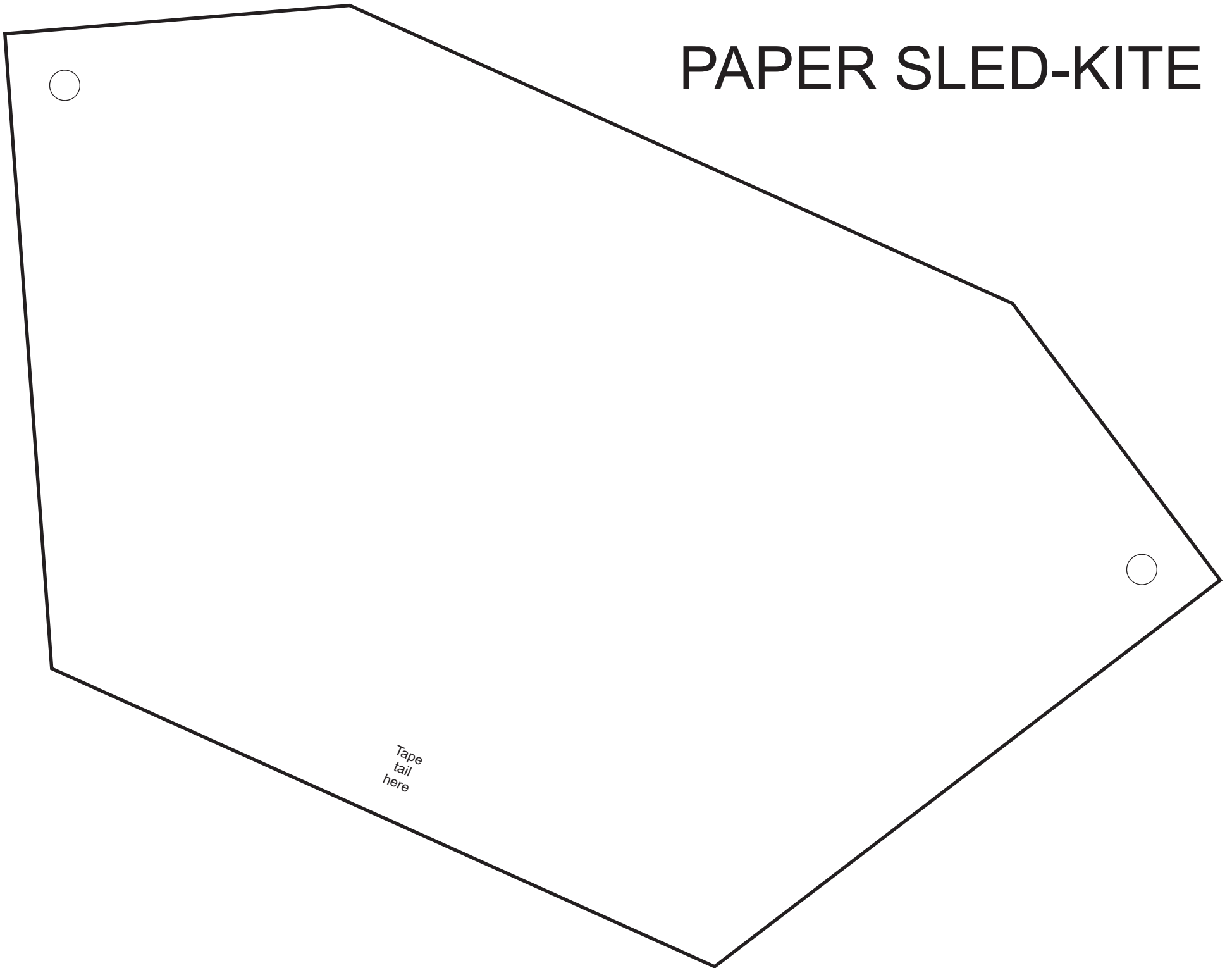


PAPER SLED-KITE



Tape
tail
here

INSTRUCTIONS:

Copy pattern before making any changes.
On copy, apply desired graphic/statement in center of kite.
Make copies.

Note: If you plan to use this pattern to make a larger kite or make the kite out of ripstop nylon or tyvek, plan on using spars. These may be dowel rod or soda straws depending on the size you choose. Spars are not required for paper construction of kite's original size.

Cut out the kite pattern following the outline of the pattern. For making many kites, a paper cutter is handy.

Place a piece of transparent tape over the circles where the holes will be punched. Fold the tape over the edge to cover underside of hole. (You could use notebook reinforcements but tape is easier.)

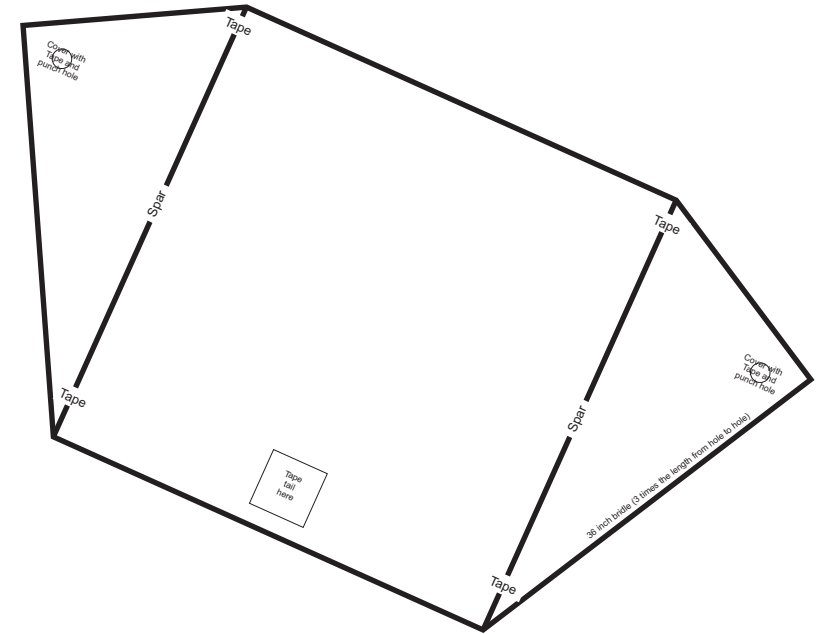
Punch the two holes.

Bridle: A string that is 3 times the distance from tip to tip (11 inches) of kite body (33 inch for standard pattern). Attach one end of the bridle string through one hole in the kite and tie. Do the same for the other end of the bridle. **IMPORTANT.** Carefully bring the two ends together and stretch the string to find the center. Tie a loop in the center of the bridle. Attach the kite line (when finished with kite construction) to this loop.

Tail: Calculator rolls make excellent tails or cut strips of paper about 1 inch wide and tape together. Make tails about 3 feet long. Either cut off or add to tail to adjust for wind strength.

Kite Line: Use a light weight string. **DO NOT USE THREAD.** Thread will cut into skin easily. Cut string in about 25 foot lengths. Tie to cardboard reel and wind line. Tie loose end in loop of bridle.

Reel: Cut cardboard about 2 inches by 4 inches. With scissors, cut a slit in each end on the 4 inch side. This will help keep the line from unraveling when it is slid into slit.



Make yourself a kite BEFORE having the children make them.

