

Some First Kite Ideas

A great first kite is a **plastic bag** with a loop of string tied between the two handles and the flying line tied to the centre of this loop. Sounds too simple to be true? Try it and see.

The kite most people think of as a “real” kite is a **diamond**. This is simple to put together – two sticks and a tail. This kite needs lots of tail as it is a top heavy kite and by no means the most reliable flyer.

Try a **three stick kite** – this is my “guaranteed to fly” workshop kite, and gives a really good surface for decoration. This one is good for teaching the principles.

An excellent flyer, and easy to roll up and take home, is the **sled**. This kite requires more knots, so I generally use it for workshops with older kids.

There are many kite plans available in books in libraries and on the internet. Search some out and see what works for you.

Check out the net. There are many websites about kites and some good educational sites have plans to use with kids workshops.

Kite kits can be supplied by Skylines and Bylines – check out our web site and see the options available – www.kites.co.nz/kits.html

