## Make A Kite Like Ben Franklin



Supplies Needed:

- Construction Paper (9"x12")
- 2 Pipe Cleaners ( $1-12^{\prime \prime}$ and 1 cut to 9 ")
- 2 pieces of twine approximately $12^{\prime \prime}$ each
- Strip of fabric approximately 12" (Franklin's would have been made of silk)
- Tape
- Paper Key
- One round head fastener



## Directions:

1. Tape the 12 " pipe cleaner down the middle of the construction paper
2. Fold the top two corners of the construction paper toward the middle to create a point at the top. Tape in place.
3. Tape the 9 " pipe cleaner underneath the folded paper perpendicular to the first pipe cleaner to make a " $t$ " shape.
4. Tape one piece of twine to the bottom of the 12 " pipe cleaner
5. Fold the bottom two corners of the construction paper towards the middle of the paper, creating a point at the bottom and points on the left and right sides, resulting in a classic kite or diamond shape. Tape corners in place.
6. Tie the piece of fabric to the bottom of the twine
7. Tape the paper key to the twine
8. Attach round head fastener to the top point of the kite with the ends pointed up (this is to mirror the metal piece Franklin placed on his kite)
9. Tie the second piece of twine to the center where the two pieces of pipe cleaner meet in the " $t$ " shape. This is where you will hold your kite to "fly" it.
