← Tape →

Bridle Point

NOT TO SCALE //

22"

17"

W = 1.0"
Scale Inches

Detail
Bend Over & Tape ¼" of
Each Plastic Straw

Tape
(Double Sided)

Tape 2 straws to center
Top & Bottom!

Tape Remaining Straws
To Corners of Kite -
Fold Extra Tape To
Other Side of
Kite   2-15

Japanese Kite

1. Cut straw into 6 pieces.
2. Bend over ¼ö of each straw piece to seal off one end; tape closed.
3. Find and mark the center of the short sides. This will be your top and bottom.
4. Tape one straw down to the center top and bottom. Opening points into the center of the kite.
5. Tape one straw down to each corner.
6. Bending slightly to fit, insert the curved spars into the corner pockets. Do not trim.
7. Insert the straight spar into the center pocket. Trim if needed.
8. Mark where the top spar and the vertical spar cross. Punch a hole there using a toothpick. It needs to be about the size for your little finger to pass through.
9. Take the 12ö length of string and tie it into a loop. Poke one end of the loop thru the hole, go around both spars and back out the front of the kite.
10. You now have 2 ends , open one loop and push the other end thru the loop.
11. Choose 2 strips of tail material, Attach to bottom corners with tape.
12. Your kite is done. To fly, attach flying line to loop.

Kite sail can be paper, plastic, or tyvek.

Tails are for decoration only. Theycan be ribbon, plastic strips or paper.

Spars are 1/8ö wood dowels, each 21.75ö long. To bend the curved ones, soak in hot water for 2-3 minutes then gently put into pockets.

Original by Felix Cartegena. May be resized.
Notes added by Barbara Meyer

SUPPLY LIST

1 piece Tyvek, 17ö x 22ö
1 drinking straw
1-1/8ö x 21.75ö straight dowel
2-1/8ö x 21.75ö curved dowels
1 piece string, 12ö long
Tail material

Tape
Toothpick
Scissors
Pruning shears to trim spars