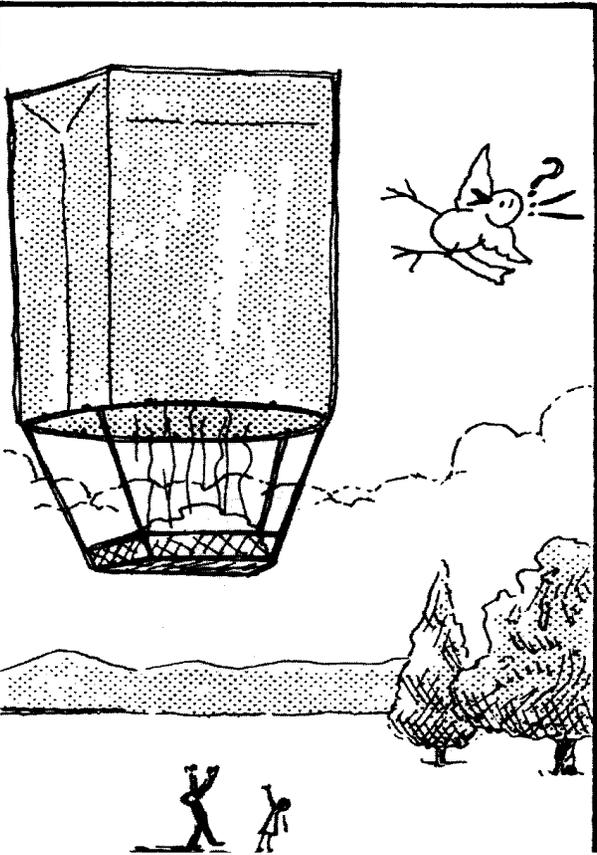
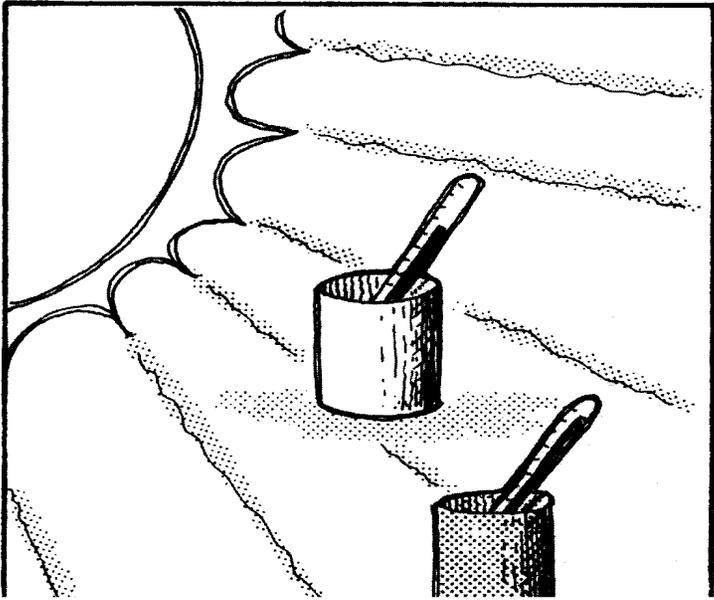
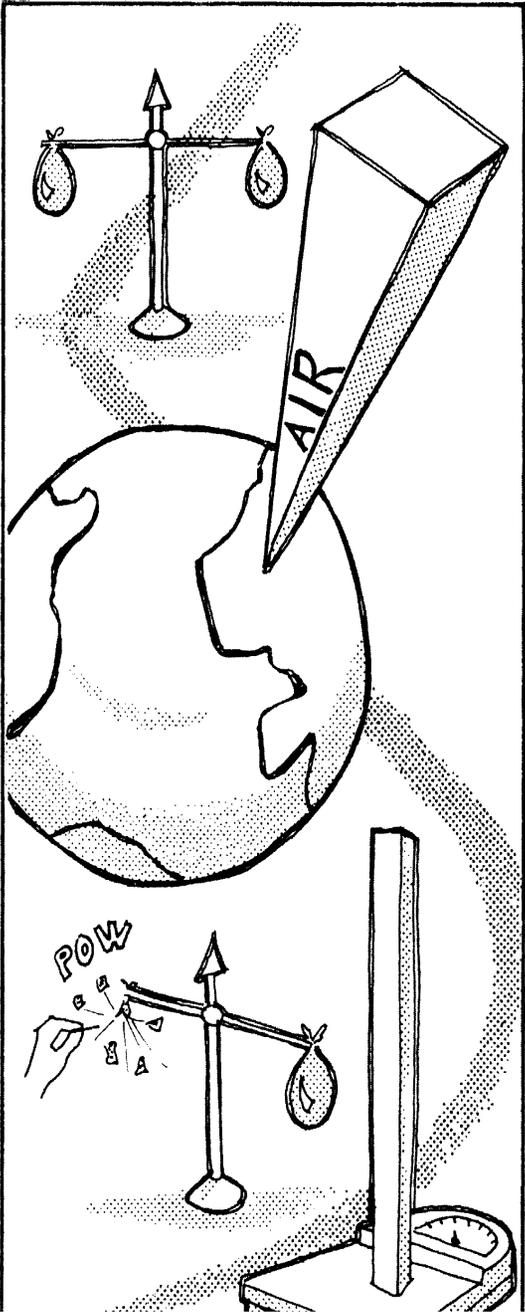
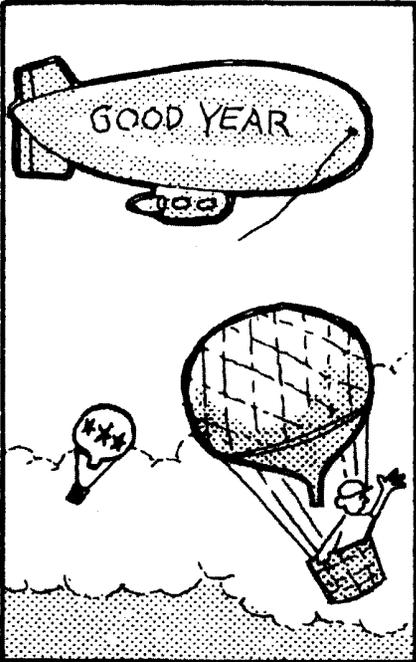


