

# TOWERS

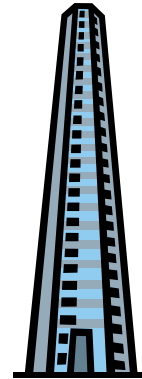
**Items Needed:** Varied (see idea list below)

## DESCRIPTION:

Before the activity, gather supplies together (unconventional things that can be used to make a tall tower).

Some ideas are:

- Paper (and nothing else)
- Raw spaghetti and marshmallows
- Gumdrops and toothpicks
- Drinking straws and paper clips
- Drinking straws and tape
- Paper cups and a pack of chewing gum
- String, paper cups, and drinking straws
- Cookies



Divide the group into teams of two to six members each. Give each group the chosen supplies you have gathered and challenge them to build the tallest tower they can. Give each group a time limit. At the end of the set time, have the groups show their creations.

## DISCUSSION IDEAS:

1. What steps did you take to do this project?
2. Was getting started harder or easier than making the structure?
3. Did you form a plan or did everyone in your group just start building?  
Was your team successful with the project?
4. Did anyone in your group act as a leader? If so, how did you feel about this? If not, do you wish someone had?
5. Could one person have done this project easier alone? Would it have been easier or harder than working as a team? Why or why not?

## VARIATIONS:

Have everyone in the group only use one hand when building the structure. Have a variety of objects for the groups to choose from to build their tower.