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## Best fan 2021: The top desk, tower and pedestal fans to beat the summer heat

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### Stay cool as the temperature rises with the top fans for every home and budget

You're never guaranteed a scorching summer in the UK, but when the heat hits, the best fans will keep you cool, calm and collected. Indeed, a good blast of air from a decent fan can keep things bearable and help you get some shuteye when the mercury is rising. Here we've rounded up the best fans on the market so that you can find the perfect desk fan for your office, tower fan for your lounge, or whisper-quiet fan to help you sleep at night.

Good fans can be found for as little as £20, with prices rising up to £350 or more if you're looking for something larger or more stylish. In between, you'll find brilliant fans of every type, with serious air-pushing power, effective controls and features designed to mimic a natural breeze. Fans can be hard to come by once the heat really kicks in, so it's a good idea to buy early and choose something that's built to last.

If you want a fan right now, check out our at-a-glance list below – you'll find our top desk fan and tower fan picks with a quick link. If you want more details on the best fans, scroll down and read on for all our recommendations.

**UPDATE:** Shockingly enough, the ongoing British heatwave has driven sales of fans through the roof. As a result, many of our favourite products – particularly our top-rated tower fans – are completely out of stock. We've created this list of the remaining products so you don't miss out – we'll be updating it as often as we can, so check back

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### How to choose the best fan for you

There are a number of things to consider when shopping for a fan. To help you decide which model is right for you, we've put together a handy video guide, arming you with all the information you need to make a well-informed purchase. If you'd rather read rather than watch, you'll find our comprehensive written guide below.

To start, it's worth making one thing very clear: a fan is not an air conditioning system. While air conditioners actually cool the air, fans simply push the air around. Obviously, this means that even the most effective fan won't cool as well as one of our [best portable air conditioners](#), but then they're also much cheaper – both to buy and run. In the UK, with our comparatively mild, dry summers, an air conditioning unit may be overkill anyway.

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room layout in advance, and look for a lightweight, portable fan if you plan to move it around with you during the day.

The other big issue is noise. There's no point in having a fan to keep you cool if you can't

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sleep through the noise or hear the TV over the racket, and often you'll need to find a compromise. Nearly all fans offer a choice of speed settings, which makes finding that balance easier, and some have special nighttime modes. Some fans also use noticeably quieter, more energy-efficient motors and blade designs, maximising cooling power while minimising noise.

### Should I buy a desk fan, floor fan, pedestal fan or tower fan?

**Desk fans** are small, portable and can be picked up for anywhere between £20 and £50 (although pricier designer models are available). Most offer an adjustable tilt so you can direct the airflow, and some have an oscillating feature to create a breeze that sweeps from side to side. Don't discount rechargeable models as they can be remarkably effective.

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**Floor fans** are larger, more powerful and are designed to fill a bigger space. As they're designed to be used at a distance, they might offer more angles, a wider oscillation range and a remote control. This is handy if you want to turn the fan up or down from the bed or even just pause it while you take a phone call. Otherwise, they're very similar to desk fans and have the same kind of features – in fact, there's plenty of overlap between the two.

It's a similar story with **pedestal fans**, which are basically more powerful desk fans on a stand that are designed to cool a larger area. You can usually adjust the height, pivot and oscillation to control airflow, but they tend to be bulkier than tower fans so you'll need to make sure you have enough space – both for use and for storage.

This is where **tower fans** come in. These slimline units blast out air from a tall column, giving you the cooling power of a pedestal fan in a lot less space. Most tower fans also come with a remote control so you can manage airflow without unsticking yourself from the sofa.

### Is there anything else worth looking out for?

Fans aren't generally that expensive to run – even the most powerful models we've tested use around 40W when running at maximum speed. However, the most energy-efficient models we've tested consume under 20W at full blast and less than 5W at their lowest speed, which could make a difference to your bills if you're running the fan all summer long. You can also keep your costs low by using any timer features, which can be set to shut the fan off after a set period. We've even seen some fans that can regulate their speed according to the ambient temperature, or that have a sleep setting where the fan slows down gradually over the course of the night.

A growing number of fans are also coming with Wi-Fi connectivity built-in, enabling them to be used with an app for remote control or voice commands through Amazon Alexa or Google Home devices. These features don't tend to be as sophisticated as those you'll find in smart lighting or heating devices, but they make it easy to control a fan from across the room.