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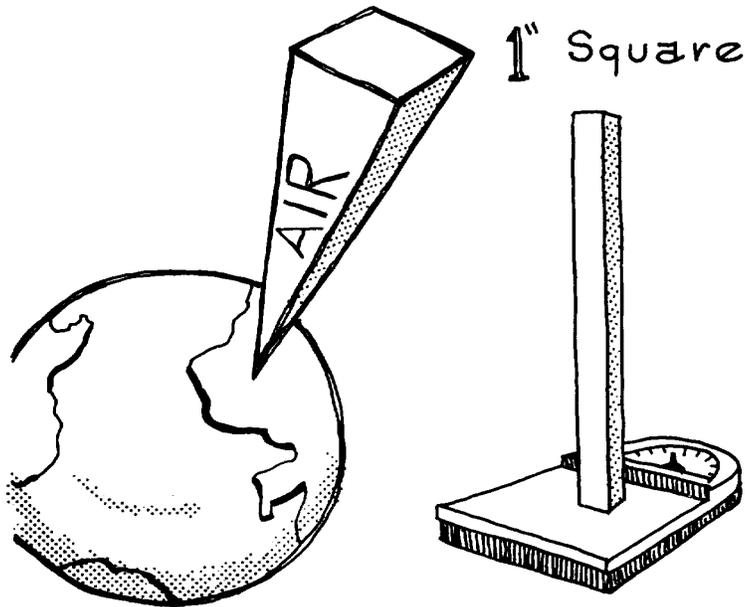
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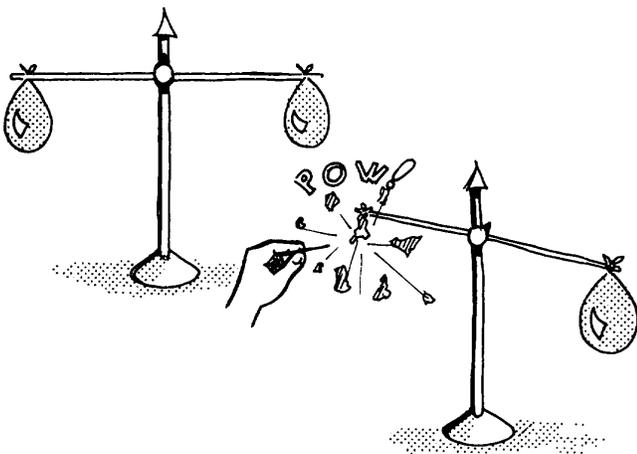
LA-1

The air envelope around the earth extends about 500 miles above us. It is made of very tiny molecules barely measurable. One column of air, one square inch from earth to outer space weighs about 15 pounds.



MATERIALS:
Balance
2 inflated balloons
Pin

Balance two inflated balloons on the scale. Pop one of them with a pin. When the air leaves the broken balloon, it weighs less and rises.

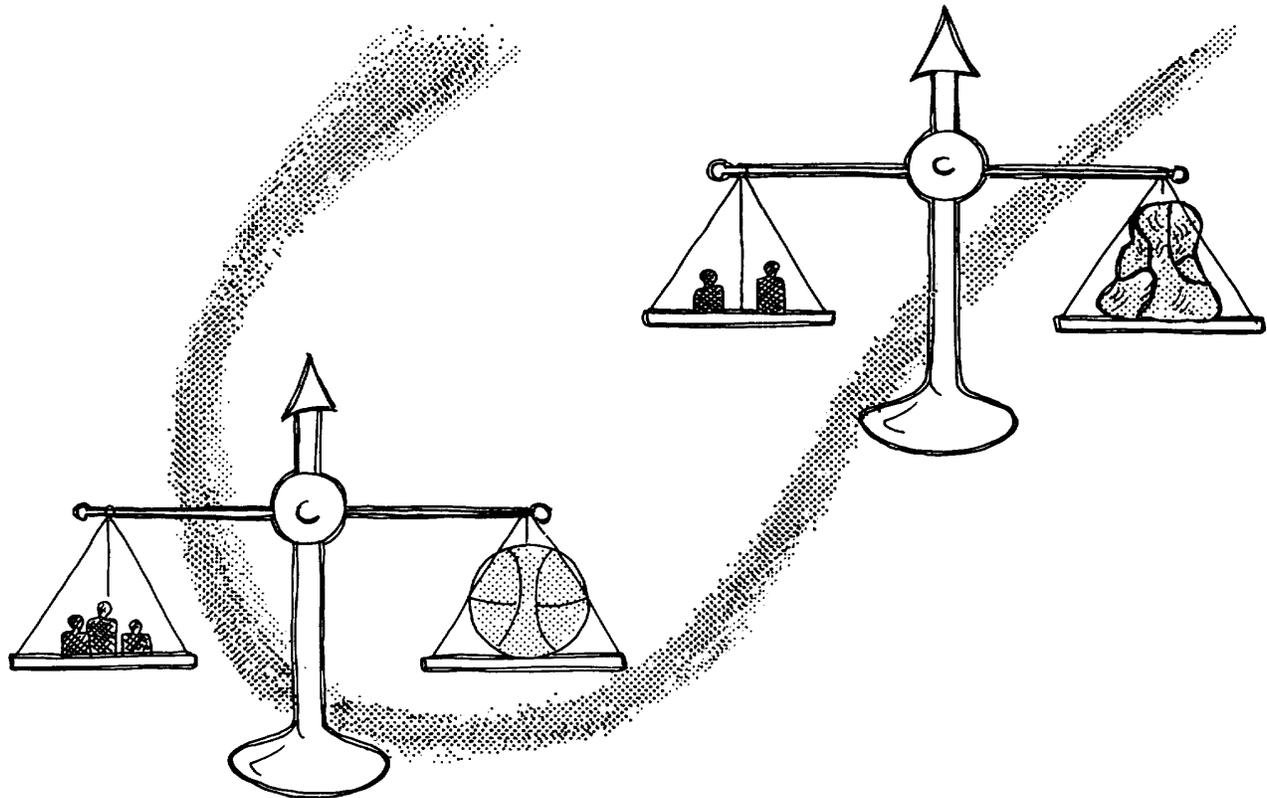


WHICH IS HEAVIER, AN INFLATED BASKETBALL OR A DEFLATED ONE?

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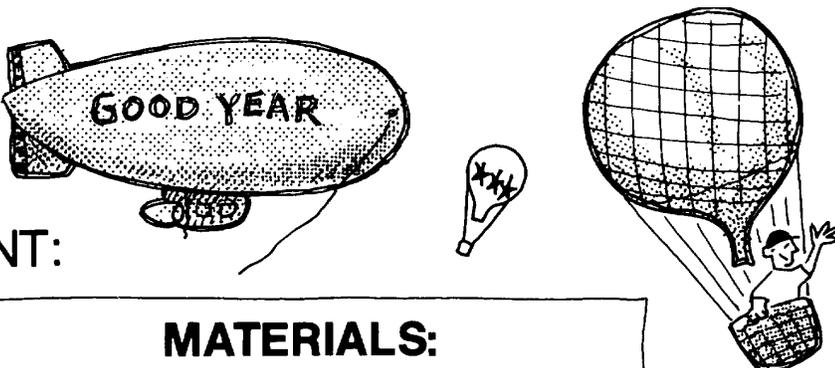
MATERIALS:
Basketball (inflated)
Scale Weights

Weigh an inflated basketball. Record the weight.
Remove the air from the ball. Weigh it again.
Compare the weights.

