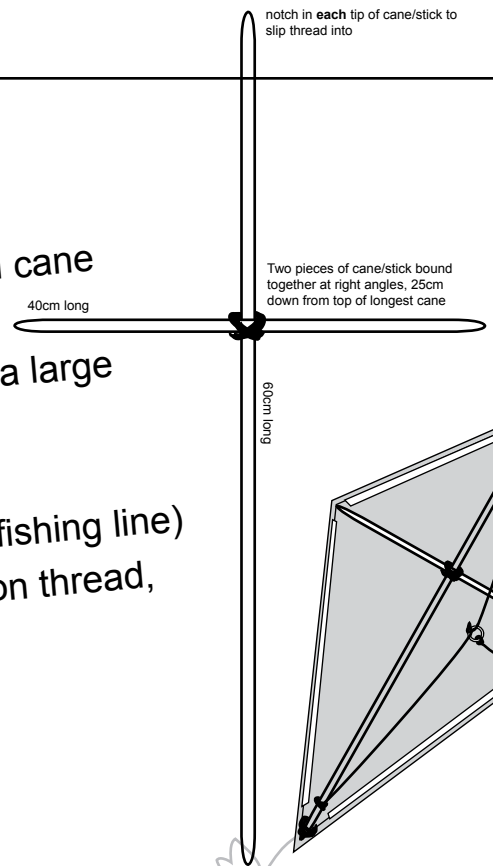
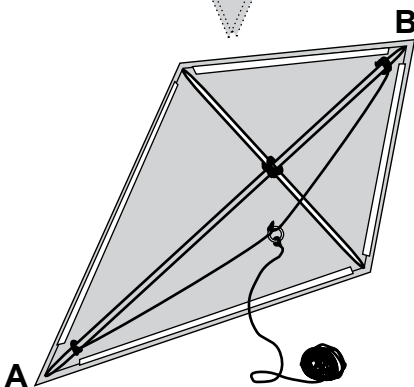
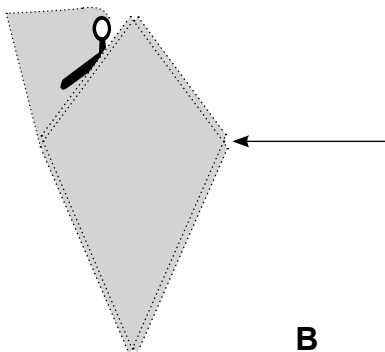
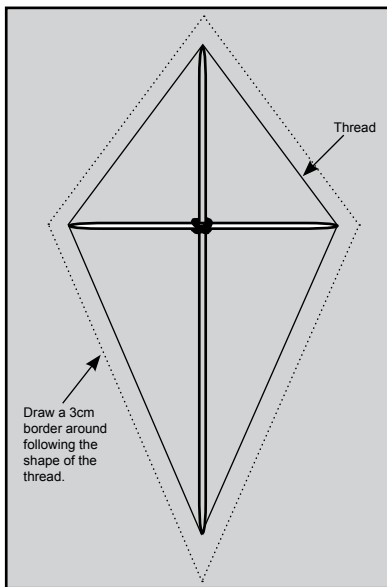


Make A Kite

You'll need:

- a 1-metre length of light bamboo cane, garden cane or very straight twigs
- a large sheet of stiff paper or plastic (such as a large rubbish bag)
- good quality adhesive tape (or sellotape)
- 30-metre ball of string or nylon line (such as fishing line)
- knife, scissors, ruler or measuring tape, cotton thread, a curtain ring
- tissue paper (optional)



1. Cut the cane into two pieces, one measuring 40cm, the other 60cm.
2. Using the knife, make a small slit or notch in each end of both pieces of cane (get an adult to help if necessary).
3. Measure 25cm from one end of the 60cm cane, and bind the other piece of cane horizontally across it with some thread. Make sure that the two pieces are at right angles to each other and that the binding is firm. This becomes the framework for your kite so it is important to get it right.
4. Stretch some thread around the outside of the frame, using the notches you made earlier to slip it into and secure in place.
5. Lay the sheet of paper or plastic on the floor and draw around the frame, allowing an extra 3cm or so for folding over.
6. Take the frame away and cut along the lines you have drawn, leaving spaces in each corner as seen in the diagram.
7. Lay the frame on the paper or plastic again, and fold it over the frame itself, sticking it down with the tape.
8. Take a 1.5-metre length of thread and tie it to the bottom of the kite as a tail. If you want to, tie some tissue paper to the tail in bows along the length or at the end.
9. Cut a piece of string about 90cm long. With the frame side of the kite facing towards you, tie one of the string to Point A (see diagram). Slide the curtain ring onto the string until it is about 3/4 of the way along and then loop the string through it several times to hold it in place, and attach the string to Point B.
10. Fasten the ball of string to the curtain ring and off you go, you're ready to fly!