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## The best fans to buy

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If you don't need to cool a massive space, this 30in tall Igenix fan is something of a bargain. You can easily lug it around the house with the integrated handle, yet it puts out a decent airflow at each of its three speed settings, with an 80-degree oscillation.

This isn't the perfect fan for sleeping – even at its lowest setting, it's far from silent – but it's fine for cooling down a small living room or taking heat out of the bedroom before going to bed. Looking for maximum cooling for minimal cost? This is the fan for you.

**Key specs – Dimensions:** 76.2 x 24 x 24cm; **Weight:** 2.66kg; **Oscillation angle:** 80°; **Cord length:** 1.8m; **Warranty:** 2yr; **Power:** 45W



**£34.99**

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Igenix DF0030 Oscillating Tower Fan, 30 Inch, 3 Speed Settings, 2 Hour Timer with Auto Shut Off, White

**2. Anso 30in Tower Fan: The best budget fan for cooling power**

Price: £55 | [Buy now from Amazon](#)




Don't expect much in the way of modes or features, but this striking 30in tower fan has it where it counts. It's one of the more powerful tower fans we've tested, with air speeds reaching 3.2m/sec from a metre away. Even at the lowest of its three speed settings we measured 2.4m/sec.

That's a lot of cooling power, even if we'd say that the airflow is strongest relatively low to the ground. Noise levels are relatively high as well. If you struggle to sleep through the 41dB at low power, you can forget about the 49.9dB at full. Still, the old-school mechanical timer works surprisingly well, and if it's not the most refined of fans, you'll

appreciate its icy blast as the temperature soars.

**Key specs – Dimensions:** 76.5 x 24 x 24cm; **Weight:** 3.96kg; **Oscillation angle:** 60°; **Cord length:** 1.75m; **Warranty:** 2yr; **Power:** 45W



**ANSIO Tower Fan 30-inch For Home and Office, 3 Hours Timer, 3 Speed Oscillating Fan - Black**

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### 3. NSA UK Dual Position Midi: The best compact tower fan

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NSA UK's tower fan comes with a twist: you can use it upright like any other tower fan or on its side, tilting upwards. Either way it can oscillate through 90°, either working to cool a larger area or give you head to toe cooling when you're lounging on the sofa. You can turn the speed down and still get a nice draft, making it a great tower fan for snoozing. It's easy to use, has a timer and a great natural breeze setting, and is reasonably powerful by compact tower fan standards. It's also light enough to lug around everywhere, which is handy in a heatwave.

**Key specs – Dimensions:** 54 x 15 x 14cm; **Weight:** 2.4kg; **Oscillation angle:** 90°; **Cord length:** 1.6m; **Warranty:** 2yr; **Power:** 18W



**NSA Dual Position Midi Tower Fan White, MTFDC-84RC**

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### 5. Swan Retro 16in stand fan: The best pedestal fan for style and colour

Price: £63 | [Buy now from Amazon](#)



If you're going to have a tall fan in your living room, it helps if it looks faintly stylish. Swan's pedestal fan does that and a little more, thanks to an attractive retro design and a range of vintage colours, including cream, pale blue and red.

It's a simple effort with three speeds and oscillation, although you can adjust the height and tilt, and there's plenty of breeze on offer, albeit with a fair bit of noise at the highest setting – stick to low or medium if you don't want an earful. You might need to reset the up/down tilt from time to time, but with great looks at an even better price, this is one very likeable fan.

**Key specs – Dimensions:** 110 x 46 x 18cm; **Weight:** 6.8kg; **Oscillation angle:** 80°; **Cord length:** 1.6m; **Warranty:** 1yr; **Power:** 50W



Swan SFA12610BLN, Retro 16 Inch Stand Fan with Metal Blades, Oscillation and Tilt Function, 3 Speed Settings, Low Noise, Blue

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## 6. GeoSmartPro AirGo Smart Fan: The best app-controlled fan

Price: £95 | [Buy now from Amazon](#)




The AirGo Smart Fan from British manufacturer GeoSmartPro is an effective and highly-customisable oscillating pedestal fan that can be controlled manually or remotely through its accompanying iOS or Android smartphone app. Featuring three modes, each of which has three speeds, it's a highly effective cooling unit that's suitable for bedroom or living room use.