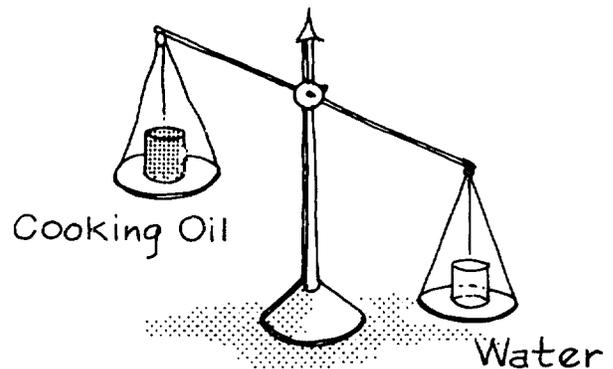
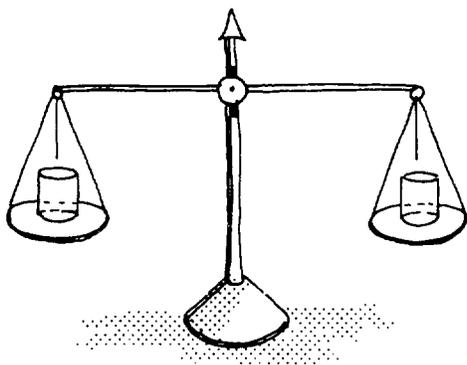


Blimps, balloons, and other lighter-than-air craft fly because they are lighter than air surrounding them. They float upward like a hollow ball floats to the top of water.

EXPERIMENT:



MATERIALS:
Balance Cooking oil
Water
2 Containers of equal weight



Balance the two containers on the scale. Add equal amounts of water and cooking oil to each container. The amount is not important. One drop of water will always be heavier than one drop of cooking oil because water is heavier than cooking oil.

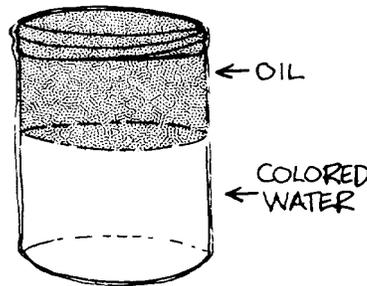
Now that we have established that water weighs more than cooking oil, let's try something else. What happens if we mix the two?

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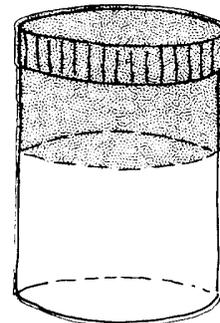
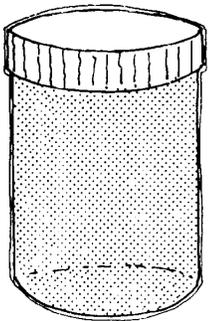
Jar & lid Cooking oil
Water Food coloring

Fill the jar half way with Cooking oil. Add colored water until it is

to the top. What happens? Now put the lid on the jar and shake it for about 10 seconds. Let it stand for several minutes. What is happening?



Look at it again in 30 minutes. Why is it back to its original condition?



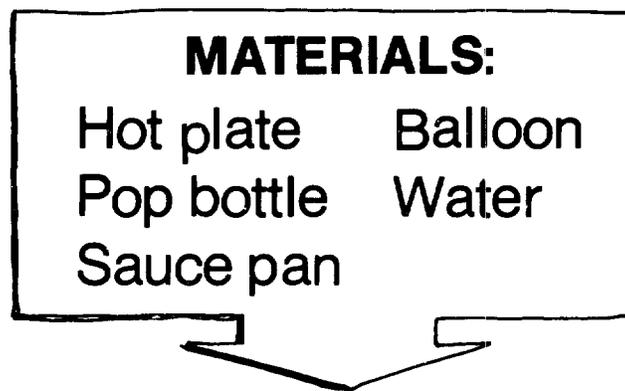
Oil is pushed upward because it is lighter than water. Air will push a lighter substance upward in a similar way. Hot air is one of these lighter substances.

IT'S FULL OF HOT AIR!

LA-5

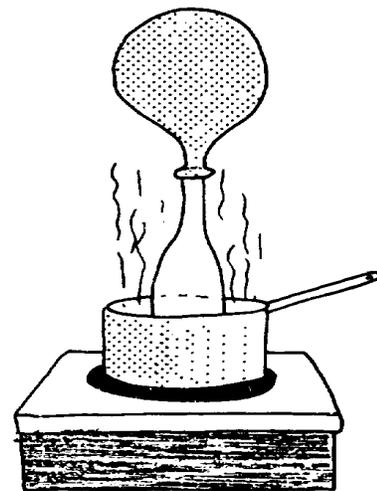
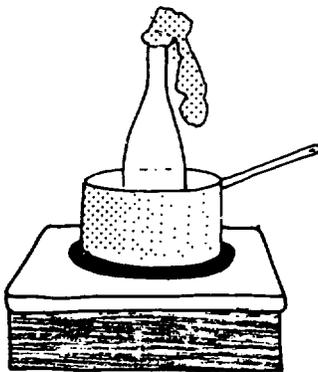
This activity should be done only with the supervision of the teacher or other designated adult.

Hot air is light because the molecules of air move faster when heated. Water molecules also move faster when heated. You can see the results of heated water as you watch it boil. As air molecules "boil" or move rapidly, they spread out and are fewer in a given area.



Put some water in a sauce pan and place it on the hot plate. Put the balloon over the top of the pop bottle and place the bottle in the water. Heat the water. As the air molecules in the

bottle warm, they begin to spread out and fill the balloon. There are fewer air molecules left in the bottle so air in the bottle weighs less than it did before it was heated.



WHAT HAPPENS WHEN AIR IS HEATED?

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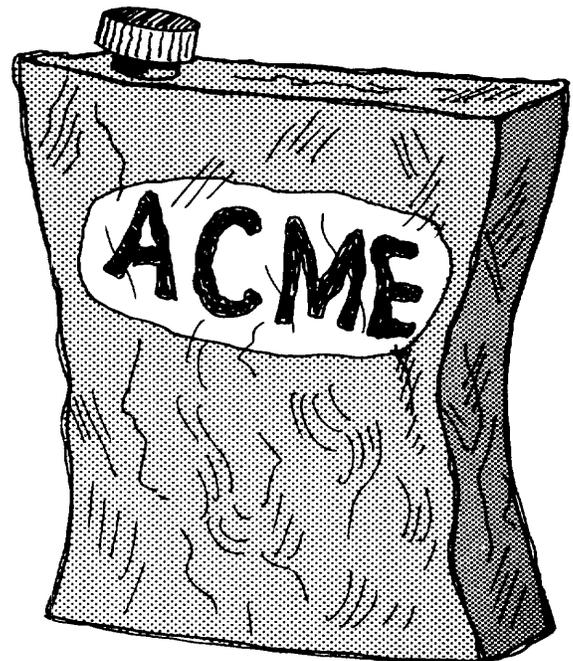
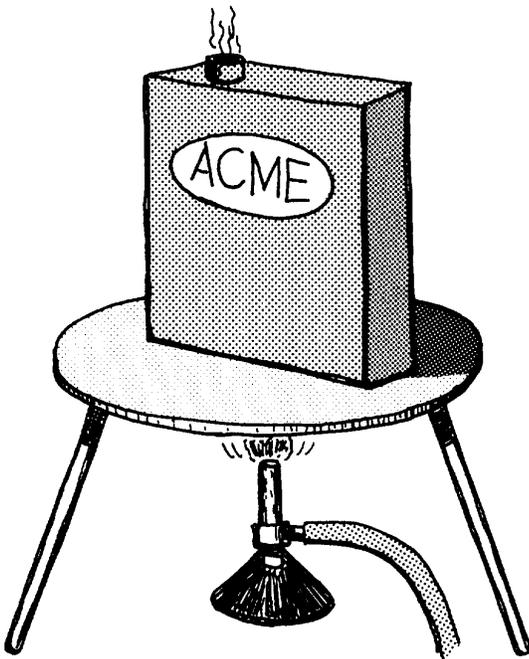
This activity should be done only with the supervision of the teacher or other designated adult.

