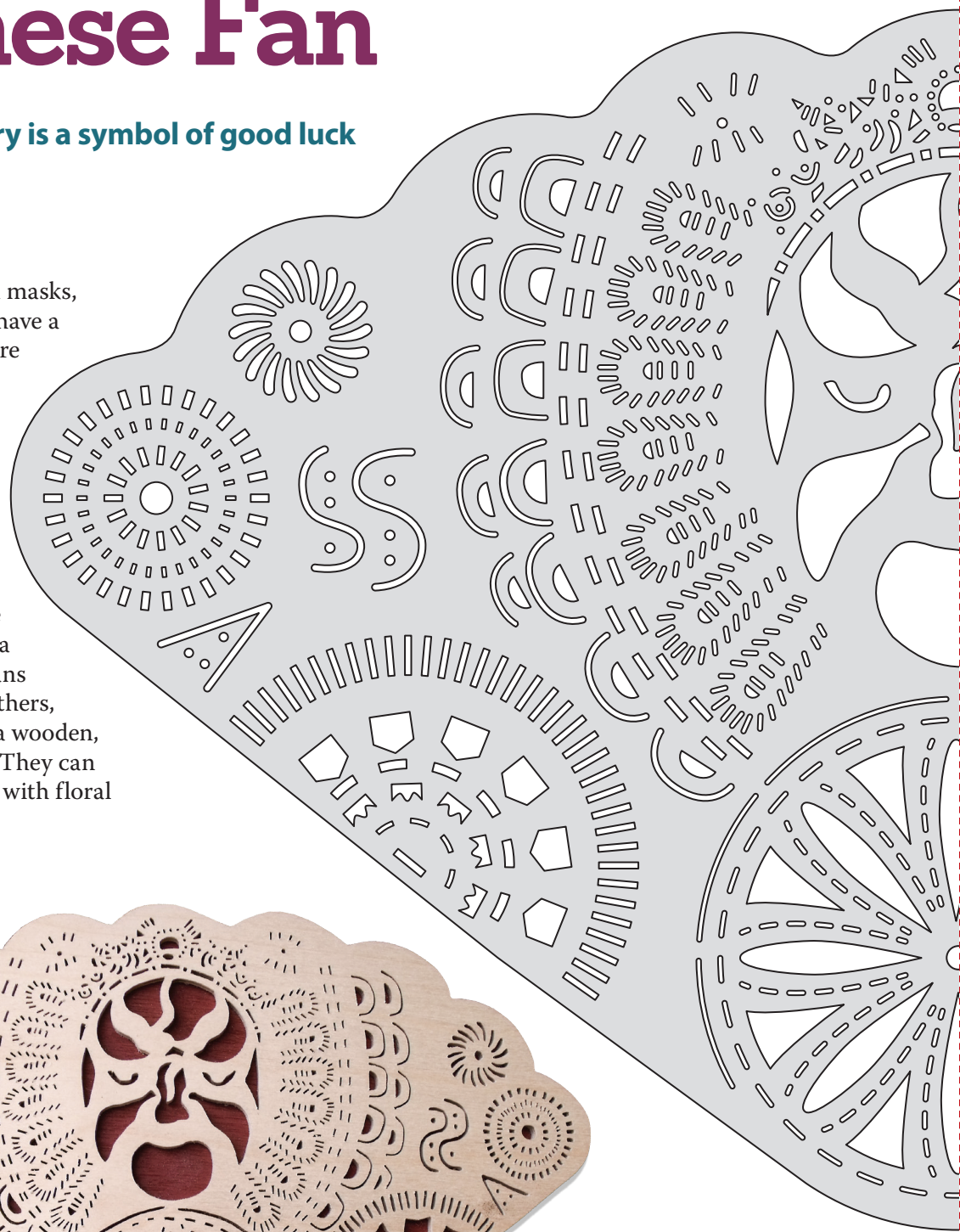


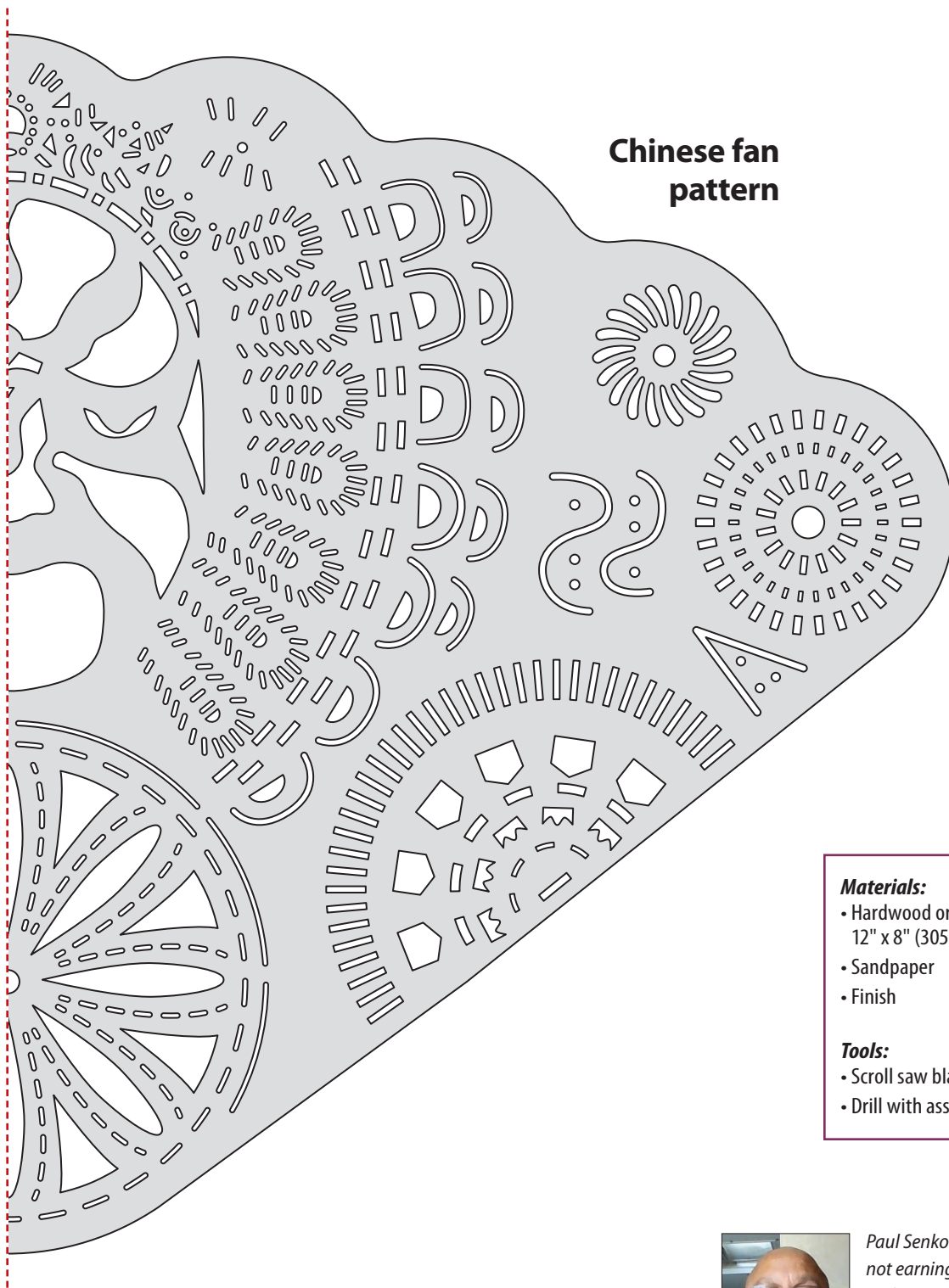
Cut a Chinese Fan

Elegant accessory is a symbol of good luck

By Paul Senko

Much like opera masks, Chinese fans have a long history. They were originally used for keeping cool, but they have evolved into symbols of generosity and good luck, props for dance, and romantic gifts. Flat fans are usually made of silk stretched over a frame, while folded fans can be silk, paper, feathers, or leaves attached to a wooden, bone, or ivory frame. They can be plain or decorated with floral designs or poems.





Chinese fan pattern

Materials & Tools

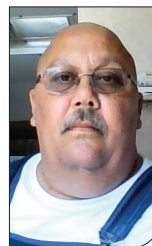
Materials:

- Hardwood or plywood, 1/4" (6mm) thick:
12" x 8" (305mm x 203mm)
- Sandpaper
- Finish

*The author used these products for the project.
Substitute your choice of brands, tools, and
materials as desired.*

Tools:

- Scroll saw blades: 2/0 skip tooth
- Drill with assorted small bits



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