THE MINITIME MACHINE PRESENTS

A series of projects for the beginning miniature maker

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Materials and Supplies:

Toothpick with carved decorative end

Discarded round plastic top from a spice bottle (Ours is 1 ½" diameter)

I sheet vellum paper

Chinese Fan Painting Printie (see below)

black spray paint

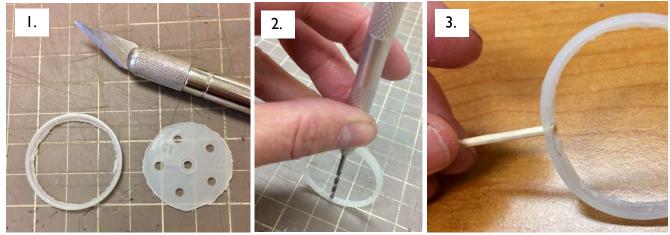
7" red embroidery floss

Tacky glue

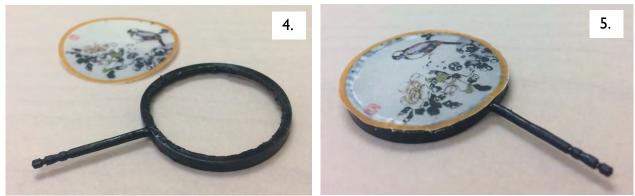
X-Acto knife, scissors, self-healing cutting mat, sewing needle and hand drill

Instructions:

I. Use a scissor to trim off the pointed end of your toothpick leaving 1 1/8" remaining. This will be your fan handle.



- 2. Using the X-Acto knife, cut the center of the plastic spice bottle top out leaving a ring as shown in illustration I. The ring will be used as the frame for your fan. Discard the part you cut away.
- 3. Use a sewing needle to poke a pilot hole in the side of the plastic ring. Then drill into the hole with a hand drill to expand it so that it is large enough to insert the toothpick into it. See illustration 2.
- 4. Place a drop of Tacky glue on the cut end of the toothpick and insert it just through the hole on the fan frame as pictured in illustration 3.
- 5. Paint the frame and handle with black spray paint and set to dry.
- 6. Print the Chinese Fan Painting Printie on vellum paper. Select a design and cut the image out along the outside edge of the gold line.



- 7. Place the fan frame on your work surface with the widest lip of the frame facing you. Using a toothpick, apply a tiny bit of glue along the flat surface of the lip and glue the vellum to the frame. (The vellum should be resting directly on the lip of the frame. If it is inset, turn your frame over.) See illustrations 4 and 5.
- 8. Cut a 1" length of embroidery floss. Fold it in half and spread open the strands of the floss to form a tassel. Remove one strand of floss from the remaining 6" of floss. Lay the tassel on top of the 6" strand at the center. Wrap and tie the single strand of floss around the tassel approximately 1/16" from the

folded end.

9. Next, you will thread the tails of the single strand of floss through the tassel loop so that the tassel hangs from the single strand evenly. Thread your needle with one tail of floss and slip the needle through the center of the tassel loop. Repeat this step with the other tail of floss running the needle through the loop in the opposite direction. Knot the two tails of floss together approximately ½" from the tassel then tie it to the end of the fan handle. Trim the excess floss away to complete your project.

Chinese Fan Painting Printie

