

How to make a Kite...

What you'll need:

- An old carrier bag (If you have a plain bag, you could colour it in before you cut it so be creative in your designs! I've decorated mine with the Rampion logo)
- A4 sheet of paper + pencil/pen and ruler
- Thin, light sticks or wooden skewers – one longer and one shorter (roughly 22cm and 30cm)
- Sellotape
- Scissors
- Optional: marker pens for colouring



Method:

- Make your template first – draw 4 lines using ruler and pencil as per the photo below, it will look like an uneven kite with one smaller side
- The dotted line is where you will fold so don't cut the template in the middle!
- Carefully cut the template out of your sheet of paper.



You can now start working on the kite...



- Fold the plastic bag in half and flatten it.

Tip: If your plastic bag has a seam on the side, fold it this way so you have a seam-free area on both sides of the bag.

- Put the template on the bag and cut around it.



It should look like this.

- Turn it over, fold one side open and sellotape down the line in the middle.



- Next, attach your longer stick to the middle section, where you've just sellotaped, and then attach the shorter stick on horizontally.



When you turn it over now you will have a small flap on the other side, this is where you will attach the string.

Tip: It helps to strengthen this section with a few small pieces of sticky tape so it doesn't tear if the kite is flying in strong wind.



- Make a small hole in the tip of the flap with the toothpick, this can be a bit tricky, so be careful when doing this or ask an adult to help.



- You can then pull the string through the hole and tie a knot to secure it.

- The last step is to make the kite tail and stick it on with tape. You can be as creative as you like with the tail, you can use the leftover of the plastic bag, that works very well as it's not too heavy.



Don't forget to recycle your kite when you finish playing with it.