

THE MIDLANDS KITE FLIERS

'SLED KITE'

Materials:

- Lightweight polythene (i.e. carrier bag)
- 2 thin sticks 30cm long (BBQ sticks, 3mm dowel or drinking straws)
- Tail streamer 2m long x 5cm wide (carrier bag or similar)
- Thin string or button thread for bridle
- Sellotape (not magic tape)
- Lots of thin string for flying line - wound onto handle

Construction:

- Cut kite shape as shown.
- The plan can be scaled up or down as necessary.
- Place the two sticks in position at the corners of the kite.
- Secure top and bottom of sticks with sellotape.
- Fold over any extra tape at the top and bottom.

- Cut the bridle line approximately 2m long (6 x height of the kite).
- Tie one end of the bridle line to stick.
- Secure with tape through point of wing, as shown.
- Try to smooth tape down without wrinkles.

- Repeat on the other side.
- it's easier with two people - one holding, one sticking.

- Fold kite in half, bringing the two points together.
- Tie a loop in the centre of the bridle.
- Attach flying line to the loop.
- Tape tail onto each bottom corner, removing any twists..

Your kite is now ready to fly but remember -

Safe Kite Flying is Happy Kite Flying

so observe the following at all times:-

- 60 metres maximum flying height.
- Do not fly near overhead cables of any sort.
- Do not fly over roads, railways or buildings.
- Do not fly within 3 miles of where aeroplanes take off.
- Do not fly over people or near animals, especially horses.

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