







Underneath The Lovely London Sky: Let's go fly a kite!

What you'll need:

2 sticks (1 20in, 1 24in), String, Glue, Tape, Scissors, Paper (or plastic garbage bag) 40in wide.

Step 1: Make the frame

- Take the two sticks and put them across each other so that you create a lowercase t-shape. Attach the sticks together with glue.
- Wrap the string around the sticks and tie with a small knot. Trim off excess string with scissors.
- Make 1 notch at the end of each stick. Make sure they are horizontal to the t-shape of the sticks.
- Loop the string around the top notch, then pull it to the end of the stick to the right, wrap around that notch, and continue until you've wrapped all four notches and the string makes a diamond shape. Make sure the string is taut but not too tight.

Step 2: Making the sail

- Lay the paper (or plastic bag) flat and place the frame on the center of it. Using a pen or pencil, outline the frame with a ruler using the strings as a guide, creating a diamond shape
- Cut the diamond 2in wider than the outline (you'll need the extra material so you can wrap the sail around the frame.)
- Fold the edges of the sail over the frame. Glue and tape it down.

Step 3: Putting it all together

- Use a string that is at last 2in for the flying line. Poke a small hole right above where the two sticks meet in the center. Then pull the string rough the hole and tie it around the cross point, letting the flying line hang freely. You can add more string to the flying line to make it longer.
- Make a tail with 6ft string or cloth. Attach the tail to the bottom of the frame at 1ft intervals.
- Decorate your kite!

Let's go fly a kite!

Be sure to take your kite to a spot with no trees or power lines. Hold tight to the kite string and run into the wind. Release the kite as you are running, pushing it upward into the wind. Hang on to your flying line to keep the kite in the air.