

Hand Fan 折扇:

Hand fans have existed in many cultures over the years. The oldest existing Greek fans date back to the fourth century B.C., while the oldest existing Chinese fans date back to the 2nd century B.C. The Koreans later develop the use of the fan to a beautiful fan dance (Buchaechum). The Japanese had artistic fans and also developed fans to be used as weapon (tessenjutsu). During the Song Dynasty (960 A.D. – 1279 A.D.), artists were commissioned to paint fans, and later the stories of the four word idioms were written on the fans.

