

April is National Kite Month so get out side and enjoy it!! Here are some simple instructions to build a kite of your own. Once you build it go outside and run around flying it up into the sky!



Materials:

1 sheet of 8 ½ by 11 inch bright colored paper
Ruler
Pencil
¾ in masking or clear tape
Wire snips

Thin bamboo skewer (used for kabobs)
Crepe paper
Hole punch
10 feet of string (or more, if flying clear of hazards)
Small piece of cardboard

1. Fold the sheet of paper in half widthwise. Use a ruler and pencil to measure and draw a diagonal line, as indicated.

2. Place the ruler against the line and crease the paper along it.

3. Fold back the top layer of paper and tape along the fold line. Trim any excess tape.

4. Using wire snips, trim the bamboo skewer to 8 inches in length. Position the skewer as a brace across the top back of the kite and firmly tape it down.

5. Cut a 6-foot kite tail from the surveyor's tape. Tape it to the rear edge of the kite. Next, flip the kite over and fold the flap (to which you'll tie the string) back and forth until it stands straight up.

6. Fold a small piece of tape over the edge of the flap about 3 inches from the top. Punch a hole through the crepe paper ¼ inch in from the folded edge. Tie one end of the string through the hole.

7. To make a string winder, tie the other end of the string around the middle of the cardboard, securing it with a strip of tape. Wind on the rest of the string, and you're ready to fly!

