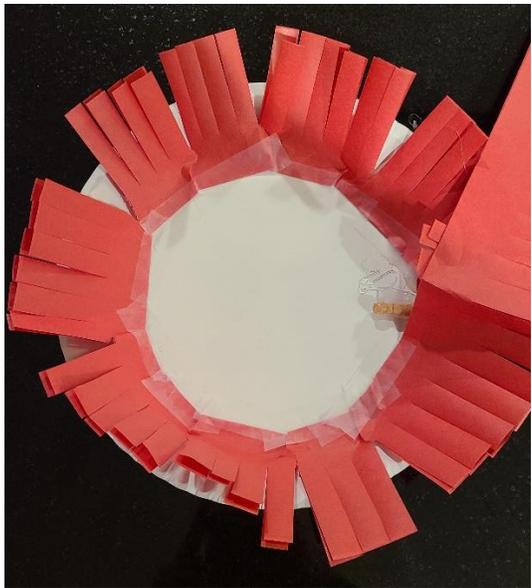
Decorate a small paper plate (salad size) by dividing it equally into six parts and drawing lines with bright markers or crayons.

Cut a circle out of colored construction paper and draw an Aztec-inspired design or Aztec creature with colorful lines. (See page 79 for ideas).

Glue it to the center of the small plate



Poke a hole in one of the two larger plates and slide the dowel through (for the handle). This plate will be the bottom part of the fan. Use tape or hot glue to hold it in place on the other side.

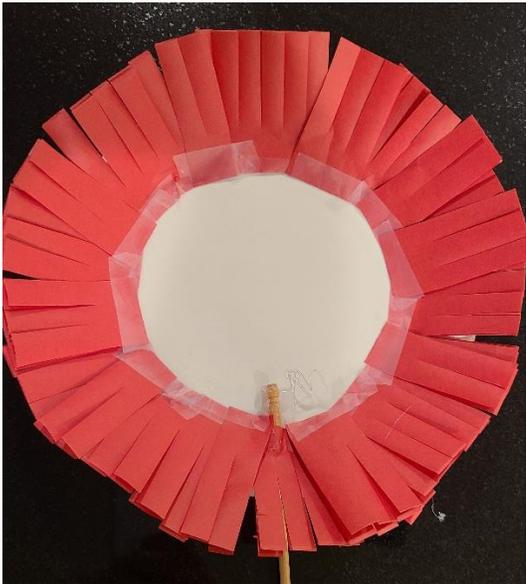


Take a long strip of paper (36" long by 6" wide) and fold it in half along the long side and then cut strips towards the folded side. Cut about $\frac{1}{2}$ " away from the fold (so you don't cut all the way through).

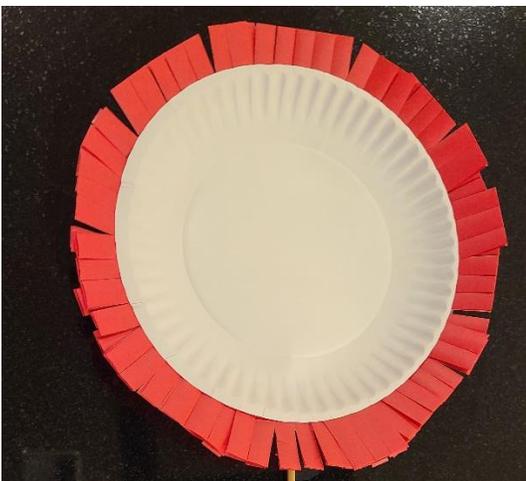
Tape or glue this fringe along the crease of the plate.



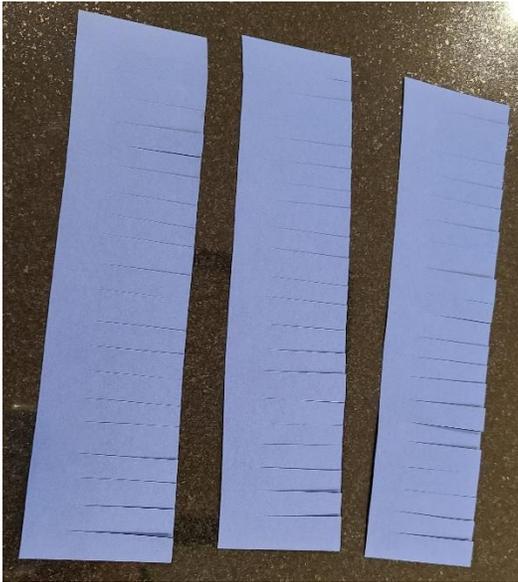
Any excess fringe can be cut into small sections to fill in all gaps.



