

"Yiddish-KITE"? "Mentchlich-KITE"? LET'S MAKE ONE!

*This has got to be the easiest kite in the world to make and fly!
(And if it's not easy enough, we have an even easier idea!)*

Creative Crafts

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WHAT YOU NEED:

- 1 sheet of paper 8 1/2" x 11"
- 8" wooden skewer or a plastic coffee stirrer
- A plastic shopping bag
- Ruler, Pen
- Masking/scotch tape
- Ball of string
- Scissors
- Hole puncher (optional)

WHAT TO DO:

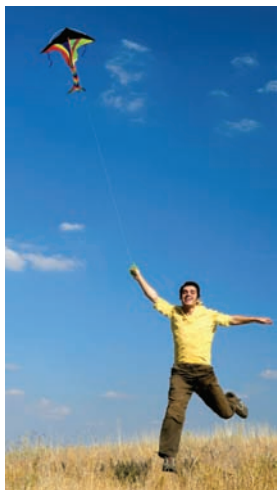
1. Fold the sheet of paper in half to 8 1/2" x 5 1/2".
2. With your ruler, measure 1/2" from the fold on one end and mark point A; measure 3" from the fold on the other end and mark point B. Draw a line from A to B.
3. Along Line A-B, fold back the top half of the paper to form the kite shape.
4. Put a strip of tape firmly along the fold line A-B.
5. Tape the skewer firmly in place along line C-D.
6. Cut a circle (as large as possible) from one side of the shopping bag. Then cut one long 1" wide strip in a spiral. Tape one end of the strip to the bottom of the kite at point B. This will be the kite's tail. It should be about 6' to 10' long.
7. Flip the kite over onto its back and fold the flap (which is in the center) back and forth until it stands straight up.
8. Punch a hole in the flap at E, about 1/3 down from point A. This hole can be reinforced with a piece of tape.
9. Tie the end of the string through the hole.

AN EASIER IDEA:

Buy an inflated helium balloon (available in party stores and some dollar stores) or get one from someone who received one recently for a birthday, graduation, etc. Tie a long string to the balloon and fly the balloon outdoors like a kite!

HOW TO FLY A KITE:

A wind speed of 5 to 15 mph is best.



1. Find a large and windy open area, free of trees and power lines.
2. Let out a small length of kite string. Holding the kite up in the air in one hand (hold it by the flap) and the string in the other, start running while letting go of the kite. Run with the kite behind you until the wind lifts it.
3. Begin letting out string until the kite reaches a height with which you feel comfortable.
4. Keep an eye on your kite, as it may come crashing down because of sudden changes in the wind. If it dips, run or pull in the string a bit to give it some lift.
5. Bring the kite down by slowly winding up the kite string.

Have Fun!

