

Constructing A Kite

Follow these instructions to create a perfect kite. These can be made as a group or individually.

What You Need:

2 Sticks, one should be $\frac{2}{3}$ as long as the other (dowel rods work well or drinking straws pushed together will work).

Long length of string (10 yards per kite)

Scissors

Glue

Large sheet of newspaper or plastic garbage bag

Tape

Streamers

What You Do:

Prior to giving children the sticks, cut a notch in both ends of each stick (going same direction).

Cross the center of the two sticks. Tie together by wrapping string around the intersection of the two sticks. Knot. Leave extra string dangling to hold the kite. Carefully thread another section of string through the notches on the ends of the sticks. Tie the ends of the string together. Place the kite frame on top of a piece of newspaper (or the plastic bag). Be sure that the paper or bag is slightly larger than the kite frame. Fold the edges over the string and secure with tape. Tape a streamer to the bottom of the kite for balance.