

# Like it? Make it!

## A CRAZY KITE

Kites have been around for thousands of years, and have been used for long-distance communication and even fishing! How will you use yours...?



**What you'll need**

- | A white plastic bin bag | A blue plastic bag
- | Two gardening sticks
- | Coloured marker pens | Sticky tape
- | Cotton thread | Sewing needle
- | Scissors | Ruler

**Top tip!**  
To make your kite more secure, thread another piece of cotton through the bottom of the kite, and tie one end of the cotton to the pole and the other to the longer piece of string.



**Start here!**



**1** Cut the white bag along one seam so that you can lay it flat on a table. Next, tape the edges down so that the plastic is stretched out flat.



**2** Put the gardening sticks in a cross on the plastic and mark 2cm away from the end of each stick. Then, use the ruler to join up the points to make a diamond shape.



**3** Use the pens to draw a design onto the kite. Then stick a length of tape over each edge of the diamond so that the line you've drawn is in the middle of the tape. Do the same on the other side of the plastic.



**4** Carefully cut out the kite and tape the gardening sticks to the back. Then cut a strip out of the blue bag and stick it to the bottom of the kite for the tail.



**5** Thread a length of cotton through the front of the kite where the sticks overlap and tie it tightly around the cross-section. Now you're ready to fly!



## HIGH FLIERS

Check out these amazing kites from around the world...



This kite competition can get quite cut-throat!

### Built for battle

During the kite-flying festival in Afghanistan, competitors must cut their opponents kites down so that theirs is the last one flying. Some kite fighters even cover their strings in a mixture of ground glass powder and glue to make them sharper. How sneaky!

### Flying the kite flag for Kuwait!



### Record breaker

Kite maker and inventor, Peter Lynn from New Zealand, holds the record

for the world's biggest kite. In 2005, he built his record-breaking kite to resemble the Kuwait flag. Peter's kite was a colossal 1,050 square metres – that's bigger than four tennis courts!

### What a catch!

For over 2,000 years, fishermen in Indonesia have attached a line and hook to the bottom of kites and flown them from their boats. This way, they can catch the huge fish that swim away from the shadow of the kites – and straight towards their boats. Clever!



### Fishermen get crafty with kites!

The first ship to have a swimming pool was the infamous Titanic, which sank on its maiden voyage...

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