

juniors

KITE MAKING



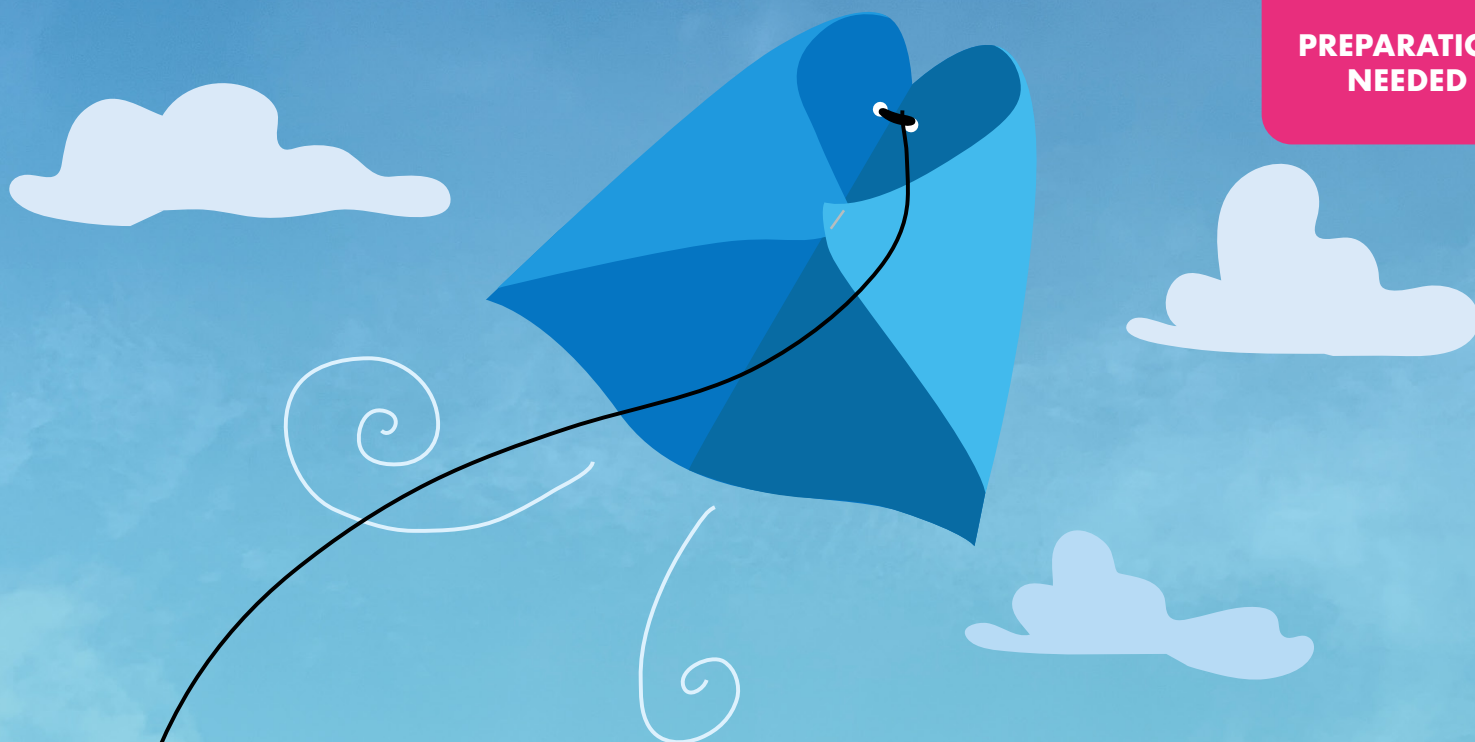
GET CREATIVE



20 MINUTES



PREPARATION
NEEDED



AIM

Using basic equipment and some easy to follow steps, create your own kite to go and fly outdoors.

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- › A4 Paper
- › Colouring Pens
- › Stapler
- › Hole Punch
- › String
- › Sellotape
- › Kite Making Instructions Sheet

THE BOYS'
BRIGADE
>the adventure begins here



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THEME: ARTY & CRAFTY



LEADER PREPARATION

Before the activity it would be useful for a leader to have a practice making the paper kite, so they are confident in the steps and the group have an example kite to see before they start making it.

