Best fan 2022: The top desk, tower and pedestal fans

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Keep your cool as the temperature rises with the best fans for every space and budget

You've never guaranteed a cooling summer in the UK, but when the heat hits, the best fans can make a real difference to your comfort. Whether you're looking for a desk fan to keep you from drying out while you work or a powerful tower fan to ensure the room is cooling, here, we've rounded up the best fans we've tested and reviewed to help you find the right one for your office, tower fan for your lounge, or whisper quiet fan to help you sleep at night.

Experts are currently predicting that we'll be in for a hot, dry summer, so it's a good time to be looking for something larger or more stylish. In between, you'll find the best of pedestal fans, tower fans, desk fans and even some bladeless models, all of which we've tested and reviewed. Fans can be a great way to keep your home or office cool, but they can also be noisy and ineffective, so we've tested and reviewed the best of the best.

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

Best fan: At a glance

- The best desk fan: Dyson AM09
- The best all round fan: Dyson Pure Hot+Cool Link
- The best budget fan: Russell Hobbs Desktop Fan USB RHDF
- The best power for budget fan: Honeywell HT900
- The best tower fan: Dyson Pure Cool TP07
- The best desk fan with a timer: Rowenta VU5670 Eco
- The best purifying pedestal fan: Dyson Pure Cool Me

How to choose the best fan for you

Fans are a great way to keep your home cool in place of an air conditioning system. While air conditioner units can be pricey, fans are much more affordable and can be moved around your home to keep you cool wherever you need them. Fans don't actually cool the air, but they do take in warm air, cool it down, and then circulate it around the room, so they are a cheaper way to keep your home cool.

Size related

Fans are also ideal if you need to keep a small space cool, so if you're looking for the best fan for your home or office, consider the size of the room you need to cool down. Desk and pedestal fans are ideal for small spaces, while tower fans are better for larger rooms.

Noise

Fans can be noisy, so if you're looking for the best fan for your home or office, you need to consider how quiet it needs to be. If you want a fan for your bedroom, for example, you'll want to look for a quiet model, and fans with a timer can be useful for turning off at bedtime.

Features

Our fan desk staff whether it's about fans, where we know to the speed of the air flow and the noise level, we've tested and reviewed the best fans for every space and budget. We've tested fans with timers, remotes and oscillating features. We also reviewed several models with purifying features, which can be useful if you're looking for a fan in a bedroom. Here, we've listed a selection of different models to gauge how effective they were at purifying the air in a room, and we've also tested and reviewed models with a remote, which can be useful for both in a bedroom and the living room, and if a toddler.

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

Desk fans are ideal for small spaces, and they're great if you want to keep your desk cool while you're working. Floor fans are ideal for larger rooms, and they're usually more powerful than desk fans. Pedestal fans are ideal for those in the office, and some have an oscillating feature to cover a larger area compared to desk fans. Tower fans are ideal for larger rooms, and they can be remotely controlled.

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Tower fans are more powerful and are designed to fill larger spaces. As they're designed to be used on a larger floor area, they're also larger, which can take up more space and is more awkward. This is handy if you want to turn the fan up to have it blow into bed or sofa, but it can be a pain if you want to move it around the room, and tower fans are more of a fixture.

It's similar deal with **pedestal fans**, which are basically floor powerful desk fans on a stand, so they're more powerful than desk fans and can cover a larger area. Pedestal fans are ideal for those who want to have a fan in the office but don't have the space for it and want to make sure you have enough space - both for use and for storage.

Fans are **tower fans** are in. These attractive units are ideal for those who want to have a fan in their living room, and they're ideal for those who want to have a fan that's quiet, easy with remotes control so you can manage airflow without stretching around from the sofa.

Is there anything else worth looking out for?

Fans can be noisy, so if you're looking for a fan that's powerful enough to cool or tested and a good 80dB when running, or a lower power model, the most noisy, 80dB fans are ideal for those who want to have a fan in a bedroom or living room. Fans can be a great way to keep a room cool, which could make a difference to your bills if you're running the fan of summer instead of the air conditioner. Fans can be a great way to keep a room cool, but they can be a bit of an eyesore. We've tested fans with a remote, which can be quiet and easy to use according to the ambient temperature, or that have a sleep setting after the fans speed and turns off after a set period of time.

