

Persevere Toward Peace: Create a

“World peace is not only possible but inevitable.” –Bahá’í Writings

How do we know if our hopes can come true? People once thought humans would *never* fly. But in spite of dangers, inventors dared to dream and experiment. With creativity and perseverance, hot-air balloons and gliders were invented. In 1903, Wilbur and Orville Wright successfully flew the first powered and controlled aircraft. Afterward, air travel made incredible advances. Now over eight million people fly worldwide every day!

Just as humans flew into the skies, we can soar spiritually and create a peaceful world. It’s hard to imagine, but like aviation, people *can* achieve what seems impossible. To overcome the conflicts that keep us down, our powerful ingenuity and determination give us wings.

Make this cool glider to inspire you to soar. Name it for a virtue you want to practice. Have fun experimenting with its design and trying different ways to fly it.



You'll Need

- 5 3/4" x 2 1/8" (14.6 x 5.4 cm) piece of paper
- 7 3/4" (19.7 cm) thin drinking straw
- two 10" (25.4 cm) foam plates
- 2" x 3" (5.1 x 7.6 cm) index card
- 3/4" (1.9 cm) duct or masking tape
- wedge-shaped cap eraser
- permanent markers
- pen
- ruler
- scissors

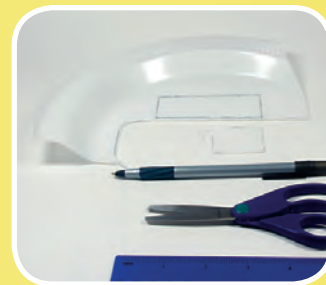
1 For wing shape, fold paper in half so long edges meet. On one open end, cut through both layers to round corners. Open paper.



2 Trace paper wing shape twice onto plates. Cut out foam wings so they're even.



3 For glider's tail, cut out two rectangles from plates—1 1/4" x 3 1/4" (3.2 x 8.3 cm) and 1 1/4" x 1 1/2" (3.2 x 3.8 cm). Cut off one corner of smaller rectangle so it's rounded.



4 Draw line across center of large rectangle. Repeat on other side.



COOL Glider



- 5 Tape sides of short, straight edge of small rectangle to large rectangle, so it stands up on line.



- 6 Tape end of straw to line on bottom side of long rectangle. Tail's rounded edge should face glider's front.



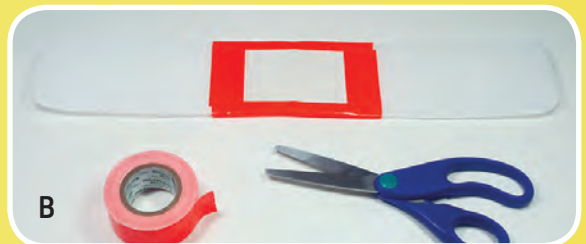
- 7 Tape short, straight edges of wings together. Flip wings over.



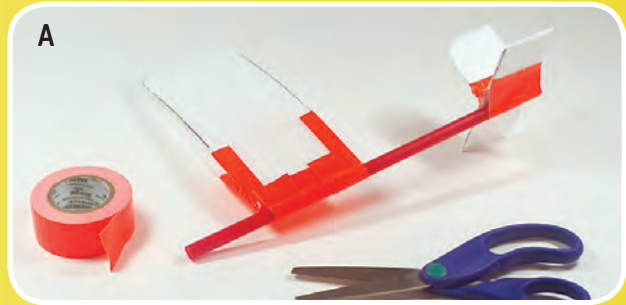
- 8 A. Fold index card in half so short ends meet, then open card. With wings lying flat, place card's crease over seam of wings.



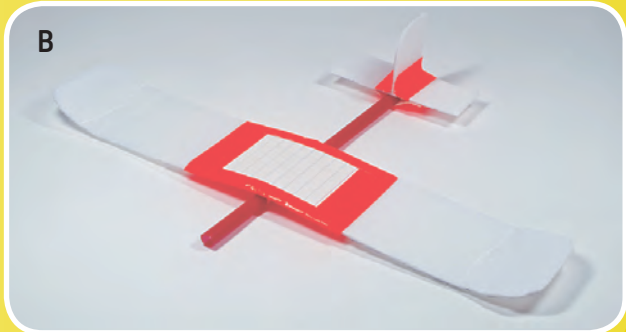
- B. Tape all edges of card to wings.



- 9 A. Fold wings up and tape straw along seam that's without index card. 1½" (3.8 cm) of straw should extend forward past wings. Make sure plane's tail points up.



- B. Open wings. Fold wings down along seam (without crushing straw) so wings lie flat on table, then gently press wing tips slightly upward.



- 10 For glider's nose, center eraser's open end on straw's open end. Secure with tape. Decorate glider with markers, avoiding tape and straw. Now it's ready to fly!

