



MAKE A FLYING KITE

Simea and the kids from Motunui have fun flying their kites on the beach. Follow the instructions to make one for yourself and your friends.

YOU'LL NEED

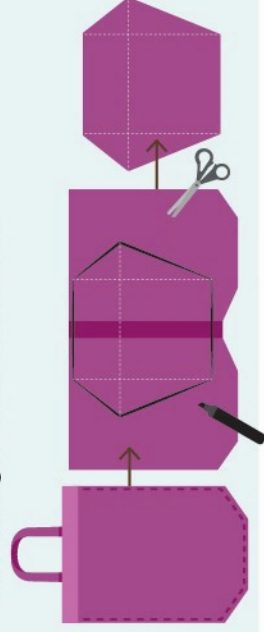
- Big paper shopping bag
- Drinking straws*
- Packing tape
- Safety scissors
- Stapler and staples
- Acrylic paints
- Paint brushes
- String
- Hole punch
- 1 small cardboard tube
- Crepe paper streamers
- Ruler
- Permanent marker

*If you don't have straws to use, try skewers with the sharp ends cut off!

STEP BY STEP

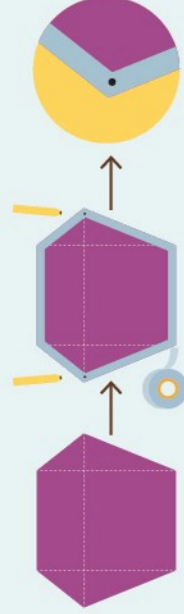
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Cut the bag along the edges to create a large rectangle. Use the ruler and marker to draw the shape shown in the image, and cut it out.



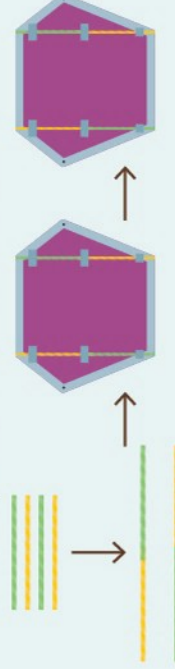
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Reinforce the kite's edges with packing tape. Then punch two holes at the kite's corners.



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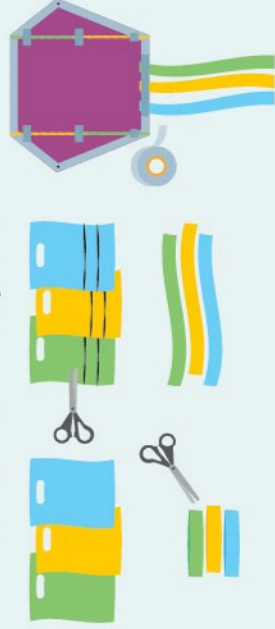
Insert one straw into another, pushing it in at least 3 centimetres. Combine multiple straws to achieve the kite's height. Repeat this process twice. Then tape the straws to the kite.



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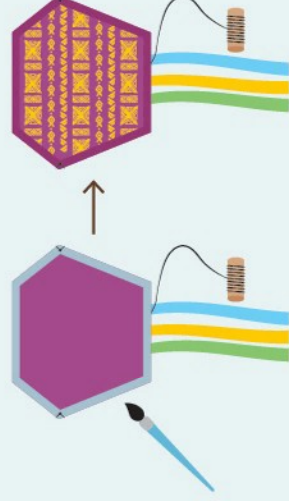
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Cut three streamers to make the tails. Attach them to the base of the kite with staples.



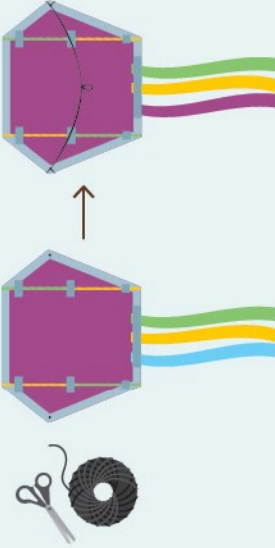
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Decorate the kite with acrylic paints.



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Cut a piece of string twice the width of the kite. Thread its ends through the two corner holes and tie a tight knot to make the bridle.



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Let it dry and . . .
your kite is ready to fly!



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Cut another piece of string to your desired length, considering where you'll fly your kite. Tie one end of the string around the cardboard tube and wind the string around it, leaving at least 45 centimetres free. Tie a small loop in the centre of the kite's bridle, and tie the other end of the string to the bridle.