MATERIALS:
Four sided can
Water
Heat source

Put a small amount of water in a can.

Heat the water until it boils and steam from the boiling water drives the air out of the can. Allow the water to boil for a few minutes.

Remove the heat source and screw the lid on the can tightly.



Watch the can

Why does this happen?

WHERE DOES HOT AIR GO?

LA-2

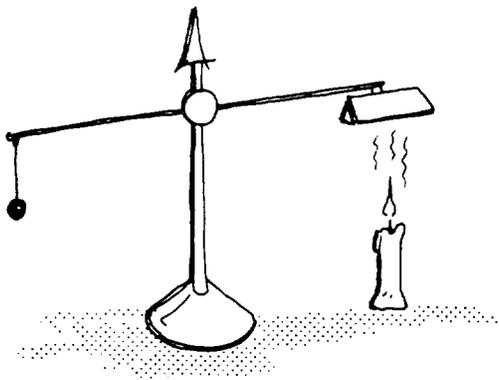
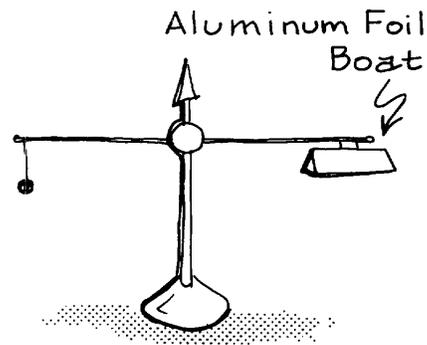
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Because hot air is lighter, it is pushed upward by cooler, heavier air. (Remember the oil and water?)

MATERIALS:

Balance Candle
Aluminum foil
Washer (or other light weight)

Make a large hollow shape out of aluminum foil. Attach it to one arm of the scale. Attach enough weight to the other arm to balance the scale. Hold a candle under the foil.



As the flame heats the air, it becomes lighter and surrounding air will push the hot air and foil upward. Other, gases that are lighter than air are hydrogen and helium.

You can make a hot-air balloon with a controlled heat source.

MATERIALS:

A light paper bag

Cotton balls

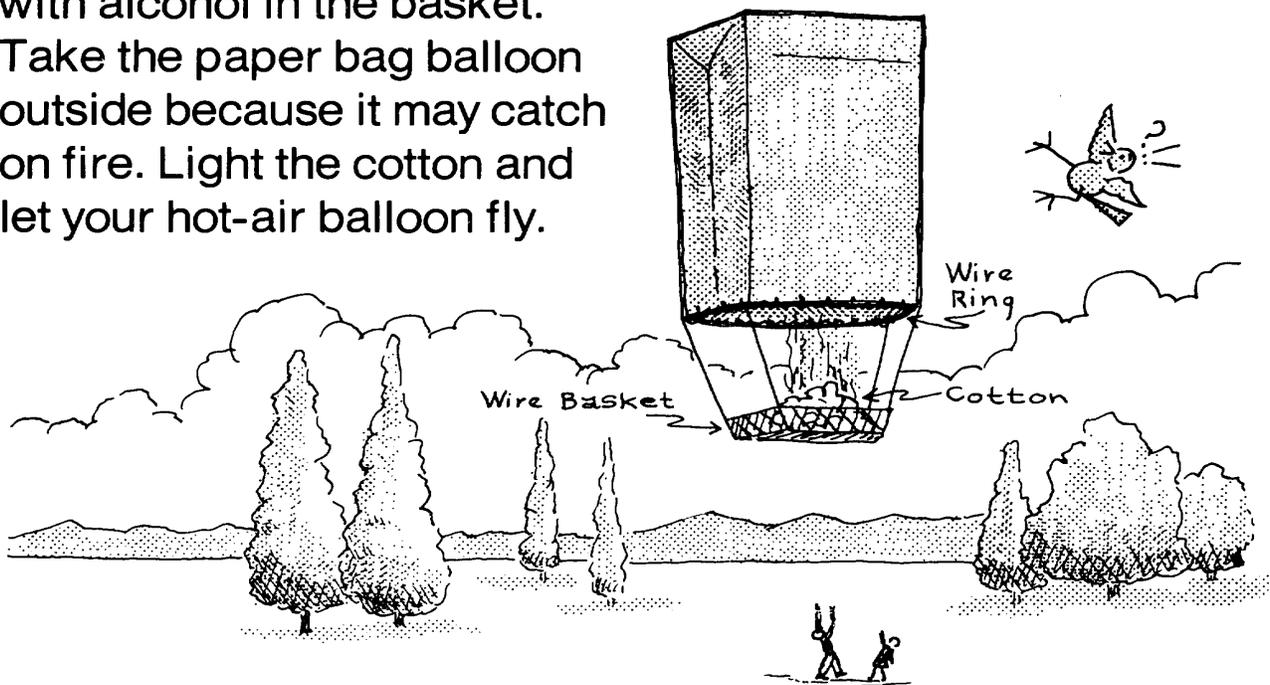
Alcohol

Wire Matches

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Try a simple paper bag balloon. First, make a simple basket and ring from lightweight wire. Attach the ring to the mouth of the bag. Place the cotton dampened with alcohol in the basket.

