

Kite with Sarah's Silks

Materials:

An A3 sheet of good quality watercolour paper, watercolour paint and a paintbrush, a hole punch, a thin straight stick or dowel, a ball of string, sticky tape, a mini playsilk, a ball of yarn, coloured pencils, watercolour off cuts, scissors and glue for decorating (optional).

Step 1- Paint your A3 sheet of watercolour paper in the colours of your choice. When your painting is dry cut out the kite shape using the dimensions shown in the image (shared in comments).

Step 2- With the painted side of the kite facing upwards, carefully fold the wings of the kite inwards. Take your thin stick or a piece of dowel and cut two 5" lengths, using hot glue to attach the sticks to the painted side of the kite along the folds.

Step 3- Place a strip of sticky tape along the lengths of the outside of the kite wings, and three squares of sticky tape on the top of the kite next to each stick and on the bottom point of the kite. Next, use your hole punch to make five holes through both the tape and paper, at the centre of each wing edge, at the two top points and the bottom point.

Step 4- At this point you can further decorate your kite with a paper cut design or with pencils if you choose. We chose to make a smiling sun on our kite using watercolour offcuts and coloured pencils.

Step 5- Cut four 12" lengths of string and tie one end of each piece of string to the four points on the kite. Draw the loose ends of the string together at the front, centre of the kite and tie together securely leaving a short tail.

Step 5- Use your yarn to braid, finger knit or weave a 12" rope for your hand kite. Tie the loose end of your yarn rope to the knot in your strings.

Step 6- Take one corner of your playsilk and insert it through the hole on the bottom of your kite from front to back. Turn the kite over, pull the corner of the silk through and tie in a firm knot.

