

Paper Bag Kite

Supplies:


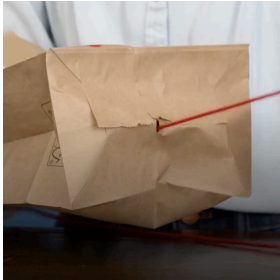

- 1 paper lunch bag
- Paper streamers (They can be red, white, and blue, or any color you'd like!)
- Art supplies
- Yarn or sturdy string
- Tape
- Craft sticks



Steps:

A close-up photo showing hands using scissors to cut strips of red, white, and blue paper streamers on a brown surface.	<p>Step 1: Start by making the kite's tail. Cut 2 red, 2 white, and 2 blue (or any color you'd like) streamers in various lengths.</p>
A close-up photo showing hands taping the cut streamers to the bottom edge of the inside of a brown paper bag.	<p>Step 2: Tape the six streamers to the bottom edge of the inside of the paper bag.</p>
A close-up photo showing hands using a white marker to draw stars on a brown paper bag. The bag already has some red and blue stars drawn on it.	<p>Step 3: Decorate the kite using art supplies, such as markers, paint, and stencils.</p>



	<p>Step 4: Cut a piece of string about 3 feet long and tie it in a tight knot around a craft stick.</p>
	<p>Step 5: Cut a small hole at the top of the kite and lace the string through the hole.</p>
	<p>Step 6: Pull the string through the hole until the craft stick sits flat against the inside of the kite. Now you're ready to fly your kite, just like Benjamin Franklin!</p>

Who is Benjamin Franklin, and what does he have to do with a kite?

Benjamin Franklin is considered to be one of America's most important Founding Fathers. He played a key role in drafting both the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution, and he helped end the Revolutionary War by successfully negotiating the Treaty of Paris in 1783. He was a diplomat, inventor, scientist, and publisher. His face is on the \$100 bill.

Fun Facts:

- As a publisher, Benjamin Franklin was famous for writing his “Poor Richard's Almanack,” a publication featuring weather forecasts, poetry, and his own thoughts, like “Early to bed, early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy, and wise.”
- As an inventor, he created the Franklin stove, bifocal eyeglasses, an instrument called an “armonica,” and more.
- In 1752, Benjamin Franklin conducted an experiment by flying a kite in the rain to show everyone that lightning was electricity. He made a kite and attached a wire to the top and hemp and silk strings to the bottom. He then attached a metal key to the bottom of the hemp string to see if it would conduct an electrical charge. After flying his kite for a while, he touched the key and felt a shock. He concluded that lightning must be electricity!
- Soon after, he invented the lightning rod, which helps to protect buildings from damage if they are struck by lightning.