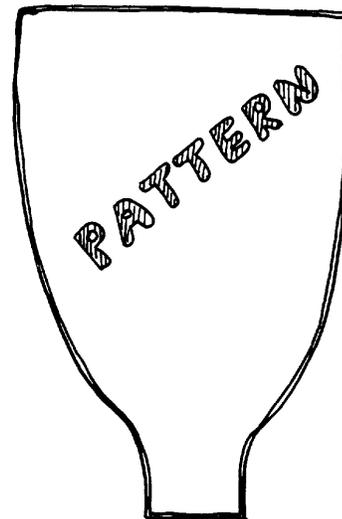
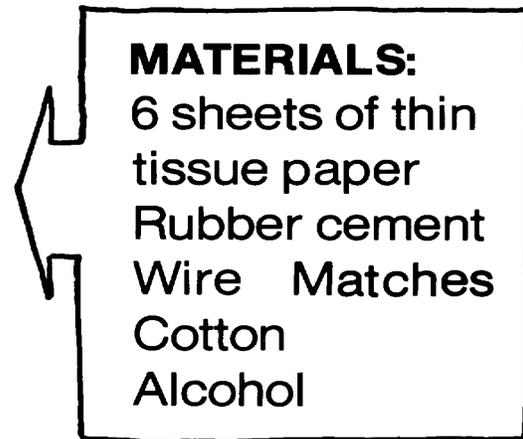
Take the paper bag balloon outside because it may catch on fire. Light the cotton and let your hot-air balloon fly.



Now let's really get serious about this hot-air balloon business. Let's build a model with a better shape and much better lifting power. In fact you will probably need to attach a kite string so this one will not drift away.

Cut the 6 sheets of tissue paper in the shape of the pattern shown. Overlap the sides of the six sheets paper and secure with rubber cement. Cut and glue a circular piece of tissue paper to the top. Make a wire ring and basket and attach to the mouth of the balloon. Take your balloon outside, dampen the cotton with alcohol, carefully light it and let it go (remember to tie a string to it if you don't want to lose it).

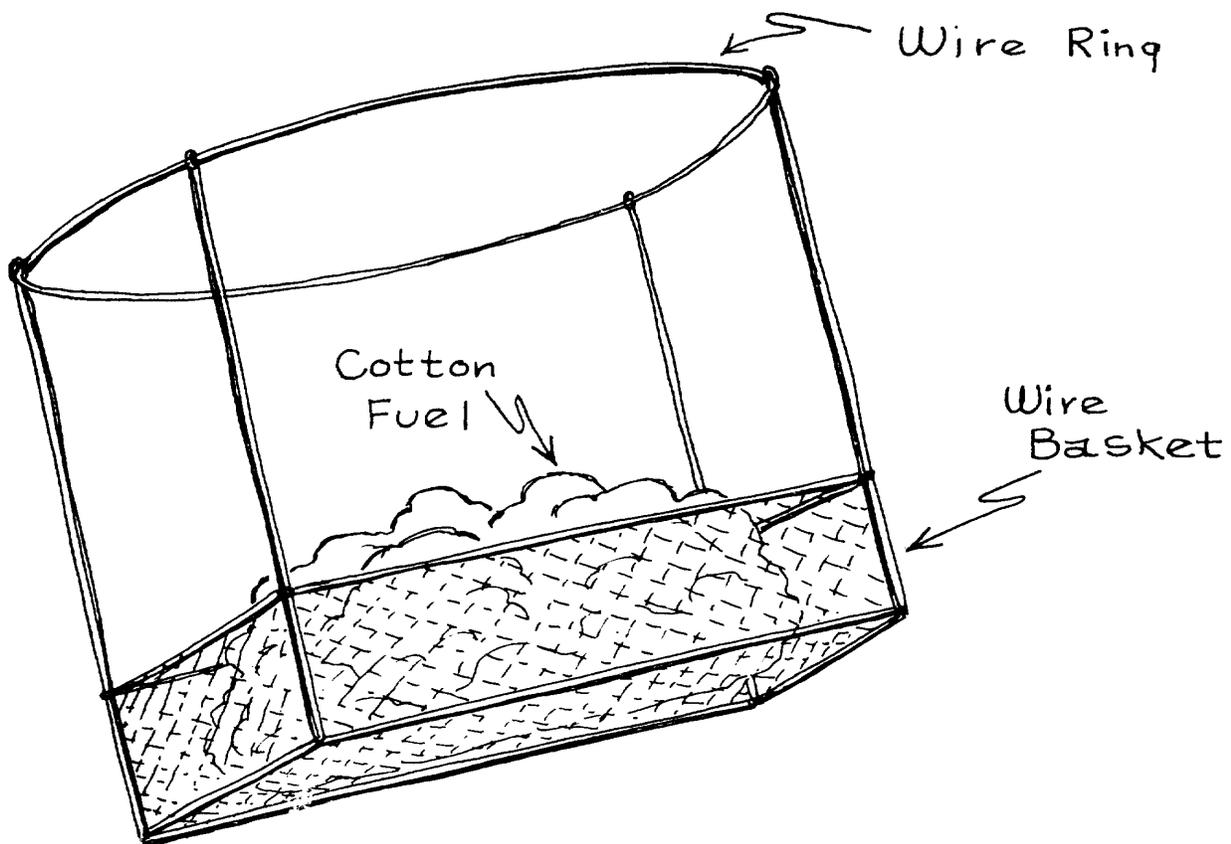
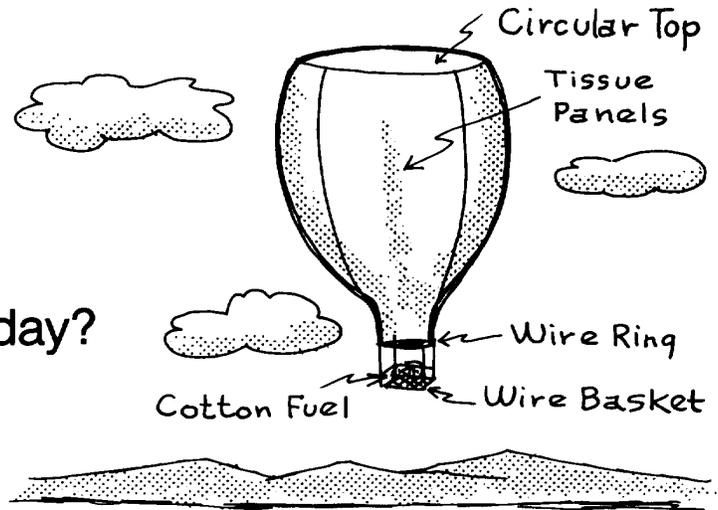
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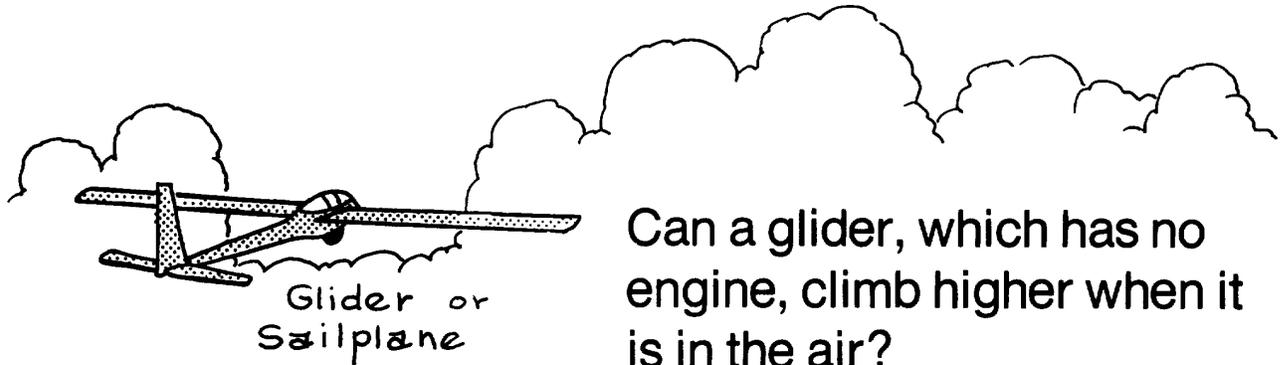
Why does the balloon rise in the air?

