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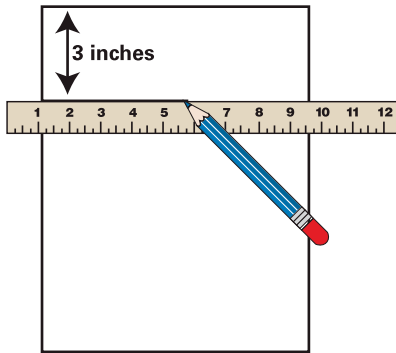
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How to Make a Paper Flyer

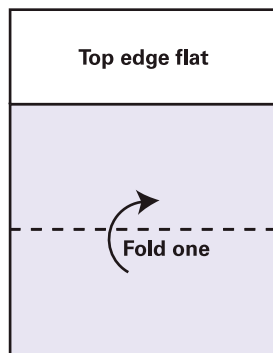
Materials: 8½-in. x 11-in. piece of paper, pencil or pen, colored pencils, crayons or markers, ruler and clear tape.

Procedure

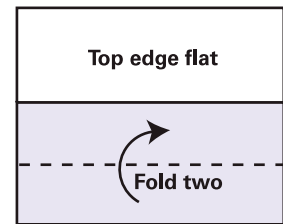
1. Lay the paper in front of you vertically on the table.
2. Use the ruler and a pencil to draw a line across the paper, three inches from the top.



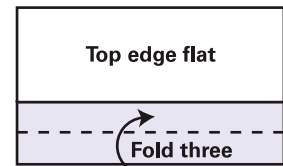
3. Fold the bottom edge of the paper up to the pencil line and crease the paper on the fold.
4. Fold the bottom edge of the paper up to the pencil line a second time and crease the paper on the fold.



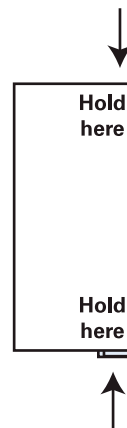
5. Fold the bottom edge of the paper up to the pencil line a third time and crease the paper on the fold.



6. You should have a piece of paper with a thick band of folded paper at the bottom. The thick band should be about 1 inch tall.



7. Flip the paper over. Hold the thick band of folded paper together so that it stays

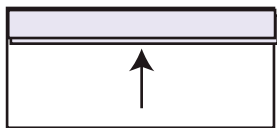


“closed.” Carefully rub the entire sheet of paper against the edge of a table.

Do this several times. This will strengthen the creases on the folded band. It also will give the whole sheet of paper a slight curve.

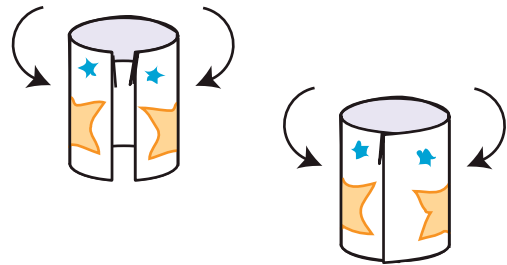


8. Lay the paper down so that the thick band is face down on the table. Use colored pencils, crayons or markers to decorate the side that is facing you.



9. Stand the paper up vertically with the thick band at the top. The thick band should be facing you.

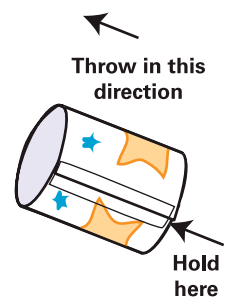
10. Bring the edges of the paper together to form a cylinder. Gently slide one band inside of the other band.



11. Tape the seam shut.



To sail your flyer, hold it at the bottom, between your thumb and fingers with the “band” end facing away from you. Throw it overhead, like a football.



With adult help, flyers may be made from cans that have a metal rim on one end (for example, soft drink, tennis ball or potato chip cans). Use a can opener or scissors to remove both ends of the can, but leave the top rim in place. Smooth any sharp edges with sandpaper or cover the edges with masking tape. Throw the flyer overhead with the rim (heavier side) facing forward.