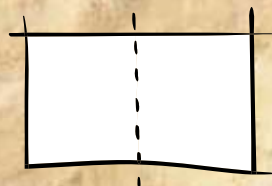


Making Kites

Flying a kite is great fun on the beach and is a good activity for discussing the wind speed and direction.

Activity

Spend a few minutes making a simple kite on the beach with just a few items and have hours of fun watching it fly.

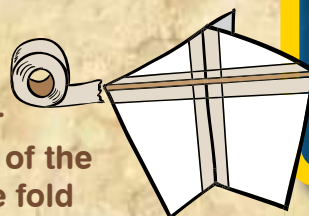


1. Fold a piece of A4 paper in half.

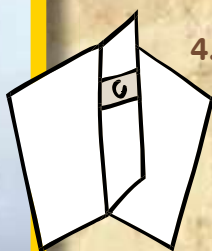
2. Make a diagonal fold (from about 2cm from the folded edge along the top to about half way along the bottom edge)



3. Open the paper to reveal a kite shape. Tape a wooden skewer across the widest part of the kite and tape along the fold down the centre of the kite.



4. Turn the kite over and make a hole level with the skewer (tip: reinforce with masking tape before you make the hole) and tie on your piece of string.



5. Add tails to your kite using strips cut from recycled plastic bags or tissue paper and decorate.



6. Fly your kite!

Kit list

- A4 paper
- Wooden skewers (with sharp ends removed)
- Masking tape
- Plastic bags/ tissue paper
- Hole punch
- String
- Colouring pens



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Things to remember

- ✓ The shape of the kite resembles a ray. Try decorating a kite to look like a thornback ray. Thornback rays are found around the UK coast and they have blotches of colour to help them camouflage into the sand, mud or gravel.