Westminster Abbey

Learning





L is for Lady Chapel Making your own fan

The arches of the Lady Chapel ceiling are very beautiful, they look like an open fan- just like a lady might have used to keep cool. We call this type of ceiling a fan-vaulted ceiling. It's amazing to think that this ceiling was carved out of stone over 500 years ago.

Use the Lady Chapel's fan vaulted ceiling as inspiration to create your own paper fan and keep yourself cool on hot days. If you want your fan to be patterned, colour it in or cut little shapes out of your fan before starting.

For a simple paper fan you will need:

- A rectangular sheet of paper. A4 is perfect
- Sellotape
- Glue
- 1. Position the rectangular sheet of paper in front of you (landscape position)



2. Make a horizontal fold approximately 2cms in from the bottom of the paper.



3. Continue folding strips into the paper in a concertina style (turning the paper backwards and forwards for each new fold)



4. Once you have a narrow strip of folded up paper, bring the two ends up to meet. Glue the middle sections together to make a 'double' fan. Spread the top section of fan out.



5. Wrap some Sellotape around the bottom of the fan- this will make a stronger handle for your fan.





"These fans are *fan*tastic" said Livingstone the lion, "Perhaps I should attach it to my own tail to keep cool! What does your fan look like?"

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