What guides the balloon?

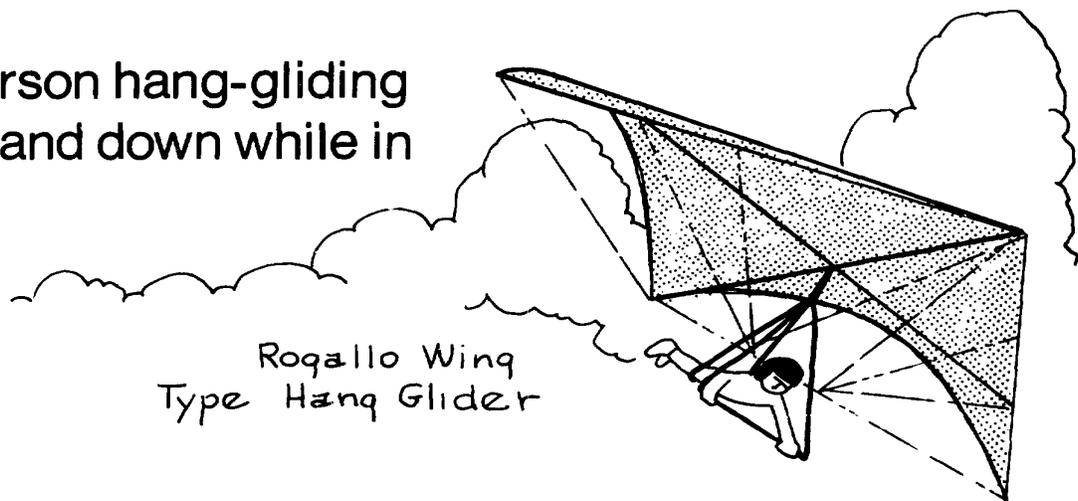
Would the balloon fly better on a warm or a cold day?



Just as a cork floats on water, warm air floats on top of cold air. This is because the warm air is less dense and lighter than cold air. Can you think of some simple experiments to show that warm air is lighter than cold air?



Can a person hang-gliding move up and down while in flight?

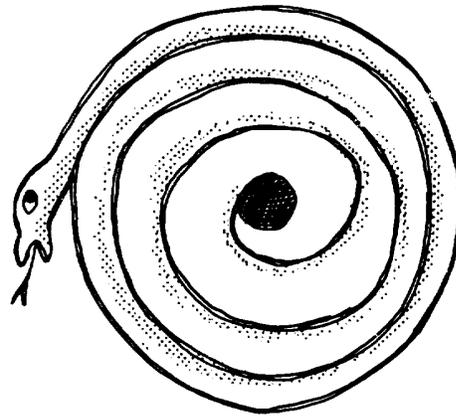


What is a draft? Have you ever felt a cold draft in an old house, or a large theater or restaurant? Why do you usually feel it on your feet?

MATERIALS:

Pencil with eraser
Piece of stiff paper
Thread – Spool
Scissors – Pin
Thimble

You can make a swirly-twirly snake toy that moves when it is warmed up. On the stiff paper, draw a spiraling snake. Make your snake large enough that a thimble will pass through

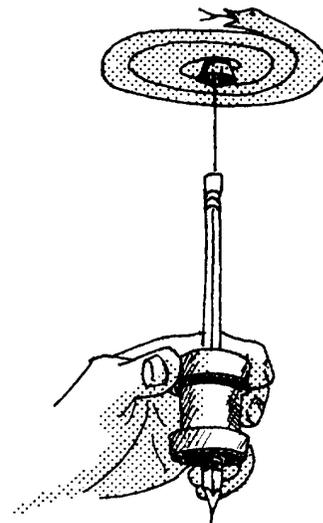


the dark circle at the center (as shown in the drawing). Cut out along the lines. Put the pencil in the spool and the pin in the eraser.

Put the thimble through the dark circle at the center of the snake, then put the thimble and the snake on the pin. Hold the toy over a radiator, heater, candle or mantle piece.

What happens? Why?.

Can you use this toy to help explain the movements of the glider and the hang glider?



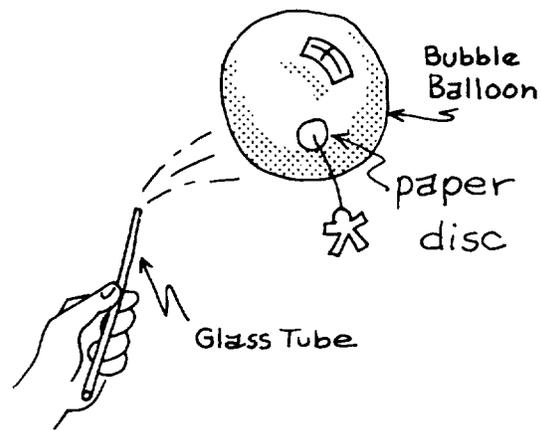
Try making this soap-bubble balloon.

MATERIALS:

Soap flakes (Ivory, etc.)
Water – Paper disc
Glycerine – Thread
Tissue paper
9" glass tube or straw

Make a stiff lather of soap flakes and water. Add a little glycerine. Make a tissue paper balloonist about 1" high and glue him by a 1 1/2" thread to a paper disc. Take your

materials into a cold room or outside. Dip the tube or straw into the soap solution and blow steadily until a perfect bubble forms. Drop the dry paper disc onto the bubble. As soon as the disc is firmly fixed, carefully turn the tube upward,



and the balloon will fly away.

Why is it important to do this experiment in a cold place? How does your breath compare in temperature with your surroundings?

HOW CAN YOU CONTROL TEMPERATURE IN A BALLOON?

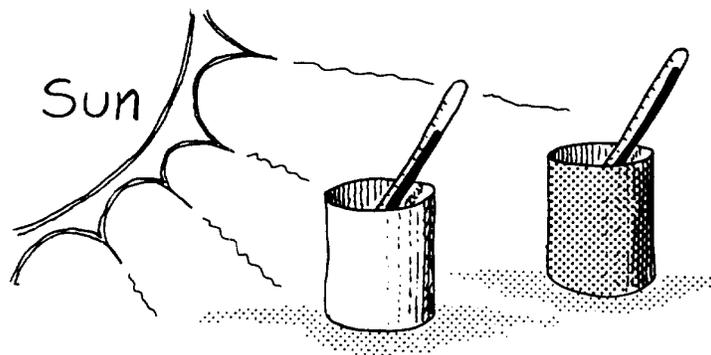
LA-1E

Some people believe that the higher we go, the warmer it gets because we are closer to the Sun. This is not true. The Sun is 93 million miles away! 100 miles or so closer does not make much difference. Altitude and temperature are not related.

