

Lebanese (or Turkish) Kite

Traditional

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diagrammed by Jane Rosemarin

Materials:

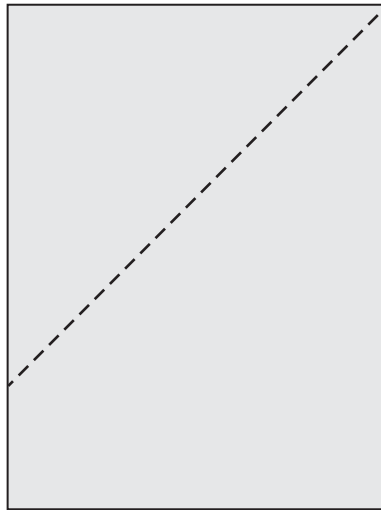
8½x11-inch heavy bond paper (24 lb.)

Heav-duty thread (like upholstery thread)

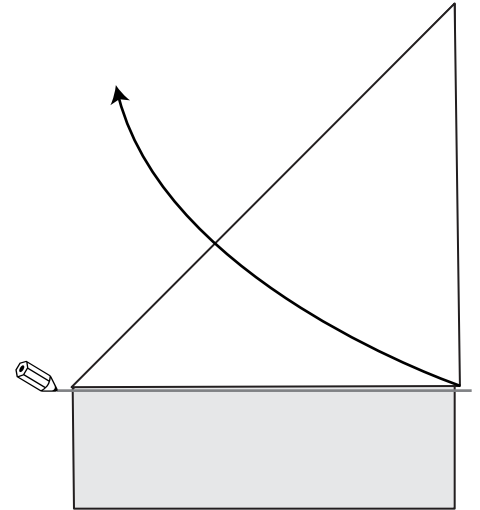
Scissors

Tape (optional: Use to reinforce paper before cutting
bridle holes)

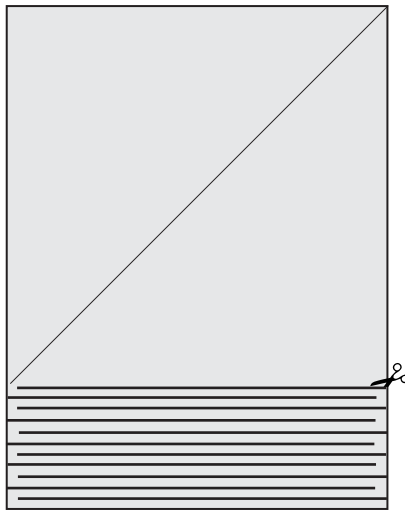
Markers or crayons to decorate (optional)



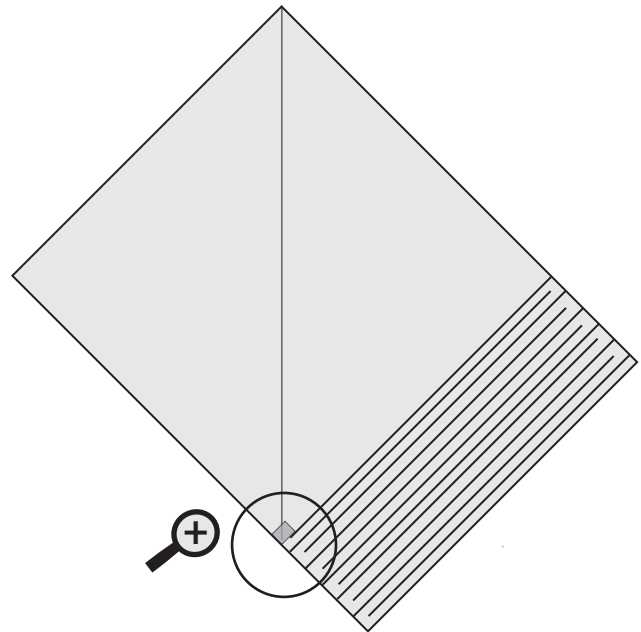
1. Decorate paper, if desired, before folding. Valley fold top left corner of shorter edge to create triangle.



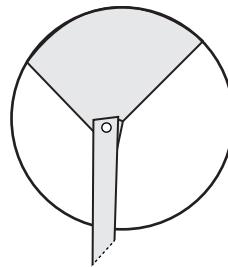
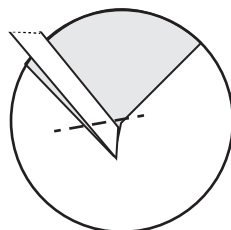
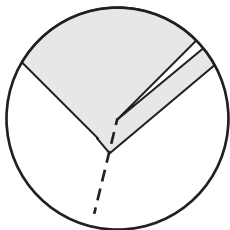
2. Draw a line immediately under the triangle.



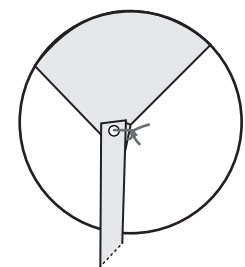
3. Make tail: Starting at right edge, make a cut on the line you just drew, leaving about a ¼-inch margin on the left side. Continue cutting ¼-inch strips, alternating cuts and leaving ¼ inch at margin. Strips can be up to ½-inch thick, but thinner strips make a longer tail.



