

Project : Chinese Kite

It is believed that kites originated from China 2,300 years ago. Kites in China have been used for warfare and worship. It is said that in the ancient times, kites were made of bamboo and silk.

Time length : 30 minutes

Materials:

Very light paper (such as Japanese paper or giftwrapping tissue)

Barbeque sticks or bamboo skewers

Glue

Light string, as long as desired

Instructions:

1. Have a parent or teacher slice the stick into thin, flexible strips. Have 1 stick longer than the other. (Sticks in this example are 8.5 and 10.5 inches.)
2. Position sticks into a cross, and mark point of intersection.
3. Lightly glue sticks on top of paper or tissue, let dry.
4. When sticks have dried, mark the desired shape of the kite. Cut.
5. Puncture 1 small hole each right above the intersection of the stick. Run one end of the string through one hole, and through the other (Fig.1). Knot.
6. Cut a strip of paper (ex. 1-inch width by 12-inch length). Glue to the bottom end of kite as tail.

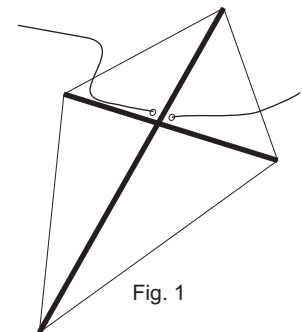


Fig. 1

Wait for a windy day and let it fly outdoors!

It is also nice to have a kite during the Moon Festival when families are outdoors.