

This is Ms. Susan from the Shorewood Public Library. From the words of the famous movie, *Mary Poppins*... "with tuppence for paper and strings-You can have your own set of wings- with your feet on the ground-You're a bird in flight-With your fist holding tight, to the string of your kite, Oh, oh, oh! - Let's go fly a kite". First, we have to make the kite! So pull out your scissors and grab your wealth of creativity and get started on this art project. Oh, and the word tuppence, is British form of twopence. In other words, for only pennies, you can have a grand adventure.



1-Choose a colored piece of paper or plain white, 8 1/2 by 11. Fold it in half on the long edge. Mark the short side, top and bottom, at 2 3/4 in., or the half way point. On the long side, measure 3 inches on down on both sides. Connect all the marks with straight lines. Cut out the kites. Decorate the outside of each kite as you like. If you have straws cut one just a bit smaller than the length of the kite and one to go across the kite. If you do not have straws, you can roll up paper and make a tube. Tie your kite string around the longer straw. Tie a light piece of string or yarn on the bottom of the long straw for the kite tail. Glue the straw down to the back side of the kite paper. Tie the cross straw on with a knot. Glue the ends of this straw down to the back of the kite to form a cross bow.

2-Cut a small hole in the second kite right in the middle. If you make a small fold in half, you will see where to cut. Pull the middle string through the hole. Glue this kite onto the back with the straws. One may be a bit smaller, so try to make the edge meet all around. You can secure the edges with tape. Add tape around the edge of the hole by the string to reinforce it. Tie cross pieces of yarn, string, or ribbon to the tail to add balance. You now have a mini-kite to go fly when the snow melts and the winds come! You can make two kites and share with a friend or family member. Hang a bunch of kites in the window to celebrate spring.

The winds of creativity are right, let's go fly a kite!

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