
Today's Challenge:
Catapult "Snowball" Fight


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Today, your engineering design challenge is to design and construct a catapult using only popsicle sticks, elastics and one spoon. Your team will be given limited supplies and a time limit. Your catapult must throw a cotton ball (snowball).

ASK: Who can build a catapult that can “throw” a snowball? Who’s can go the farthest?

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Many STEM projects use critical thinking skills as well as math, and engineering skills and this one is no exception. Attention to detail is a must and pre-planning is encouraged!

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IMAGINE/EXPLORE: Brainstorm with your partner/team what your strategy will be. Your supply list:

- 6 rubber bands
- Cotton ball
- 10 popsicle sticks
- 1 plastic spoon

Procedure

1. Get into groups of **2.**
2. You will need: 6 rubber bands, cotton ball, 10 popsicle sticks, 1 plastic spoon
3. **DESIGN:** You will have 5 minutes to plan your design.
4. **CREATE:** You will have 25 minutes to build your catapult.
5. **TEST:** Test your catapult. Does it throw your snowball? If not, make adjustments to your design.


5:00

Procedure

1. Get into groups of **2.**
2. You will need: 6 rubber bands, cotton ball, 10 popsicle sticks, 1 plastic spoon
3. **DESIGN:** You will have 5 minutes to plan your design.
4. **CREATE:** You will have 20 minutes to build your catapult.
5. **TEST:** Test your catapult. Does it throw your snowball? If not, make adjustments to your design.


25:00

IMPROVE, TEST and EVALUATE, SHARE SOLUTION

AFTER INDIVIDUAL TESTING:

Test your catapult against other groups. Does yours fly the farthest? If not, can you re-design to make it fly as far as possible?