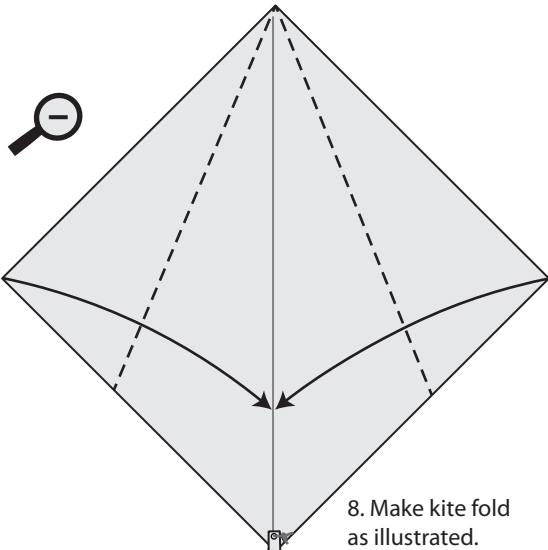
4. Optional: place a small piece of tape at the base of the square to reinforce the connection point.



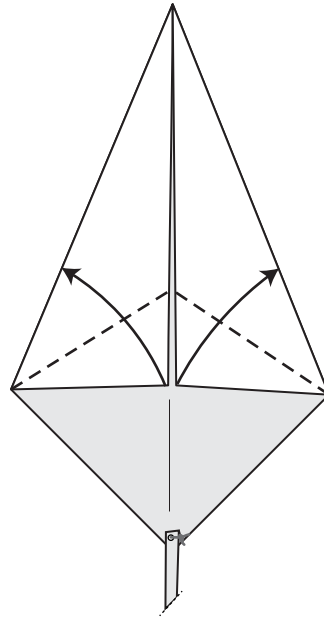
5. Place tape at front and back where hole will be, then make a pin hole through tail and kite.



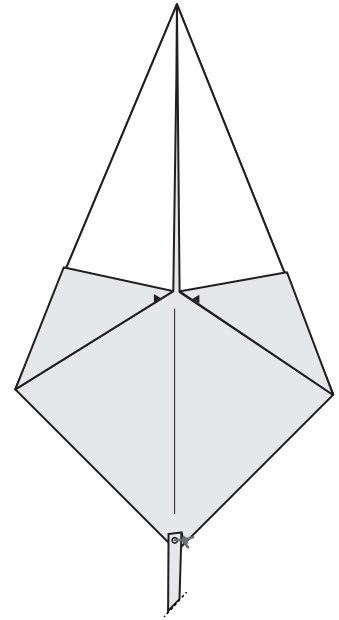
6. Insert a length of string, and tie to make a loose loop. The tail should be able to move a bit.



8. Make kite fold as illustrated.



9. Valley fold bottom flaps towards creased edges.

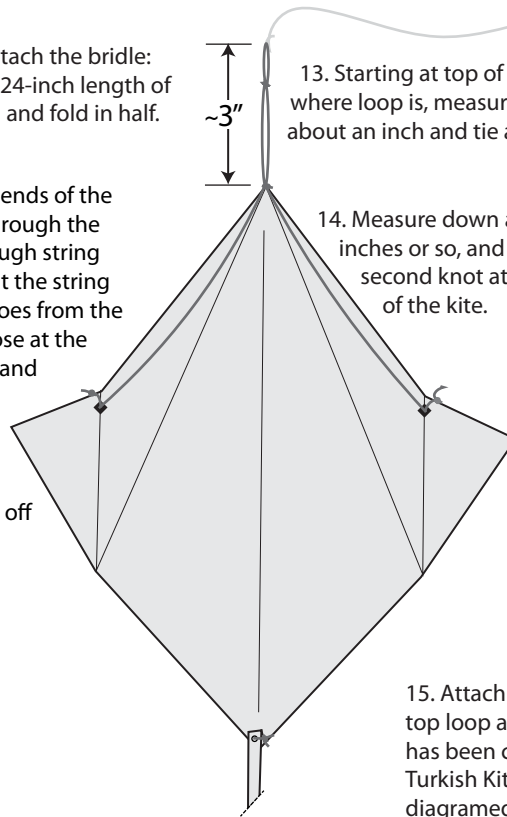


10. Place tape where you plan to make holes (optional), then make two tiny holes at the inside corner of each flap for attaching bridle.

7. Flatten tail at joints.

11. Attach the bridle: Cut a 24-inch length of string and fold in half.

12. Thread the ends of the bridle string through the holes. Pull enough string through so that the string on each side goes from the holes to the nose at the top of the kite and there is a loop around 3" long above the nose. Knot both ends. Cut off extra string.



13. Starting at top of the string, where loop is, measure down about an inch and tie a knot.

14. Measure down another 2 inches or so, and make a second knot at the nose of the kite.

15. Attach the guide string to the top loop and fly your kite! This kite has been called a Lebanese Kite or a Turkish Kite. I have never seen it diagramed.