

Do-It-Yourself Helicopter

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Here's what you'll need:

- drinking straw
- paper clip
- paper
- tape

Here's what you do:

1. Tape a paper clip to the end of a drinking straw.
2. Cut a piece of paper (regular printer paper, not too thick) about 4 inches long and 1 ½ inches wide. Cut a slit down the middle, to about 1 inch from the end. Tape this on the other end of the straw. (You can decorate it if you want.)
3. Make sure there is a clear space with no people or breakables in the way. Throw the straw up in the air, aiming it like a paper airplane, with the paper clip end heading up and out. When the air catches the flaps of paper, they spread out and bring your helicopter slowly down to the ground. (It might take a few tries to get the trick of throwing the best way.) Then try using shorter or longer straws and pieces of paper. What size works best?

