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## Hai-Chi Jihn Inspired Paper Fan

Hai-Chi Jihn is a Milwaukee-based artist who draws from her Chinese heritage as inspiration for finely crafted, innovative pieces. A native of Taiwan, Jihn earned a BA in Textile & Clothing Design from Fu Jen University in Taiwan and went onto earning an MFA in Metalsmithing from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. She has exhibited in venues around the world and continues to produce work today. Letters and script are used in this piece as design and pattern elements as well as conveyors of meaning, underscoring how contemporary artists recognize the power and complexity of the written word.



Hai-Chi Jihn  
*Mother, a Beautiful Young Lady*, 2000  
Sterling silver, glass, and wood  
Variable dimensions  
Racine Art Museum, Gift of Dale and Doug Anderson  
Photography: Jon Bolton, Racine



The text repeats itself on alternating blades of the fan and reads:

*Farewell my dear father,  
I will be a loyal wife;  
Farewell my beloved mother,  
I will be a diligent wife.*

There are also words along the edge of the glass disk:

*Farewell sann Fan*

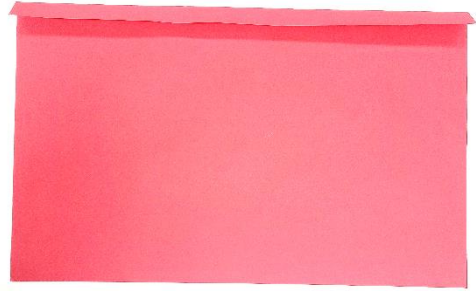
### Supplies

- Plain or decorative paper
- Scissors
- String
- Beads, gems, or any embellishments



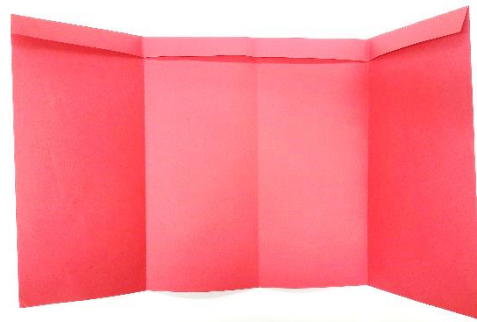
## Directions

1. Cut your paper down into a rectangle, if it's not already.



2. Fold the top of your fan over about one half inch.

3. Fold the entire paper in half, and then again into thirds as pictured.



4. Begin to accordion fold each segment, creating vertical folds moving across the fan.



5. Spread your fan out delicately and add in any text, lettering, embellishments, or cut outs.

6. Once your fan is designed, gather the folded ends together and wrap a piece of string around the bundle.

7. Tie the string off into a knot or bow, and your fan is complete!