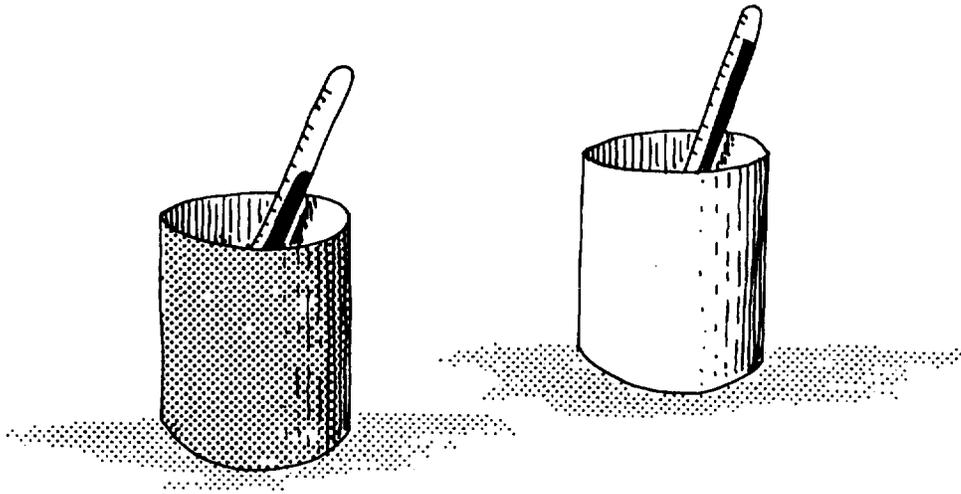
This may help you understand why.

Remove the lid and label from each can. Use carbon from the candle to blacken one of them. both cans with cool water. Place them over a warm radiator, in warm sunlight, or in front of a heat lamp. After 15 minutes measure the temperature of both. The water in the dark can is warmer than the water in the silvery can.

MATERIALS:
2 soup cans
Heat lamp
Thermometer
Candle
Water



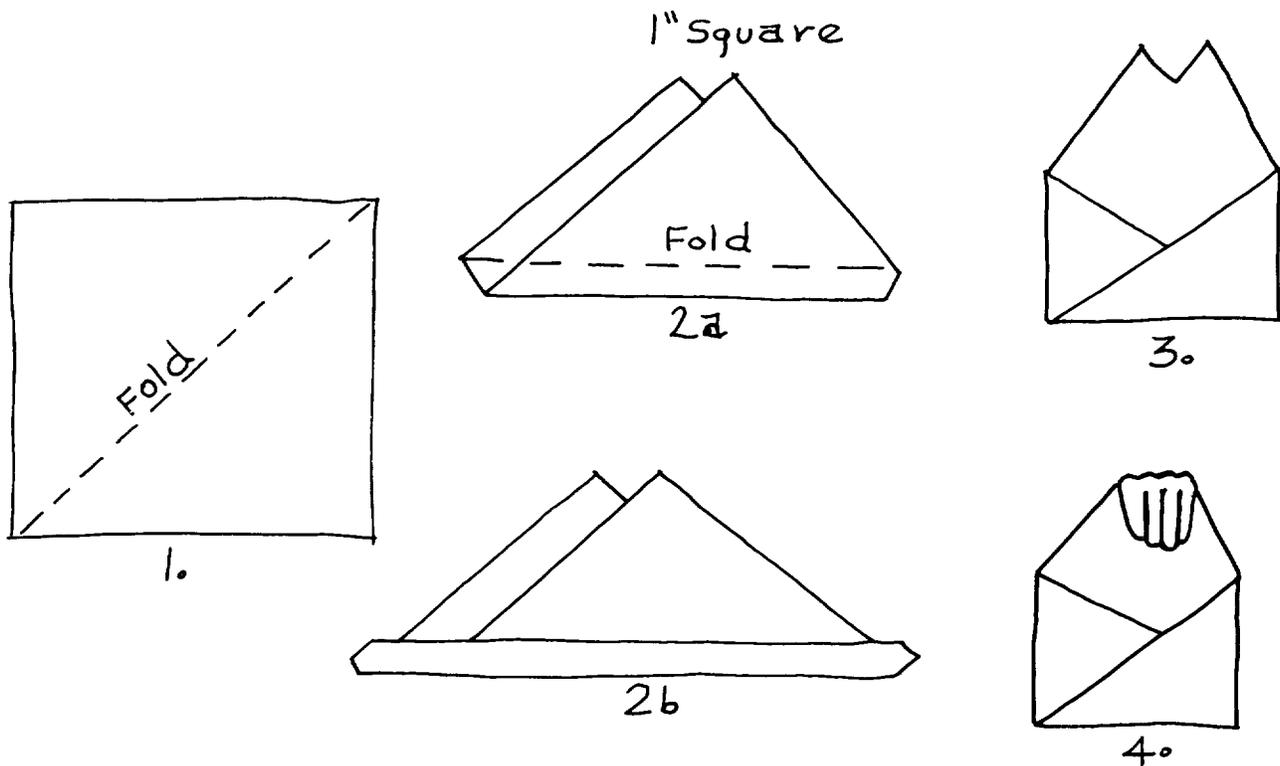
Put the same two cans in a protected place away from air drafts. Fill them both with hot water (not boiling). Measure the temperature 15 minutes later. This time the water in the dark can is cooler than the water in the silvery can.



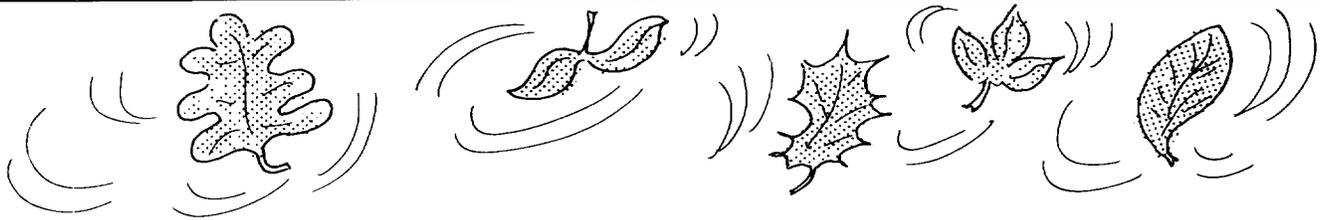
In the first experiment the dark-, can absorbed more heat than the bright one. In the second experiment the dark can lost more heat than the bright one. So, you can see that material that is a good absorber of heat also loses heat rapidly.

