

# THE ART FROM RUBIN HOME



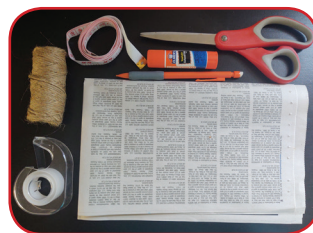
## SANKRANTI KITE

### ABOUT

During the festival of Makar Sankranti, young children across India build kites and compete in kite-flying competitions to honor the deity Surya 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)



### INSTRUCTIONS

- Step 1** With the help of an adult, cut the chopsticks or straws to be about 7 inches and 9 inches long.
- Step 2** With the help of an adult, make notches at each end of the sticks. 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.
- Step 4** Wrap string all the way around the edge of the kite, making sure it goes into the notches. Secure everything with tape.
- Step 5** Now it's time to add your newspaper (or any other type of thin paper)! 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.
- Step 6** Fold the edges of the newspaper over the string and tape it down securely.
- Step 7** Cut a piece of string the length of your kite, about 9 inches. Poke holes into the top and bottom points of the kite in the newspaper.
- Step 8** Tie one end of the string into the top hole and one end into the bottom 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.
- Step 10** Optional: Use ribbon or yarn to create a tail for your kite and tie it to the bottom.
- Step 11** You're ready to go flying!

