

Dragon Kite Plan

Kite size: 1.5" wide by 6.5" long

Difficulty: Easy

Time to build: 15 minutes

You need very few materials to build this kite but they have to be just the right ones to keep the kite lightweight. When you build it right, this kite will fly indoors while you walk!

Materials:	
Sail:	Wrapping tissue or tissue paper only
Spars:	none
Tail:	This is a long kite that needs no additional tail
Line:	Sewing thread 18" long
Tools:	
Cut:	Scissors
Tape:	Cellophane tape

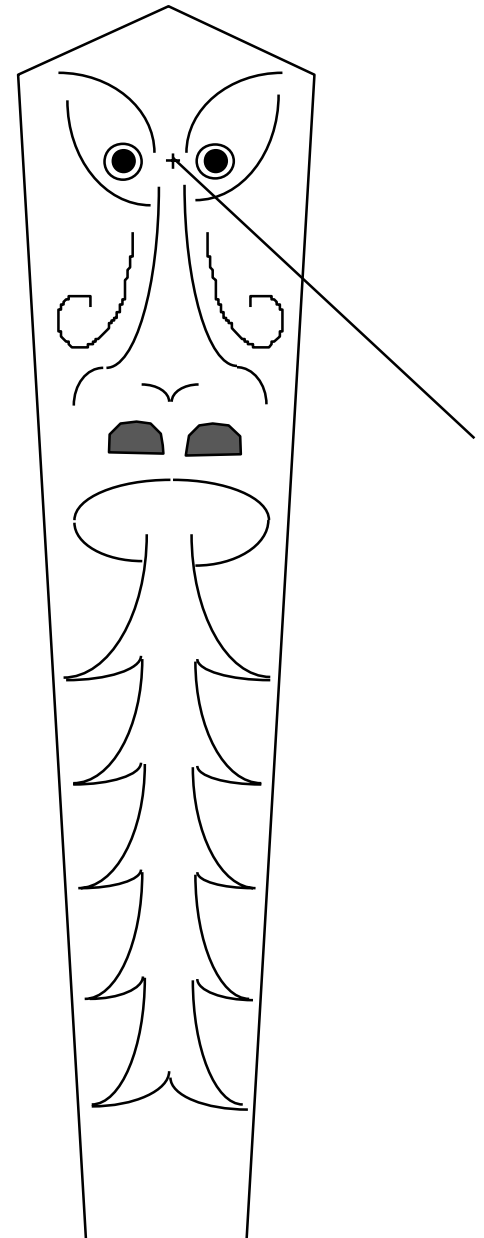
Construction Method:

1. Print this page and cut out the **template**.
2. **Trace the dragon** onto a piece of tissue paper and decorate the it using colored markers. Add fire, teeth, horns, whiskers, scales, smoke, eyelashes and more!

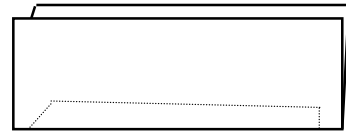
Note: In order to keep the kite as light as possible, do not use glitter, glue, paint or crayons, only magic markers.

Hint: Temporarily attach the template and tissue onto some scrap paper so they won't move around while you draw.

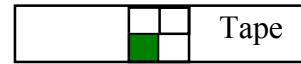
3. Remove the tissue paper and **fold it in half** with the dragon in the center. You may need to draw a line down the center of the paper to help you get a straight fold.
Note: Keep the decorations on the outside of the fold.
4. Make sure the **fold is straight**. If it's not straight, start over with another piece of paper.



5. While the tissue paper is folded in half, **cut out the sail** from the tissue paper using the template above, then unfold it.

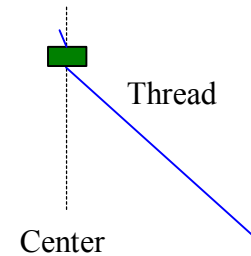


6. Cut a **square piece of cellophane tape**. Cut the square into four and choose one piece. It should be tiny.

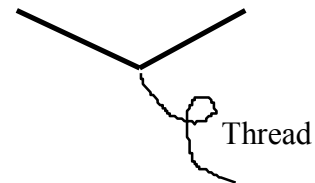


7. Use one tiny piece of tape to **attach the thread** onto the kite at the place shown on the plan with a “+” It should be exactly on the center fold. It should be on the front.

Hint: put the thread onto the tape first, then attach the tape to the kite.



8. This is the most important step. You must **refold** the kite so that it has the proper “V” shape. If the kite is too flat or too narrow it will not fly. Make sure the kite is not twisted or curled. Check it by looking at your kite from the top. It should look like this:



9. **Fly the kite** by walking slowly indoors. Moving the kite too fast will cause spinning and diving. Walk slowly at first with your arm extended, then walk faster until it flies. Enjoy!