The goal is to not be able to see any of the outside edge of the white plate.



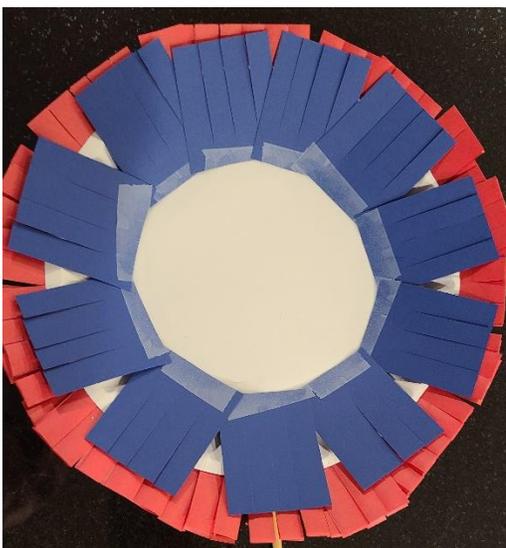
Nest the second paper plate inside the bottom one so you can't see the tape/glue OR the end of the wooden dowel (handle). Glue this plate in place.



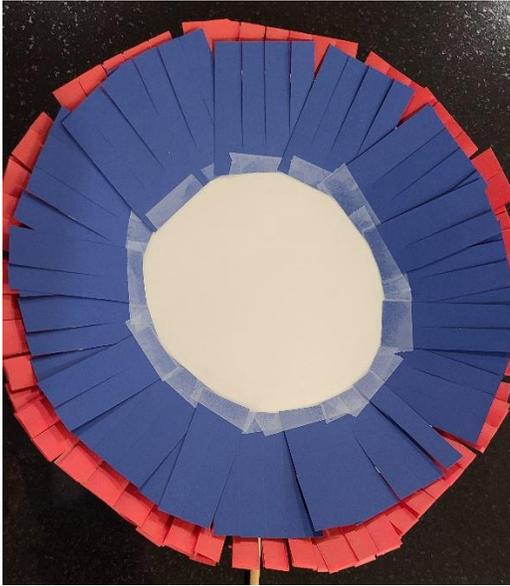
Take an 8-1/2" x 11" sheet of paper (red, yellow, black, green, pink, or blue) and cut it into thirds the long way. Cut fringe.



Cut these into smaller pieces (3-4 strips of "fringe" on each). Also cut some smaller pieces with two strips of fringe.



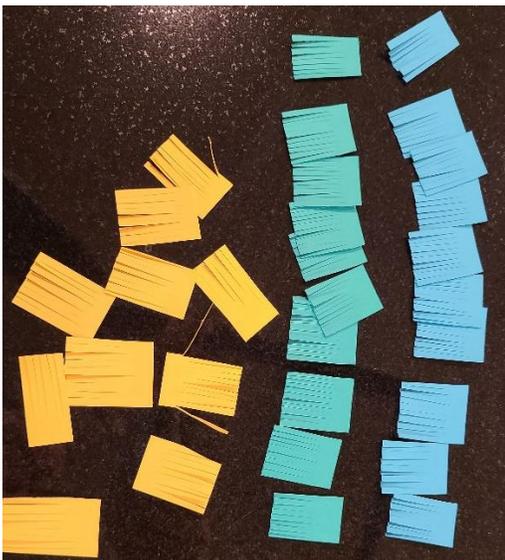
Tape the fringe pieces to hide the rim of the top plate.



Use the smaller pieces to fill in all the gaps. The goal is to not see any of the white outside edge of the plate.



Find three pieces of colored paper (red, yellow, black, green, pink, or blue) and cut more fringe closer together than the last two pieces. These will eventually represent feathers.



Cut the strips into smaller pieces.



Tape or glue these into place, overlapping and alternating colors.



Glue the smaller plate (with Aztec design) in the middle and you've completed your fan!

You can also insert and glue the tips of bright feathers between the secured plates.

“The Aztecs loved rich color. They found it in flowers, precious stones and exotic bird feathers found in Montezuma’s royal aviary. Dahlias and zinnias filled the palace gardens. Feathercrafters used feathers from parrots, macaws and the quetzal bird with its 24-inch-long green tail feathers. They created pictures, headdresses, shields, capes and fans. The feather shield that Montezuma gave Cortes when they first met was his own prized possession.”