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STEM Challenge What is STEM?



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STEM stands for -

Science

Technology

Engineering

Mathematics

These subjects are linked directly to each other and this task will highlight your skills in each of these subject areas.

Classroom STEM Challenge Manufacture an igloo from card by following a production plan



The Challenge

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You are going to manufacture an igloo using geometric shapes, measured to a specific size.

The shapes will be joined together to make a 3D igloo structure.

You can think about additions to your design to make it look better (aesthetics)? You could have a theme to make it interesting.

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What you will need –

- Printed templates (see next slide)
- Cardboard (cereal boxes are the perfect thickness)
- Scissors
- Tape
- Materials to decorate (optional)



















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Job Roles

During this task, you will fulfil many roles -

- Come up with ideas to decorate the igloo (creative designer)
- Cut out the templates (manufacturing engineer)
- Check the shapes are correct to the templates (quality control engineer)
- Tape the shapes together (assembly engineer)
- Support the structure when its getting erected (structural engineers)
- Decorate the structure (architectural designer)





STEM Challenge - Printed templates







If there is one door and no windows in this dome, it would consist of: 30 AAB triangles 10 BBB triangles 9 BBBB squares.

In this instance A=53mm and B=60mm

<u>Top Tip</u>



Engineers measure in mm as they are more accurate than cm.

STEM Challenge Make your own templates







For the BBB triangles - Draw the 60mm line as the base and draw a line 90 degrees from the centre. Then measure 60mm from the corner of the base to a point on the centre line.

For the AAB triangles - Draw the 60mm line at the base and draw a line 90 degrees from the centre. Then measure 53mm from the corner of the base to a point on the centre line.

60





STEM Challenge - Make your own templates







For the BBBB Squares - Draw the 60mm line as the base and draw a line 90 degrees from the ends. Join them to make the square. Check it is accurate!

Top Tip



If there is one door and no windows in this dome, it would consist of: **30 AAB triangles** 10 BBB triangles **9 BBBB squares**

You will need to draw around your templates until you have the correct amount of each shape.

Mark each edge of each shape with an A or B.

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Production Plan - Stage 1

Place the templates on the cardboard so that they will all fit on the flattened box/sheet.

Or, if you have made your own templates, draw round your templates onto the cardboard – remember to mark each edge A or

Β.

Top Tip



You can cut the A4 paper up to make the most of the box you use.



Nesting

Nesting is when you put shapes as close together as possible to make the most out of the material you have. It also means that you can use less cuts which saves time.

Less time and less waste saves money and is better for the environment.

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Production Plan - Stage 2

Use a glue (stick, spray glue or PVA) to glue the paper to the cardboard.





Production Plan - Stage 3 Cut out the shapes using scissors. Try to be as accurate as possible. If you made your own template, cut your shapes out directly from the markings on the card.



Environmental Considerations

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Recycle the waste material. Click on the YouTube logo to find out how cardboard is recycled.







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Production Plan - Stage 4

- Tape the AAB triangles together along edge A in groups of 5.
- This can get tricky for one person to do on your own so you might need help.
- Tape both sides as this will make the structure stronger.

<u>Top Tip</u>



Get the tape ready so you cat stick the parts together easily.







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Production Plan - Stage 5

Join 5 of the 6 pentagons together using 5 of the BBB triangles. Tape both sides for strength.





Leave 1 pentagon spare



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Production Plan - Stage 6

Add the other 5 BBB triangles to the last Pentagon. Then join that to the other part.







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Production Plan - Stage 7

Join the B edges together to make a dome shape. Tape both the inside and outside for strength.







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Production Plan - Stage 8

Join the base of the dome to the squares. Tape both sides for strength.





Leave one side open to make a door.





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- **Production Plan Stage 9**
- Quality check.
- Is it strong enough?
- Could you add more tape to make it stronger?
- What else could you use to make it stronger?





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Production Plan - Stage 10 (optional)

- Can you decorate your igloo to make it look better?
- Designers use the word 'aesthetics' when they talk about how something looks.
- Could you give your igloo a theme?
- Could it be used for other toys or in other games? Maybe for a younger sibling?





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<u>Top Tip</u>

Plan the design before decorating your structure





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Extension task

How could you modify (change) your design to make it better?

- Could you add another section or extension to your igloo?
- Could you make another igloo that is bigger? You would have to scale up the size of the triangles using Maths.



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Time to evaluate

Engineers always evaluate a process when they have completed it. It helps them to improve their processes next time. Here are some things to think about -

Did you enjoy making it?

Why?

What went Well?
How could you improve?

Is it sturdy enough?

How could you increase the strength?

Is your structure creative?

Did you add decoration?



STEM Challenge What's next?

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