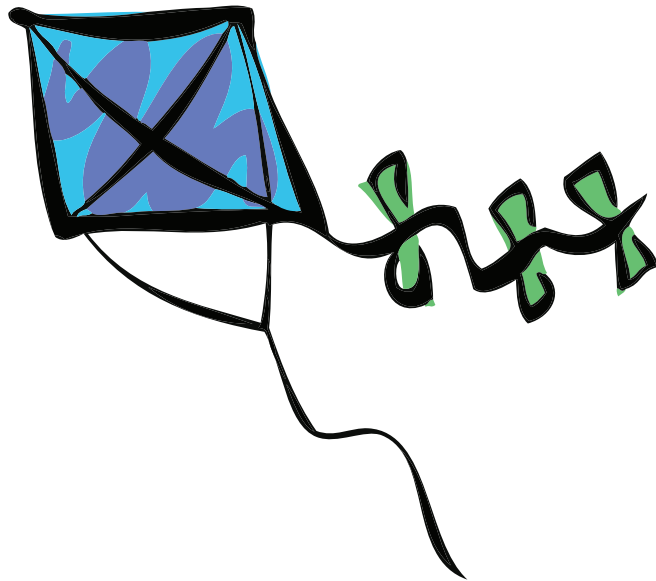


Jinhong, China Activity: **Make a Recycled Kite**



The Chinese have been building kites for over 2,000 years. Kites were used by ancient armies to spread messages, for artistic purposes, and by children just for fun. Traditionally, thin strips of bamboo are used for the frames and fine silk for the body. The swallow is a very popular design for Chinese kites. This kite will be a standard diamond shape, and easily made with items found around the house.

Materials:

- 1 plastic grocery bag
- 3 or 4 drinking straws
- Clear tape
- String
- Scissors

Step 1: Cut bag in half along seams

Step 2: Cut a diamond shape out of one side of the bag (a friend can use the other half).

Step 3: Lay one straw across the middle (shorter width) of the diamond.

Step 4: Lay the other two straws longways, so that they intersect with the middle straw.

Step 5: Tape the straws in place.

Step 6: Tie your string to the straws by running it under and around and knotting them.

Step 7: Decorate your kite with markers, or add a tail from the scraps of plastic bag.

Step 8: Go fly a kite!