Purifying models of fan are also rising with Wi-Fi connectivity, so that it can be controlled by a app or voice control or voice commands through Amazon Alexa or Google Assistant. Fans can be a great way to keep a room cool, but they can be a bit of an eyesore. Fans can be a great way to keep a room cool, but they can be a bit of an eyesore.

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The best fans to buy

1. Lasko SF20200: The best cheap tower fan

Price £ 30 | Buy now from Amazon

If you don't want to cool a massive space, the 30W of lasko fan is something of a bargain. You can easily tuck it around the back with the integrated handle, and it puts out a decent airflow at each of the three speed settings, with an 80 degree oscillation.

This isn't the perfect fan for sleeping - it can be distracting when it's on from direct - but it's fine for cooling down a small living room or taking back out of the bedroom before bedtime. It's also quite lightweight and portable, weighing in at just 2.5kg.

Key specs - Dimensions: 76.2 x 25.4x 18cm **Weight:** 2.5kg **Oscillation angle:** 80° **Cord length:** 1.8m **Warranty:** 2 years **Power:** 30W

2. Anko: Dyson Fan The best value fan for cooling power

Price £ 70 | Buy now from Amazon

Don't expect classic fan the way of desks or tractors, but this Anko fan does take fan's where it counts. It's one of the more powerful tower fans we've tested, with a speed reaching 2.5kmm from a metre away. Even at the lowest of its three speed settings we found it powerful.

It's also quite quiet, with a decent 80 degree oscillation that means it can cool a decent area. The great feature here are relatively high as well, if you do begin to sleep through the alarm, you can set it to go off at a set time, or after a set period of time. It's also quite lightweight and easy to move around, and it's not the most refined of fans, but it's good enough for its price as the tower fan power source.

Key specs - Dimensions: 76.2 x 25.4x 18cm **Weight:** 3.7kg **Oscillation angle:** 80° **Cord length:** 1.8m **Warranty:** 2 years **Power:** 50W

3. ASLIN Dual Position Mini: The best compact tower fan

Price £ 90 | Buy now from ASLIN

ASLIN's Dyson fan comes with a lance you can use to point the fan either lower fan or to the side. Unlike pricier, Dyson and Lasko models, this fan doesn't actually cool the air, but it's a large one or give you head to face cooling when you're lounging on the sofa. You can turn the fan to face the ceiling, and it's also quite quiet, with a decent 80 degree oscillation. It's also quite lightweight and easy to move around, and it's also quite powerful, so it's a good choice for compact tower fan constraints. It's also lightweight in big around everywhere, which is a good thing for a tower fan.

Key specs - Dimensions: 54 x 21 x 16cm **Weight:** 1.5kg **Oscillation angle:** 90° **Cord length:** 1.6m **Warranty:** 2 years **Power:** 30W

4. Russell Hobbs Desktop Fan USB RHDF

USB desk fan for sale

Price £ 10 | Buy now from Amazon

This is a great fan for those who want to have a fan on their desk, but don't want to take up too much space or give up head to face cooling. It's also quite quiet, with a decent 80 degree oscillation, and it's also quite lightweight and easy to move around, and it's also quite powerful, so it's a good choice for compact tower fan constraints. It's also lightweight in big around everywhere, which is a good thing for a tower fan.

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5. Dimplex Ion Fresh Cooling Tower Fan The best tower fan for heating

Price £ 80 | Buy now from Very

The Ion Fresh stands out from the tower fan crowd thanks to its impressive 1.25m height. Its tall, slim design means it can easily fit into a corner or tucked behind a piece of furniture, and it's also quite lightweight and easy to move around. It's also quite quiet, with a decent 80 degree oscillation, and it's also quite powerful, so it's a good choice for those who want to have a fan in a bedroom or living room. It's also quite lightweight and easy to move around, and it's also quite powerful, so it's a good choice for those who want to have a fan in a bedroom or living room.

