

You'll need

Gift wrap or brown paper
4 pieces of string
Scissors
Sellotape or masking tape
Elf



Instructions

Lay the gift wrap out flat and cut out a large square.

Make a hole in each corner, thread a piece of string though the hole and tie a knot. Secure in place with tape.

Attach all four pieces of string to the elf.

Hold the parachute up high and drop!

Extension Ideas

Create a basket for the elf to sit in.

Try dropping the parachute from different heights.

What's happening?

Two main forces act on a parachute. These are gravity and drag or air resistance. Gravity pulls the parachute down but as it falls it creates a drag force which pushes the parachute upwards, slowing the fall.

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