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# Homemade Kite



Although it is in their name, flying squirrels do not truly fly. They climb up high in trees and jump! Using a special piece of skin that stretches between their ankles and wrists called a patagium (pa-ta-gi-um), like a parachute they glide from the top of one tree to another one.

We may not be able to glide just like a squirrel but this kite can!

Materials:

- Paper
  - String
  - Stapler
  - Crayons
1. First things first! Color an entire piece of paper with your own design using crayons. (crayons will help to make the kite slightly waterproof if it gets wet)
  2. Once you are done coloring, fold the paper in half the short way.
  3. Put a mark along the fold at about 2 1/2 inches from one end.
  4. Now take two corners of the paper and staple them on the mark you made.
  5. Make a hole in the paper behind where you stapled the corners, and tie your string to the kite.
  6. Finally take it outside and see if it flies!

If it is not a windy day, you may need to run with your kite to get it to glide.