Assembly is easy, and connecting it to your smartphone and Wi-Fi network using the


GeoSmartPro app is a simple enough process. From there, you can create daily schedules, preset modes and even auto-modes that will switch the fan on to a custom setting when specific weather conditions are met. It's also compatible with Alexa and Google Home devices, although you can't alter as many settings using your voice as you can when using the app or physical controls.

**Key specs – Dimensions:** 135 x 42 x 40cm; **Weight:** 6.9kg; **Oscillation angle:** 90°; **Sound level:** 53.6dB (max); **Remote control:** Yes, iOS and Android app control; **Compatible smart devices:** Google Home, Amazon Alexa; **Warranty:** 2yrs; **Power:** 55W



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## 7. Meaco MeacoFan 1056P: The best pedestal fan for quiet, effective cooling

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Meaco's largest and most powerful fan gives you a massive airflow while using precious little power and making barely any noise. At the highest of its 12 speed settings, it can push through air at speeds of 3.8m/sec – only its sister model, the MeacoFan 1056AC, exceeds that level of performance. Yet even at full power, it consumes around 18W and is quieter than most of its competitors. At medium speed settings the output comes down to around 37dB. You also get horizontal and vertical oscillation, easy height adjustment, a clip-on remote control and two highly effective optional modes, that either simulate a natural breeze or tune the fan speed according to the ambient temperature. It's not the most elegant fan out there, but nothing beats it for large-scale, controllable and whisper-quiet cooling.

**Key specs – Dimensions:** 95.5 x 34 x 32cm; **Weight:** 4.7kg; **Oscillation angle:** 80° horizontal, 60° vertical; **Cord length:** 1.5m; **Warranty:** 2yrs; **Power:** 26W

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## 8. EcoAir Zephyr: The best all-round pedestal fan

Price: £150 | [Buy now from Amazon](#)



If you've got the extra budget, the EcoAir Zephyr goes one better than the Pifco, with an energy-efficient DC motor that uses 70% less power than a conventional fan motor, while keeping the noise as low as 27dB.

What's more, the Zephyr has an assortment of 35 different speed settings, with 26 normal and nine silent. These include a sleep mode and an energy-saving intelligent mode that turns the fan on when the temperature exceeds 20°C, plus a nature mode that replicates a natural breeze by varying the speed and patterns.

Meanwhile, this elegant pedestal model is distinguished by the clear LED display, with auto-sleep and night mode, plus a streamlined remote control. It's more expensive, but if you want quiet cooling with a little more control, pick the Zephyr.

**Key specs - Dimensions:** 138 x 40 x 45.2cm; **Weight:** 8kg; **Oscillation angle:** 90°; **Cord length:** 1.5m; **Warranty:** 1yr; **Power:** 26W



EcoAir Zephyr 16" Fan | DC Motor | Low Energy 3.5 Watts/hour | LED Rotating Control Panel | Hydraulic Height Adjustable | 35 Speeds - 9 Ultra Quiet Settings | Timer | Oscillation

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## 9. Duux Whisper Flex: The top transforming pedestal and floor fan

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The Duux Whisper Flex gives you what you want from a modern pedestal design. It's nearly as powerful as the MeacoFan 1056P, and every bit as quiet, making roughly 43dB when running at full tilt, dropping to under 34dB at medium settings. It'll run for up to 12

hours from the optional battery pack, and with 26 different speed settings and useful Natural and Night modes, you've got plenty of control. You can also connect to it over Wi-Fi using an iOS or Android app, and it'll also work with Google Home and Alexa voice control, although commands are limited to turning the fan on and off or adjusting the speed. Perhaps the best thing about this fan, though, is that you can use it either as a pedestal fan or a floor fan – or even a desk fan at low speed – just by adding or removing one section of the stalk. This means there's less height and height adjustment than on other pedestal fans, but the Duux more than makes up for it with its versatility and efficient cooling.

**Key specs – Dimensions:** 88 x 34 x 34cm; **Weight:** 5kg; **Oscillation angle:** 90° horizontal, 100° vertical; **Cord length:** 1.85m; **Warranty:** 2yr; **Power:** 27W

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## 10. NSA UK Compact Cool: The best small desktop fan

Price: £45 | [Buy now from NSA UK](#)



This little desk fan lives up to its name, being very compact while keeping you cool. It doesn't have much in the way of features or settings, with just three speeds and a 90° oscillation option, but it puts out a lot of airflow at its maximum speed, and enough to keep one person cool at its lowest setting.

