

Japan - Kite Making

Objective: To build a kite, by following directions, that will demonstrate a common activity for Japanese children.
This lesson will also demonstrate how wind can be used as a source of energy for different activities.

Grade Level: Kindergarten and Elementary

Materials:

White Plastic Garbage Bag or a piece of rice/butcher paper
Markers - permanent for plastic
Wooden Dowels - 2 x 16"
Packing Tape
Kite String
Cloth for Tails

Procedure:

1. measure and cut the garbage bag or paper in a square shape that has diagonal dimensions of 20"
2. decorate the kite with markers
3. tape the dowels into an X shape
4. attach tape to the corners of the kite (square) to reinforce them
5. attach the kite to the dowels by taping the corners
6. punch holes in two opposite corners of the kite
7. tie string through the two holes, the string should be 30" long
8. make a loop in the center of the string you just attached
9. tie a flying string to this loop and go fly your kite