

Lupe (Kite) Instructions / Materials

“I lele no ka lupe i ke pola”

It is the tail that makes the kite fly

It is the number of followers that raises the prestige of a chief. Pukui, 1226

Steps:

- 1) Cut desired shape of lupe with chosen material.



- 2) Print, embellish, dye (optional.)



- 3) Cut 2 ‘ohe (bamboo) rods (or light, flexible rod material alternative) the length/width of lupe.



- 4) Connect 2 rods at the cross section using twine (or string, yarn).



5) Sew 4 corners of rod to lupe, using upholstery thread and needle.



6) Attach a long string to the end of lupe for flying.



Lupe Materials:

- 1) Material (i.e. pelon, sheet, garbage bag)
- 2) Scissors, snippers or bamboo handsaw
- 3) 2 rods (i.e. bamboo, plastic, any light, flexible material) the length and width of lupe
- 4) String (i.e. yarn, twine)
- 5) Upholstery thread, needle
- 6) 'Ohe kāpala (any stamps or leaves, stems), acrylic paint, dye (i.e. 'ōlena, 'alaea, Rit) (optional)