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SANKRANTI KITE

ABOUT

During the festival of Makar Sankranti, young children across India build kites and compete in kite-flying competitions to honor the deity Surva and his role in the successful harvest. Make your own kite with materials you can find at home and take it for a spin, even if it's just outside your apartment window!

MATERIALS

- 1. Pencil or pen
- 2. String or twine
- 3. Tape
- 4. Scissors



- 5. Newspaper, tissue paper, a garbage bag, or any thin paper
- 6. Two chopsticks, straws, or any long sticks
- 7. Ribbon or yarn to decorate (optional)
- 8. Ruler (optional)

Step 6 down securely.

Step 1

- Cut a piece of string the length of your kite, about 9 inches. Poke holes Step 7 into the top and bottom points of the kite in the newspaper.
- Tie one end of the string into the top hole and one end into the bottom Step 8 hole, using some tape to keep it secure. This is the bridle of your kite; it attaches to the string that you hold when flying the kite.
- Step 9 Cut a long piece of string or keep it attached to the spool of your string. This is your flying string. Tie it to the bridle.
- Optional: Use ribbon or yarn to create a tail for your kite and tie Step 10 it to the bottom.
- You're ready to go flying! Step 11

INSTRUCTIONS With the help of an adult, cut the chopsticks or straws to be about 7 inches and 9 inches long.

- With the help of an adult, make notches at each end of the sticks. Step 2
 - You should be making four notches in total. If you cannot make notches, use extra tape to keep everything in place.
- Step 3 On the 9-inch stick, measure about 3 inches from the top. Mark it with a pencil. Place the smaller stick across this mark to form a 't' shape. Use string to wrap the sticks together where they meet. Pay attention to the direction of the notches at the end of each stick.
- Wrap string all the way around the edge of the kite, making sure it Step 4 goes into the notches. Secure everything with tape.
- Now it's time to add your newspaper (or any other type of thin paper)! Step 5 Place a large sheet of newspaper on the bottom. Place your frame on top of it. Cut about one inch outside the frame to make your newspaper the same shape.
 - Fold the edges of the newspaper over the string and tape it

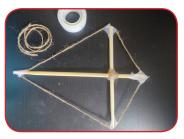
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