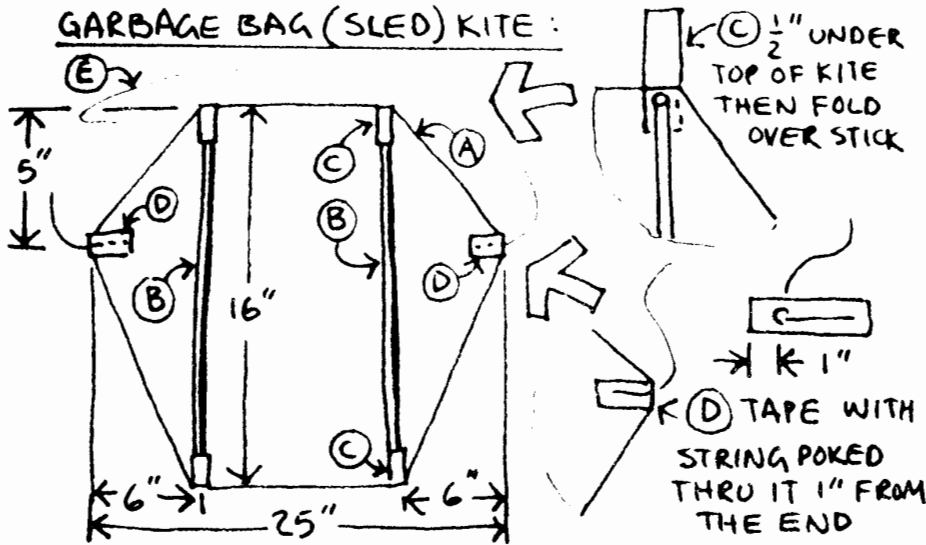


# KITE BASICS

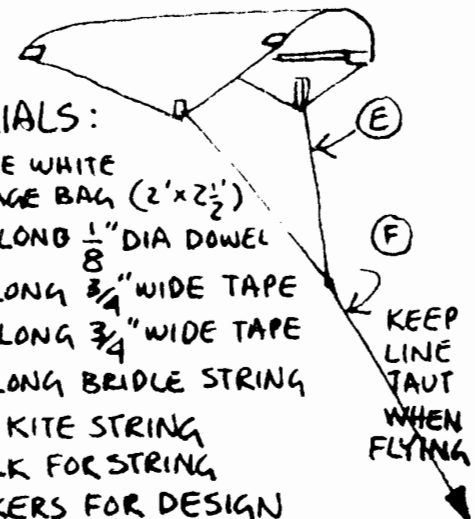
KITES HAVE BOTH AMUSED AND SERVED MAN FOR CENTURIES. KITES CAN BE PURCHASED OR EASILY AND INEXPENSIVELY MADE AT HOME OUT OF NEWSPAPERS AND GARBAGE BAGS (SEE BELOW). PLANS FOR MORE ELABORATE DESIGNS MAY BE FOUND IN MANY BOOKS AT THE LIBRARY OR ANY BOOK STORE. IF YOU ARE GOING TO BUY JUST ONE KITE BOOK I RECOMMEND THE PENGUIN BOOK OF KITES BY PELHAM (\$4.95). ANOTHER DELIGHTFUL ONE IS JEAN-PAUL MOUVIER'S KITES! (\$1.50) WHICH I ESPECIALLY LIKE BECAUSE IT ENCOURAGES PEOPLE TO CREATE THEIR OWN DESIGNS FOR KITES. THERE IS NOTHING COMPLEX TO UNDERSTAND ABOUT KITES - THE MAIN INGREDIENT IS PRECISION SO THAT THE KITE IS EXACTLY BALANCED. PATIENCE IS ALSO REQUIRED DURING TEST FLIGHTS. THE PROPER BRIDLE AND TAIL CONFIGURATIONS MAY TAKE SOME TIME TO FIND SO JUST RELAX AND ENJOY THIS PHASE. A LIGHT STEADY WIND IS BEST FOR MOST KITES. A FEW WORDS OF WARNING: THE MOST COMMON KITE INJURY IS ROPE BURN SO WEAR GLOVES - ESPECIALLY WITH MONOFILAMENT KITELINES. NEXT MOST FREQUENT INVOLVE FALLING. IT IS NOT EASY TO SEE WHERE YOU ARE GOING WHEN YOU ARE LOOKING BACKWARDS AT A KITE. DON'T FLY NEAR ROADS AS DRIVERS HAVE THE SAME PROBLEM. AVOID AIRPORTS FOR SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT REASONS, AND BEWARE OF KITE-EATING TREES.

## GARBAGE BAG (SLED) KITE:

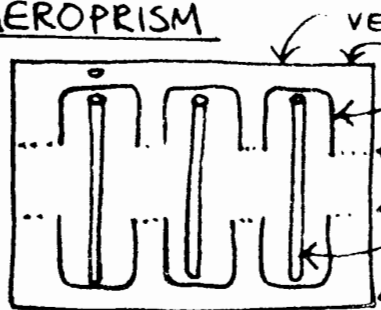


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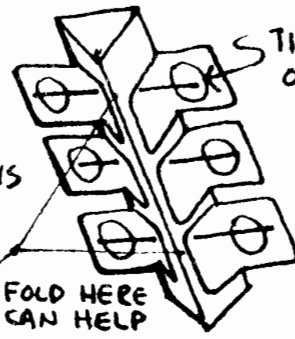
- (A) 1 LARGE WHITE GARBAGE BAG (2' x 2 1/2')
- (B) 2 16" LONG 1/8" DIA DOWEL
- (C) 4 2" LONG 3/4" WIDE TAPE
- (D) 2 4" LONG 3/4" WIDE TAPE
- (E) 1 6' LONG BRIDLE STRING
- (F) 50'+ KITE STRING
- (G) 1 STICK FOR STRING
- (H) MARKERS FOR DESIGN



## AEROPRISM



VERY LIGHT PAPER  
 CUT ALONG SOLID LINES  
 FOLD ALONG DOTTED LINES  
 LIGHT STICKS OR STRAWS  
 GLUE OUTER EDGES  
 FRONT VIEW:



TISSUE PAPER GLUED OVER NEAT CUTOUTS CAN LIGHTEN MANY KITES WHILE MAKING THEM COLORFUL WHEN LIGHT SHINES THROUGH THEM

## WHERE TO GET KITE STUFF:

- HEDDLES EYE: BEST KITE SELECTION IN TOWN, BOOKS, 1000' NYLON KITE STRING \$1.60
- L.G. STRIEGEL MFG CO.: 1223 ARCADE AVE LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY 40215 - WHITE TYVEK, BEST KITE MATERIAL 94DS. \$6.50
- AMERICAN KITEFLYERS ASSN. 7106 CAMPFIELD ROAD, BALTIMORE, MD. 21207 NICE QUARTERLY MAGAZINE \$6/YR, \$11/2YR, \$15/3YR
- GARRET PAPER 2" SPOOL 3PLY STRING \$5.20

- TOBIN'S: RATTAN, 1/2" DIA DOWEL 3' LG 11¢
- RAYDON DISCOUNT FISHING TACKLE: BRAIDED NYLON STRING, SNAP SWIVEL FITTINGS
- EASTWOOD TRUE VALUE HARDWARE: POLYETHYLENE TUBING & TOOLS
- WESTCOTT VARIETY: GROMMETS
- SYRACUSE UNIV. BOOKSTORE & SYRACUSE
- BLUEPRINT: BOOKS ON KITES, ALL ART SUPPLIES
- HAVE FUN!