At that speed, it's pretty quiet, too, with the fan noise only just above ambient sound levels. The timer can be awkward to use and it uses more power than some rivals, but if you're after an unobtrusive but effective desktop fan, this one takes some beating.

**Key specs – Dimensions:** 29.5 x 24 x 21cm; **Weight:** 1.5kg; **Oscillation angle:** 90°; **Cord length:** 1.6m; **Warranty:** 2yr; **Power:** 35W

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## 11. Honeywell HT900E: The most powerful budget desk fan

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As far as budget desktop fans go, the HT900E is a monster. The 40W “turbo” motor blasts out huge amounts of air at its highest speed, and with a 90-degree tilting fan head it can be mounted on the wall as well as stood on a desk or the floor. It’s incredibly simple to use and the construction is rock solid. The one downside is that at medium or high settings it makes an unholy racket. At low, though, it’s much less noisy while still putting out a respectable breeze. You’ll struggle to find more cooling power for this money from any other fan.

**Key specs – Dimensions:** 27.7 x 27.7 x 15.9cm; **Weight:** 1.35kg; **Oscillation angle:** No; **Sound level:** Up to 39dB; **Cord length:** 1.6m; **Warranty:** 3yr; **Power:** 40W



**Honeywell HT 900E Powerful and Quiet Turbo Fan Black**

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## 12. Meaco MeacoFan 360: The best all-round desk fan

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This compact desk fan punches well about its weight – and price point. It’s near whisper-quiet at its lowest settings, so great for snoozing, playing games and getting work done, but whack it up nearer the highest of its 12 speed settings and it dishes out a huge, bone-chilling breeze. In between, you’ll find quiet settings that still put through a lot of air, so it’s easy to find a balance that works for you. Throw in oscillation and smart, touch-sensitive controls and it’s a great fan to handle, while the use of USB for power means you can run it from the supplied charger, a PC or even a power bank. It’s a feature-packed, low-noise fan that will cool you down fast.

**Key specs – Dimensions:** 20.9 x 29.8 x 21.4cm; **Weight:** 1.36kg; **Oscillation angle:** 71°; **Sound levels:** 15-50dB; **Cord length:** 1.2m; **Warranty:** 2yr; **Power:** 10W



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### 13. Dimplex Expelair 360: The most versatile desk and floor fan

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While billed as a desk fan, the Dimplex 360 edges into floor fan territory – and it's built to more than handle the job. The fan tilts vertically by up to 90 degrees and can oscillate not just through 90 degrees, or even 180 degrees, but a full 360 degrees. For some, the volume levels might be a deal-breaker – it's quiet at its lowest setting but at medium or high things get pretty noisy, reaching 50dB at full tilt. That said, it's worth it for the cooling power on offer, and for the timer and natural breeze and night time modes. It also comes with its own remote control.

**Key specs – Dimensions:** 27.5 x 34 x 20.4cm; **Weight:** 1.9kg; **Oscillation angle:** 30-360°; **Sound Levels:** Up to 55dB; **Cord length:** 1.8m; **Warranty:** 3yr; **Power:** 45W

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### 14. Dyson Pure Cool Me: The best purifying personal fan

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Dyson's fans are probably the most iconic you can buy, but the newest model looks even more outlandish. The Pure Cool Me looks more like a space-age ashtray than a fan and directs airflow through narrow apertures either side of a dome, which in turn directs that air out into the room. Usefully, that air stream is quite narrow so you can cool yourself without blowing bits and pieces off your desk.

You can change the direction of this airflow up and down by sliding the dome part up and down, and the fan can also be set to oscillate automatically using the small remote control that attaches magnetically to the front panel.

You can also change fan speed with the remote and these range from one (which is virtually silent) to ten and are indicated on the circular OLED status panel set into the base.

The Pure Cool Me might seem expensive for a personal cooling fan, but it does have one important trick up its sleeve: air purification. By passing all the air it draws in through the large "activated carbon" and HEPA filters in the base of the fan, it can remove all sorts of domestic pollution from the air as it cools, from allergens such as pollen to volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and NO<sub>2</sub>.

[Read our full review of the Dyson Pure Cool Me](#)

**Key specs – Dimensions:** 25 x 25 x 40cm (WDH); **Weight:** 2.8kg; **Oscillation:** 90°; **Speed settings:** 10; **Remote control:** Yes; **Air filtering:** Activated carbon/HEPA; **Power:** 40W

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