

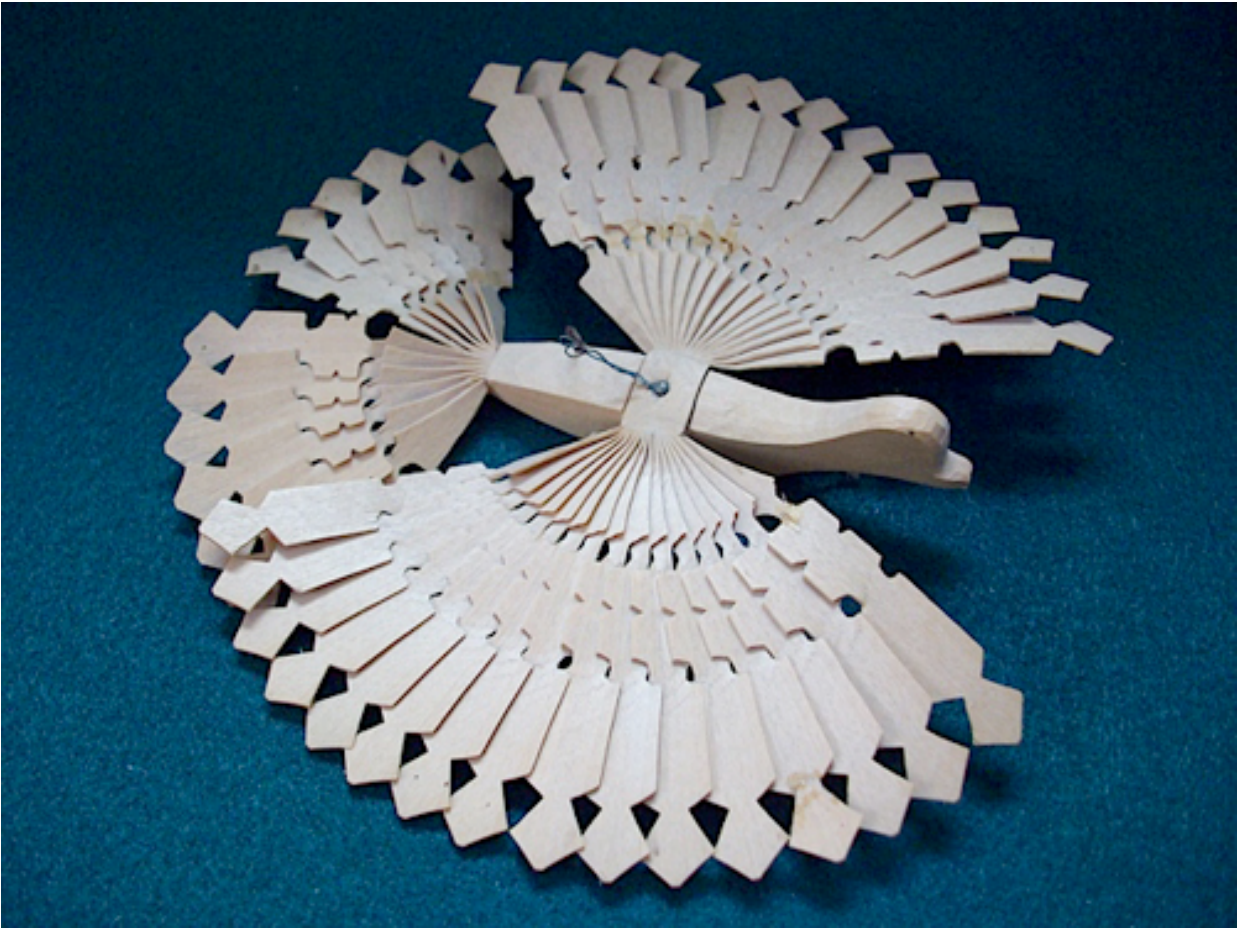


Artist: Thord Mellgren of Hova, Sweden

Design: This fan bird dove is constructed with four-pieces-of-wood. The bird's body is one carved piece of wood. The tail and each wing are the other three pieces that are inserted into the body. All three of the fans are double-interlocked. The wings have three v-scorp cuts between the interlocks whereas the tail has one. It makes for a nice contrast while following through with the design.

Timber: aspen





Artist: Thord Mellgren of Hova, Sweden. (note: This bird was given to us ... believed to be of german origin. However, we found an old postcard with this exact design of Thord Mellgren).

Design: This unique fan bird is a very old style. The double-interlock with a v-scorp cut in-between gives extra detail. It is interlocked to have a split tail which is not common today.

Timber: unknown





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The large fan bird crane at the left is constructed with 3-pieces of wood. The bird body and tail are one-piece and the wings are seated into the bird's body. The wings have a double-interlock but not the tail ...simple but nice effect!

The smaller fan bird at the top right is constructed with 2-pieces of wood. The bird and tail are 1-piece and the wings are seated into the body and secured with a tack. Both wings and tail are a single interlock. Notice that this bird has its wings positioned above the tail.

The star is 1-piece-of-wood and I consider this to be an advanced skill level. To create a star, the blades must be very thin ...with a very wide interlock ...and a hinge in extremely close proximity to the interlock to create a circle. Without these elements you would have an oval-shaped design.

The smaller fan bird at the bottom right is constructed with 2-pieces of wood. The bird and tail are 1-piece and the wings are tightly seated into the bird's body. The single interlock has a thread woven through and around each feather. Notice that the wings are positioned below the tail in this bird.

Timber: Aspen



Artist: Thord Mellgren of Hova, Sweden

This fan angel is made from two-pieces-of-wood. The wings are seated into the back of the body. The skirt has a double-interlock with two v-scorp cuts in-between. Nice detail!

Timber: Aspen





Artist: Thord Mellgren of Hova, Sweden

Design: This fan bird is constructed with 3-pieces-of-wood. The bird's body and tail is one piece. Each wing is a single fan inserted into the body. The subtle curvature of the feather design is a lovely wave pattern with a double interlock.

Thord told us he created a recipe of coal dissolved in a carrier of Turpentine (I believe). It took several experiments to achieve the desired result.

In his entire life's work, he had this one order for a flock of "black" birds which he thought was most unusual. It was for a store opening in New Jersey (U.S.A.)

Timber: Aspen





Artist: Sandra Stigert of Karlsborg, Sweden

Design: This fan has so much intricate detail. It has a double interlock: one close to the hinge ...the other closer to the top of the blades. The elaborate detail with the negative space reminds one of the Scandinavian Winter-sun carvings/hangings ...very pleasant to gaze upon, indeed.

The bird is constructed with three-pieces-of-wood. The body and tail are one-piece and the wings are seated into each side of the body. The lovely detail on each side of the wings with its double interlock creates a lot of movement.

Timber: unknown

English language	Sweden (language)
bird	fågel
Christmas bird	julfågel (duva) som hängs upp vid jultid
dove	duva
Dove of Peace	fredsduva
Easter bird	påskfågel, påskduva
fan bird	spånfågel
fan bird dove	spånfågelduva
fan bird legend	sägen om spånfåglar
fan carving	hur man täljer spånfåglar
fan carving wood	trä för att tälja spånfåglar
Folk Art	handslöjd
Holy Spirit bird	duva symboliserande den Helige Anden
legend	sägen
Old World folk art	äldre tiders handslöjd i Europa
symbolism	symbolism
to cleave / to split / to rive	att klyva / att dela / att splittra
wood	trä
wood bird	fågel i trä
wood bird sculpture	skulptur av fågel i trä
wood carvers	slöjdare