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**MINI-KITES**  
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# MAKE YOUR OWN Thrifty MINI-KITE Instructions

The mini kite has no sticks – and relies on the fold in the paper for its structure.

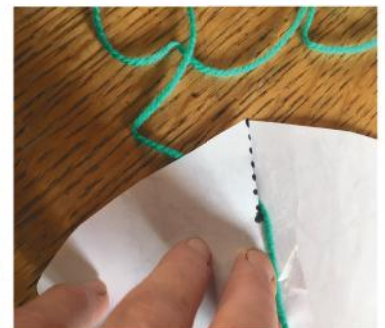
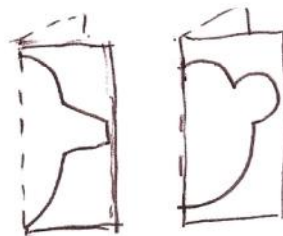
## What you need:

- lightweight paper, re-used wrapping paper, old maps, printed picture, coloured or white
- scissors,
- stickytape or glue,
- pens or crayons to decorate
- string or wool for the flying line
- video tape, or strips of plastic for tails
- optional – a greenstick or garden stick to fly from



## What you do:

1. Take a piece of paper about A5 size (approx. 150mm x 200mm or 6" x 8" - not too big or too heavy or it won't work) and fold it in half lengthways (like a birthday card).
2. Draw a shape on the paper which is a bit wider towards the top than the bottom (maybe an animal head or a wide diamond). Colour or decorate it at this stage if you like.
3. Keeping the paper folded - cut out your kite shape (if you cut both sides together it will be symmetrical)
4. Open up the kite and make a small cut down the crease at the top (a bit less than 2cm or 1")
5. Cut a length of wool or cotton about 1m long
6. Tape one end of the line to the back of the kite along the crease so that the rest of the line pokes through the cut and comes out the front of the kite.



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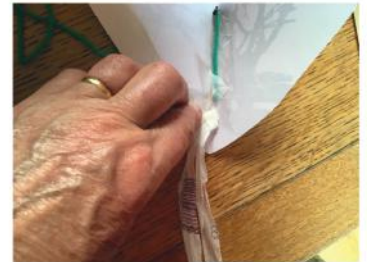


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7. Overlap the two sides of the cut to form a slight cone shape - not too sharp - and sellotape it on the front. Make sure the line is coming through at this point so you can fly it by holding the line and looking at the front of the kite.



8. The kite will spin if you try to fly it now - it needs a tail!  
You can use video tape, cassette tape, wool, or strips of plastic bags, tissue paper or crepe paper about 1cm wide. Your tails should total at least 3m in length - but can be 2 x 1.5m or 3 x 1m or even 6 x 0.5m.



9. Fix the tails with tape to the bottom of the back of the kite in the centre.

## Now your kite is ready to fly.

You can simply hold the end of the line and fly it like that  
or you can tie the line onto a short stick - a garden cane or similar to allow it to fly higher.  
Or you could add more line which you tie to a bit of card so you can hold onto it while it flies