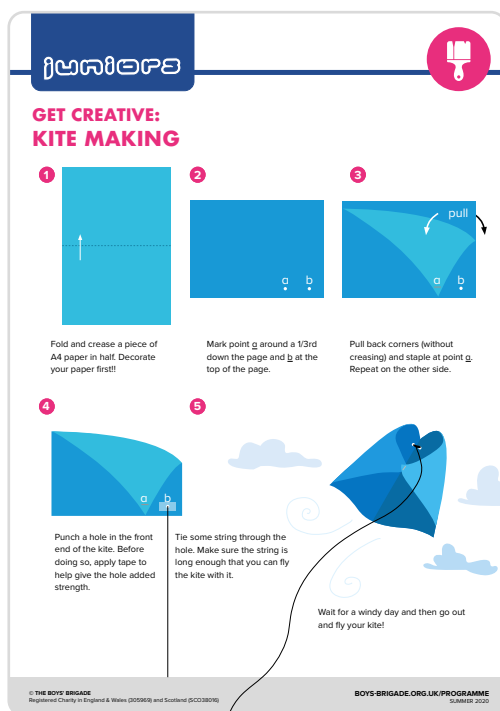


Download the 'Kite Making Instructions Sheet' to enable you to lead the group in making the paper kites.



GETTING INTO THE ACTIVITY

Follow the instructions on the separate 'Kite Making Instructions' Activity Sheet.



DID YOU KNOW?

- Kites are thought to have first been invented approximately 2,800 years ago by the Chinese.
- The fastest recorded speed for a kite is over 120mph.
- Kite flying was banned in Japan in 1760 because too many people preferred to fly kites than work.
- The record for the longest time flying a kite is 180 hours – that is over a week!



IDEAS TO TAKE THIS FURTHER...

Save the kites for a windy day. Then take them out and have some competitions. Who can fly theirs the highest, for the longest amount of time, do the best tricks etc. Alternatively encourage the children to take them out over the weekend and come back and share how they got on next week.

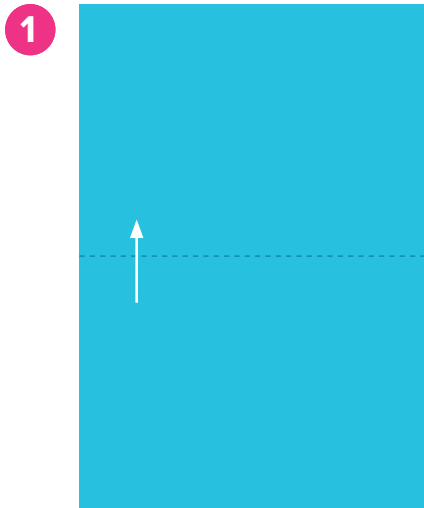


KEEPING EVERYONE SAFE

Always take caution and ensure appropriate supervision when using the stapler. If going outside to fly the kites ensure you have adequate leader supervision and make sure the area you are using has no overhead hazards (i.e. telephone/power cables).



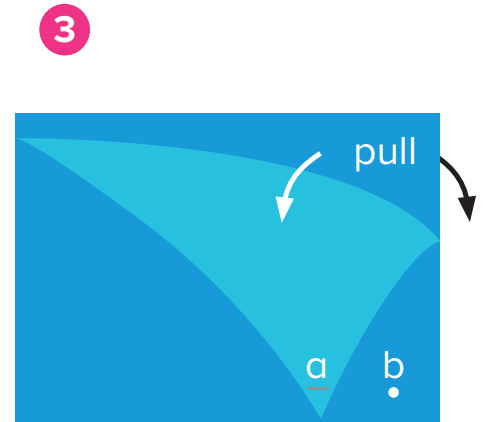
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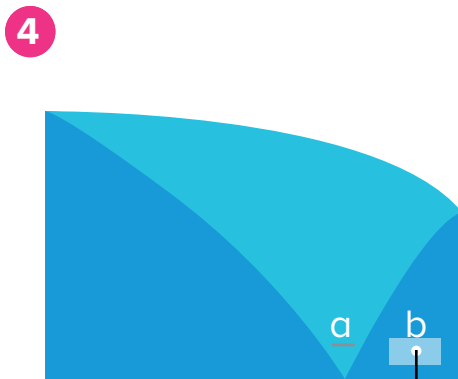
1 Fold and crease a piece of A4 paper in half. Decorate your paper first!!



2 Mark point a around a 1/3rd down the page and b at the top of the page.



3 Pull back corners (without creasing) and staple at point a. Repeat on the other side.



4 Punch a hole in the front end of the kite. Before doing so, apply tape to help give the hole added strength.



5 Tie some string through the hole. Make sure the string is long enough that you can fly the kite with it.

Wait for a windy day and then go out and fly your kite!