

This information is from Carl Anderson.... 'Gumby' on the fighter kite forum . thanks for sharing Carl!

Its E-Z.

How I build the E-Z. I like mylar gift wrap for this kite. First cut the sail out I use half. Then attach the spine that you trimmed your way with contact cement, cut off spine. Next put a piece of strapping tape (approx 1/4 x 8 1/2) from near the nose to just past the end of tab both side leading edge. At this time I add the nose and tail reinforcement tape. I use packing tape approx 3/8 x 2 in for nose, tail and both wing tips. Fold the tab over on the dotted line.

Now for the bow.

Cut on the line on the tab and smear some contact cement on this little tab and equal on the sail and on the end of bow. Wait till tacky and lay the bow down on the fold line. Fold the small tab over and burnish down.

Next bend the bow over to the other side so it lines up with the fold but the bow doesn't extend out past the sail. Mark the bow where the small tab will lay over the bow.

Cement the tab and the area you just marked on the bow. Careful lay the bow down and fold the tab over and burnish.

Now cement the rest of both tabs and fold over and burnish. If any carbon sticks out the ends trim off.

Add tape to wing tips.

Mark upper bridle line locations and I add packing tape reinforcements approx 3/8 x3/8 and a piece on the lower bridle point 1/2 x1 in.

Burn holes for the bridle lines and install bridle lines.

You can use directions from Gumby II kite plans for the bridles.

I put bees wax on my bridle line and just larks head them together. Make sure the spine has a little bend to it. Go outside fly and adjust for straight tracking and a spin rate you like.

Hope you enjoy this little kite, It brought a lot of grins to newbies at the 2008 AKA convention. I even enjoy flying it. Might fly it in some competitions next year.





