

# How to make... paper kites

Suitable for ages 3 - 9 with a little adult help

## You will need:

- Paper
- Scissors
- String (a really nice long piece)
- Tissue paper or ribbon or fabric scraps
- Hole puncher
- Bamboo skewer or strong straw
- Tape
- Felt tip pens, colouring pencils or crayons
- Ruler
- Lolly stick, old paintbrush or a stick



If you enjoyed Marie Fortune's reading of *Eros and Psyche*, have a go at making this simple kite to fly through the wind like Zephyr, the god of wind. You could even decorate it with images of Psyche as she is being carried by Zephyr to Eros' palace.

## Instructions

### Step 1:

Fold a piece of paper in half lengthways.

OR

Print out our template, decorate and follow the cut and fold guides. Rejoin instructions at Step 8.



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### Step 2:

Take one edge of the paper and fold it up at an angle.



### Step 3:

Turn your piece of paper over and repeat on the other side.



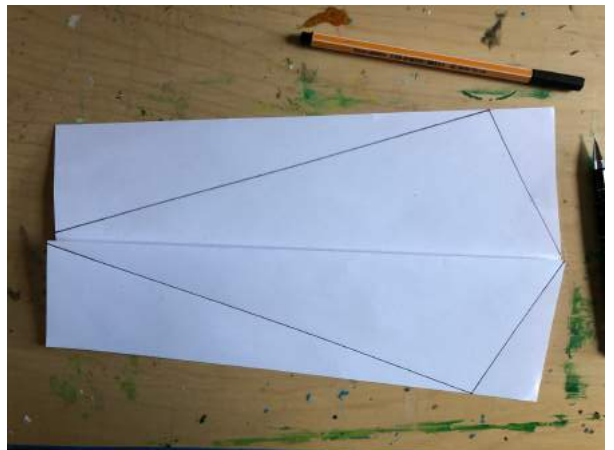
### Step 4:

Measure 4 - 6cm down from the top corner and mark. Draw two lines from this point to the opposite corners.



### Step 5:

Repeat with the other side.



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### Step 6:

Open up your piece of paper, ready to decorate. Use whatever you have - felt tip pens, crayons, stickers. You could draw Psyche or use our Psyche kite template.



### Step 7:

Cut away the corners of the paper to create your kite shape.



### Step 8:

Glue or tape your fold closed to create the kite.

If you are gluing and want to add streamers, either add them now (see steps 12 and 13) or leave the bottom open to add them later.



### Step 9:

Tape your bamboo skewer or straw across your kite. You may need to trim down your skewer, but do get an adult to help you with this.





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### Step 10:

Punch hole in line with your bamboo skewer or straw or where marked on the template.



### Step 11:

Tie one end of your long length of string to your kite through the hole.



### Step 12:

Cut strips of tissue paper or ribbon or fabric scraps and wind them together at one end.



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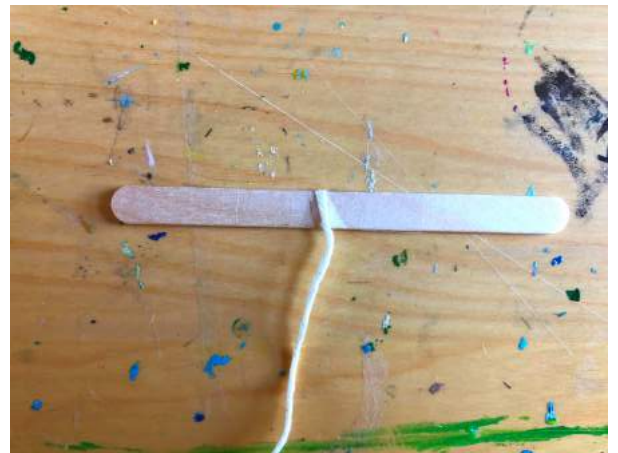
### Step 13:

Slot your bundle into the bottom of your kite, between the two sides of the paper and either glue, tape or staple into place.



### Step 14:

Tape the other end of your long piece of string to a lolly stick or old paintbrush or even a stick.



### Step 15:

Wind your kite string up around your lolly stick, old paintbrush or stick.

