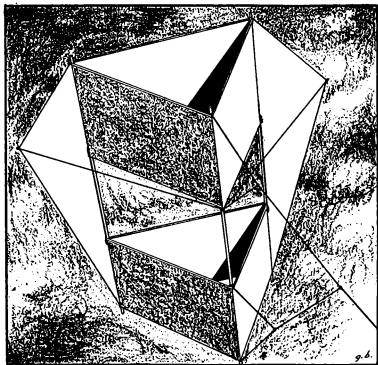


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· HOW TO MAKE BOX KITES ·



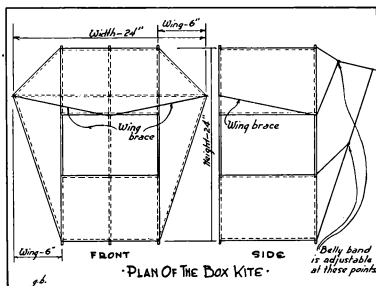
BOYS, can you fly a kite? Perhaps you can. But do you know how to make one?

Most of you can make our native kites, which we call *saringolas*. Have you ever tried to make another kind, the box kite?

It is easy to make a box kite and it is easy to fly one. Unlike the *saringolas*, the box kite does not swing very much to the left or to the right side. When we have kite-fights we use the *saringolas*. We cannot use the box kites in kite-fights because they fly gently. In fact, if there is enough wind to pull the kite up, you can tie the string to a branch of a tree and you can leave the box kite flying by itself for hours and hours.

In making a box kite, the first step is to get the proper materials. All you need are bamboo sticks, ordinary kite paper (papel de japon), string, and some good paste.

If you want a box kite 24 inches high and 24 inches wide from wing to wing the second step is to prepare three bamboo sticks, 24 inches long each; and four triangles made of bamboo sticks of the same length. Each side of the triangles must be 12 inches long. Then tie the three sticks to the corners of the four triangles. In tying them, the triangles must be equally distant from each other. Then cover the two triangles (the upper one and the lower one) with your paper leaving the middle triangle uncovered as shown in the illustration. The next thing to do is to make the two wings. The width of each wing is 6 inches from the side of the box to the tip.



The sides of the wings are of bamboo sticks also. After the sticks are attached to the box, cover them with paper, too. Then place the wing brace. This is the string that is tied to the tip of the wing to the middle stick of the box as shown in the picture. The control bent is easily arranged by following the arrangement made in the illustration.