There are many things that can fly, glide and ride the wind because of their special shape and light weight.

Try this paper air foil.

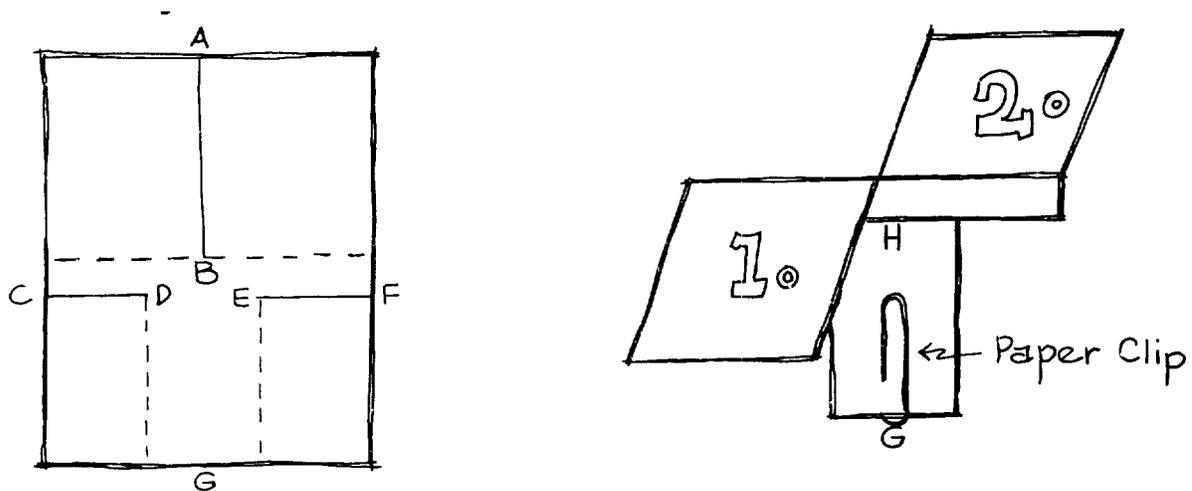


1. Fold paper diagonally so that upper edges leave about 1 " square space.
- 2a-2b. Fold bottom edge up about 1 ".
3. Bring outside edges together, tucking one inside the other.
4. To fly the air foil, pick up in the manner suggested in the diagram. Hold over head and throw as if throwing a baseball overhanded . . . Then watch it fly!!



Have you ever watched the aerobatics of fall leaves dancing on the wind? Why do some leaves spin? Some float? Some glide? Gather an assortment of leaves and compare their size, shape, and weight. You might make a similar comparison to various seeds that are spread by the wind. How do "floating" seeds differ from other kinds of seeds?

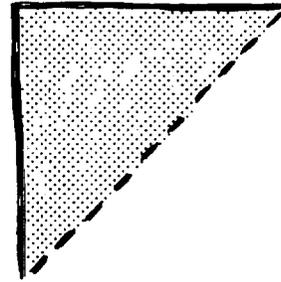
Try this paper helicopter. Does it fly like any of the leaves or seeds you have observed'?



Cut an 8 1/2 x 11" piece of paper into fourths. Each quarter sheet will make one helicopter. Following the illustration, fold each sheet in half and cut from A to B. Cut from C to D and F to E. Fold F to D and C to E. Paper clip together at G and staple at H. Fold down wings 1 and 2. Hold high, spin, and let go.

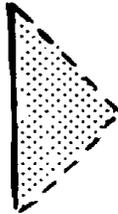
MATERIALS:

Square sheet of paper
Straight pin
Pencil with eraser
Scissors

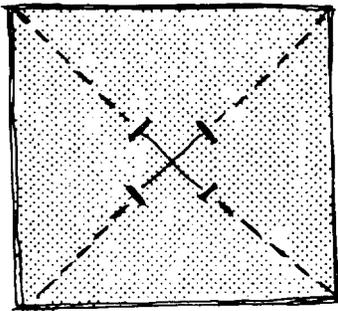


Fold the paper diagonally.

Fold it again now,
when you open
the paper and lay it
creased through it.

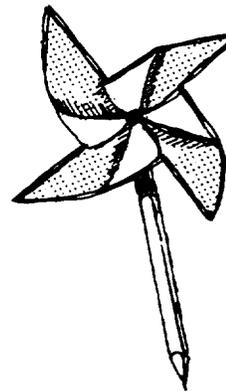


out flat, it will have an x



Cut along each fold to
within one inch of the center.
Pick up one corner
and hold it in the center. Do
this with each of the

other corners. Keep them in the
center by sticking a straight pin
through them, then stick the pin
through the eraser. Move your
windmill through the air and watch
it spin!



MATERIALS:

- 1 soda straw — 1 cup lid
- 1 coffee stirrer — Thread
- 1 piece string, 20 " long
- Scotch tape

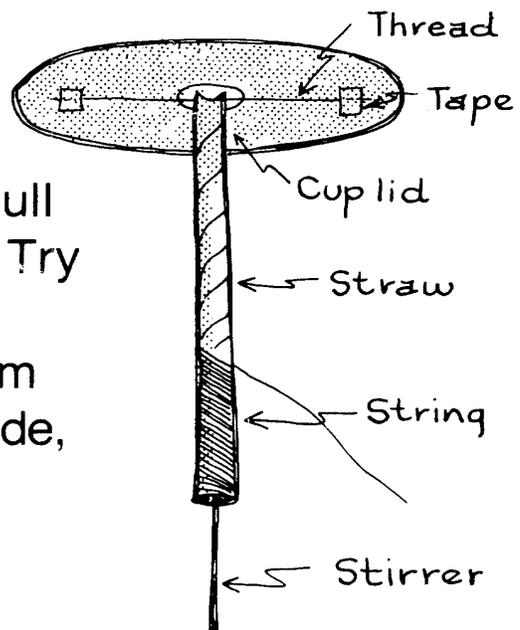
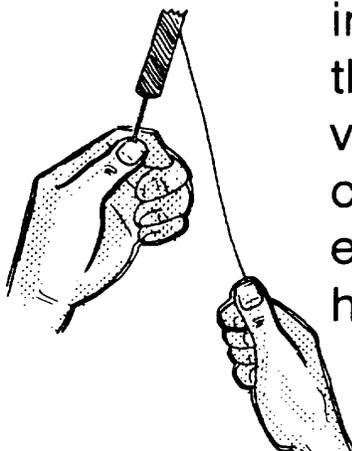
Most of the materials used to make this fun flyer can be collected from the many fast food establishments around.

Notch one end of the straw. Tape a piece of thread across the opening in the cup lid. Put the cup lid on the notched end of the straw, placing the thread in the notches. Insert a coffee stirrer in the other end of the straw. Wind a string around the lower

portion of the straw.

When you are ready to launch, hold the stirrer

in one hand and pull the string rapidly. Try variations of lids, cutting slits in them etc., to change glide, height and so on.



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