Key specs - Dimensions: 127 x 21 x 21cm **Weight:** 3.1kg **Oscillation angle:** 80° **Cord length:** 1.5m **Warranty:** 2 years **Power:** 50W

6. Princess Smart Tower Fan The best tower fan for big air

Price £ 100 | Buy now from Currys

The Princess Smart Tower Fan is remarkable, standing over 1m tall and with cool and powerful opening vents 1.25m. The tower can also be used as a cooling wind shelf, although this doesn't stop the tower from being a little too tall for most rooms. It's also quite lightweight and easy to move around, and it's also quite powerful, so it's a good choice for those who want to have a fan in a bedroom or living room.

The fan has basic smart features, connecting to the Cinen Wind smart smartphone app, but it doesn't support voice control or smart home integration. It's also quite quiet, with a decent 80 degree oscillation and cooling fans and a decent 50 dB noise level, so it's a good choice for those who want to have a fan in a bedroom or living room. It's also quite lightweight and easy to move around, and it's also quite powerful, so it's a good choice for those who want to have a fan in a bedroom or living room.

Key specs - Dimensions: 125 x 21 x 21cm **Weight:** 3.1kg **Oscillation angle:** 80° **Cord length:** 1.5m **Warranty:** 2 years **Power:** 50W

7. John Lewis & Partners Tower Fan, 42 inch: The best tall tower fan

Price £ 70 | Buy now from John Lewis

This John Lewis tower tower fan is a long-time pick of the bigger, but also one of the best, thanks to a combination of good airflow and good value. Despite its 1.07m height, it's quite slim and easy to move around, and it's also quite quiet, with a decent 80 degree oscillation and cooling fans and a decent 50 dB noise level, so it's a good choice for those who want to have a fan in a bedroom or living room. It's also quite lightweight and easy to move around, and it's also quite powerful, so it's a good choice for those who want to have a fan in a bedroom or living room.

What's more, it's a good performer, pushing through air at speeds of up to 12.5 metres per second, and it's also quite powerful, so it's a good choice for those who want to have a fan in a bedroom or living room. It's also quite lightweight and easy to move around, and it's also quite powerful, so it's a good choice for those who want to have a fan in a bedroom or living room. It's also quite lightweight and easy to move around, and it's also quite powerful, so it's a good choice for those who want to have a fan in a bedroom or living room.

Key specs - Dimensions: 127 x 21 x 21cm **Weight:** 3.1kg **Oscillation angle:** 80° **Cord length:** 1.5m **Warranty:** 2 years **Power:** 50W

8. Swan Retro Slim Stand Fan The best pedestal fan for style and colour

Price £ 30 | Buy now from Amazon

If you're going to have a fan in your living room, it helps if it looks handy stylish. Swan's pedestal fan does that and a little more, thanks to an attractive retro design and a range of colours that will suit most modern and classic homes.

It's a simple affair with three speeds and an oscillation, although you can adjust the height and tilt, and there's plenty of airflow to offer, albeit with a bit of bite at the strongest setting. It's also quite quiet, with a decent 80 degree oscillation and cooling fans and a decent 50 dB noise level, so it's a good choice for those who want to have a fan in a bedroom or living room.

Key specs - Dimensions: 127 x 21 x 21cm **Weight:** 3.1kg **Oscillation angle:** 80° **Cord length:** 1.5m **Warranty:** 2 years **Power:** 50W

9. GoSmartPro AirGo Smart Fan The best app controlled fan

Price £ 90 | Buy now from Currys

The AirGo Smart Fan from British manufacturer GoSmartPro is an effective and highly-connected fan that's ideal for those who want to have a fan in a bedroom or living room. It's also quite lightweight and easy to move around, and it's also quite powerful, so it's a good choice for those who want to have a fan in a bedroom or living room.

Essentially, it uses a dedicated app to control the fan's functions, and it's also quite quiet, with a decent 80 degree oscillation and cooling fans and a decent 50 dB noise level, so it's a good choice for those who want to have a fan in a bedroom or living room. It's also quite lightweight and easy to move around, and it's also quite powerful, so it's a good choice for those who want to have a fan in a bedroom or living room.

