



Team Builders

Cocktail stick challenge

- Individual
- Pairs
- Small group
- Whole group

Uses: This works really well, used alongside the jelly bean challenge. Again, this is a short team challenge inviting creative thinking and problem solving. Use a number of the short team challenges together and you can build up a number of different rounds and make it quite competitive.

Resources: Cocktail sticks or short garden canes work equally well, just on a bigger scale.

Time: 5-10 minutes. Adjust the timing to suit your group.

What to do:

1. Working in small groups of no more than three, each team is given the same number of cocktail sticks, perhaps twelve to fifteen.
2. The team challenge is to be completed in three-five minutes.
3. The challenge; using all your cocktail sticks, create as many triangles as possible. By the end of the challenge you should be able to say how many you have created and prove this to the other teams. The team making the most number of triangles wins.

Make it different:

- Using garden canes makes the challenge bigger and just feels a bit different. Instead of triangles, try squares.

Points to make:

- Ask the teams to reflect on how they worked as a team on this task.
- Did everyone contribute? Was everyone listened to?