

This is Ms. Susan from the Shorewood Public Library. This week we are going to celebrate NATIONAL CRAFT MONTH by looking to an international craft. We will be creating a Batik fan made by the people of Indonesia. Batik is an ancient art form of Indonesia crafted from a technique of wax resist dye on fabrics. It is made by drawing dots and/or lines in vibrant colors. These fans have a long history in many areas of Southeast Asia where it can be very warm. We will not have to think of it being that warm yet, but we can enjoy sharing a project, fellow artists, on the other side of the world are making too.



1-Make a circle template on a piece of paper by drawing around the edge of bowl. Cut out the circle and fold in fourths. Draw a line on the **bottom edge** of this folded paper using a glass or small circle. Cut this piece out. When you open this paper once, you will have a half-moon shape. Use this template to draw the same pattern on a piece of fabric, an old t-shirt, or even paper. Decorate the fabric or paper with bright colors of dots and lines to create a pattern. This fabric will be the folded part of the fan.

2- If you do not have popsicle sticks, you can cut sticks from cardboard or use straws. You will need 5 to six of these sticks. You can use a cereal or other box. Each stick will need a small hole about an  $\frac{1}{4}$  of an inch from one end of the stick. When you have all the sticks ready, string them one on top of the other, on yarn, a twistie, or pipe cleaner. Twist or tie the ends together. (Not too tight or the sticks will not move). Spread the sticks out and glue evenly apart on the back side of the decorated fabric. If you have two pieces, glue the second piece over the sticks on the other side, after the front has dried. Add some beads or colored string tied to the ends.

Thank you for sharing National Craft Month!

Ms. Susan