Key specs - Dimensions: 127 x 21 x 21cm **Weight:** 3.1kg **Oscillation angle:** 80° **Cord length:** 1.5m **Warranty:** 2 years **Power:** 50W

10. Mosco Moscoflow 105BP: The best pedestal fan for quiet, effective cooling

Price £ 100 | Buy now from Ark Co Centre

Mosco's largest and most powerful fan gives you a decent airflow while using precious little power and making quite quiet noise. At the highest of its 3 speed settings, it puts out enough air at speeds of 14km/h - only its cousin models the Moscoflow 105BAC, exceeds this. It's also quite lightweight and easy to move around, and it's also quite powerful, so it's a good choice for those who want to have a fan in a bedroom or living room. It's also quite lightweight and easy to move around, and it's also quite powerful, so it's a good choice for those who want to have a fan in a bedroom or living room.

Key specs - Dimensions: 90 x 34 x 34cm **Weight:** 4.5kg **Oscillation angle:** 90° **Cord length:** 1.8m **Warranty:** 2 years **Power:** 105W

11. Dyson Pure Cool TP07: The top-performing pedestal and floor fan

Price £ 549 | Buy now from Amazon

Dyson Whisper Fan The top-performing pedestal and floor fan

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Price £549.99 | Buy now from Amazon

Dyson Whisper Fan Smart Fan, control with app or voice, 10 speeds, oscillation, adjustable height, adjustable front tilt, 360 air, quiet fan with night mode and sleep timer, energy efficiency 2 (A), without blades, Black

The Dyson Whisper Fan gives you all you can ask from a modern pedestal design. It's also quite powerful, so it's a good choice for those who want to have a fan in a bedroom or living room. It's also quite lightweight and easy to move around, and it's also quite powerful, so it's a good choice for those who want to have a fan in a bedroom or living room. It's also quite lightweight and easy to move around, and it's also quite powerful, so it's a good choice for those who want to have a fan in a bedroom or living room. It's also quite lightweight and easy to move around, and it's also quite powerful, so it's a good choice for those who want to have a fan in a bedroom or living room.

Key specs - Dimensions: 90 x 34 x 34cm **Weight:** 4.5kg **Oscillation angle:** 90° **Cord length:** 1.8m **Warranty:** 2 years **Power:** 105W

12. NEA UK Compact Cool: The best small desktop fan

Price £ 30 | Buy now from NEA UK

This little desk fan is ideal for those who want to have a fan on their desk, but don't want to take up too much space or give up head to face cooling. It's also quite lightweight and easy to move around, and it's also quite powerful, so it's a good choice for those who want to have a fan in a bedroom or living room. It's also quite lightweight and easy to move around, and it's also quite powerful, so it's a good choice for those who want to have a fan in a bedroom or living room.

Key specs - Dimensions: 27 x 24 x 23cm **Weight:** 1.4kg **Oscillation angle:** 90° **Cord length:** 1.5m **Warranty:** 2 years **Power:** 20W

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13. Duux Globe: The best desk fan for quiet work and snoozing

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The Duux Globe is perfect for the office or the bedside table, with a classy spherical design, a choice of three speed settings and 90° of oscillation on both the horizontal and vertical axis. The phrase whisper quiet doesn't even cover it; on its lowest speed setting it registered no sound output above the ambient levels, and my (quiet) laptop made more noise. Yet it still pushed out a breeze of roughly 1.2m/sec at a distance of one metre.

If you need more cooling power, you've still got it. At the top speed we measured airflow at 2.7m/sec, with a noise level of just 42dB. You've got a choice of touch-sensitive controls on the fan itself and a slightly cheap-feeling remote, while the efficient DC motor keeps power consumption to between 2W and 8.1W. While not as powerful as the Dimplex Xpelair 360 or the MeacoFan 360, this is the fan to go for if you prize your peace and quiet above all else.

Key specs – Dimensions: 38 x 28 x 28cm; **Weight:** 3.4kg; **Oscillation angle:** 90° vertical/90 ° horizontal; **Cord length:** 2m; **Warranty:** 2 years; **Power:** 14W

14. Honeywell HT900E: The most powerful budget desk fan

Price: £25 | Buy now from Amazon

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

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

Price: £70 | Buy now from Currys

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

Price: £60 | Buy now from Very

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

Buy now from Very

17. Dyson Pure Cool Me: The best purifying personal fan

Price: £399 | Buy now from Amazon

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 NO2.

Read our full Dyson Pure Cool Me review **for more details**

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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