

MAPLE SEED COPTER

In autumn, many plants are busy dispersing their seeds. Seeds travel with the help of water, animals, and wind. Maple seeds, or *samaras*, are dispersed by wind and have a special helicopter shape to help them travel. Follow the directions to make your own maple seed copter!

Step 1

Decorate!

Step 2

Cut out the rectangle shape

Step 3

Cut along the 'cut' lines

Step 4

Fold along the long 'fold' lines to form the body and along the short 'fold' lines to form the blades (these should be folded in opposite directions)

Step 5

Attach a paperclip to the base

Step 6

Hold above your head, let go and watch your seed copter fly! Compare how your copter moves to a real maple samara!

