

# A CREATIVE PROJECT



## Manu Tukutuku

Celebrate Te Wiki o te Reo Māori (Māori Language Week), by creating a manu tukutuku (kite).

Māori Language Week has been celebrated in Aotearoa since 1975. This special week is an opportunity to celebrate and promote te reo Māori, helping to secure its future as a living, dynamic and rich language.

Inspired by the design of traditional manu tukutuku, you will colour and build your own kite to fly in your backyard. Using materials you have on hand, your manu tukutuku will be a celebration of te ao Māori.

Try using these Māori words to describe your creation:

colours | **tae**  
red | **whero**  
blue | **kikorangi**  
green | **kākariki**  
yellow | **kowhai**  
purple | **waiporoporo**  
orange | **karaka**  
brown | **parauri**  
black | **pango** | **mangu**

adorned, embellished | **rākaitia, rākeitia**  
colour, hue | **tae**  
contour lines | **rārangi hua**  
contrasting colour | **tae tauaro**  
coarse (texture) | **kaitara**  
collage | **toi piripiri**  
colour palette | **kōwhiringa tae**  
design | **hoahoa**  
diagonal | **hauroki**

flow | **ia**  
intense (of colour) | **kitakita**  
irregular (shape) | **tipirori**  
joined, spliced | **honoa, honohononga**  
line | **rārangi**  
layer, layered | **paparanga**  
loosely woven | **tāwēwē**  
mixed media | **toirau**  
manipulate, fashion | **rawekehia**  
matted, tangled, cross-grained | **hūmengemenge**  
multicoloured | **kanorau**  
palette | **pae whakaranu**  
pattern | **tauirā**  
symmetry, symmetrical | **hangarite**  
translucent | **whakatīaho**  
upcycle | **tukurunga**  
vertical | **poutū**  
weave, weaving | **raranga**



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## Rawatoi | Art materials

Template printed or copied onto two sheets of A4 paper

Five x bamboo skewers

Kāpia | glue stick or Sellotape (hot glue – optional)

Huruhuru, hou | feathers

Rawa māori | natural resources found outside (leaves, branches, long grasses)

Pepa hangarua | recycled paper (coloured, textured)

Miro | thread

Aho | string, yarn, wool

Pene waituhi, whītau | felt pens

Kutikuti | scissors

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## Tohutohu | Instructions

- 1 Decorate the triangle and oval on the template. Draw colourful patterns or pictures.
- 2 Cut out the triangle following the dotted lines.
- 3 Apply glue to the uncoloured side of the flaps. Place bamboo skewers on the solid lines and fold the flaps over, sticking them in place (use Sellotape to do this if you don't have glue).
- 4 Cut a piece of string about 30cm long and tie each end to a new skewer.
- 5 Glue or tape this skewer down the centre of the back of the kite – use hot glue, if you have it, or glue stick/Sellotape, if you don't.
- 6 Cut out the oval – this will become the wings. Fold in half lengthways and glue or tape the two sides together with a skewer through the centre. Attach your wings to the back of the kite using glue or tape.
- 7 Add the head, and feathers or collected leaves for decoration.
- 8 Tie a long piece of string to the loop on the back. Now you're ready to fly your manu tukutuku!

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