3-Straw Kite

Often we forget that kites need not be complex or expensive. Here is a kite design that is both simple and efficient. Best of all, the cost is quite low!

Materials needed:
- Two sheets of paper
- Three plastic straws
- Glue
- Tape
- Kite string or thread
- Hole punch

Making the Kite

Step 1: Cut one sheet of paper to size as follows: length = length of straw + six cm; width = length of straw.

Step 2: Fold and glue the top edge of paper over a straw.

Step 3: Fold and glue bottom edge over a straw. Leave one straw length between top and bottom.

Step 4: Tape the third straw vertically in the center of the back side of kite.

Step 5: Mark the holes for the bridle at the positions shown. Reinforce these marked areas with tape and punch the holes. Tie the bridle string so that it is about 10 cm to 15 cm from the face of kite.

Step 6: Attach kite string to bridle as shown.

Step 7: To make kite tails, cut 2.5 cm wide strips from the second sheet of paper, glue to kite. In light breezes, use fewer tail sections. In strong breezes, use more tail strips for added stability.