



ZOOMsci Activities

Try It Out

**ZOOMon:
Change One Variable**

Share Your Results

Keep ZOOMing

STRUCTURES

Cup Tower*



Build a tower using cups.

- Number of cups
- How you stack the cups

- How did you stack your cups?
- Why did some designs work better than others?

- Build more structures:
- Crazy Straw Bridge
 - Cantilever

Marshmallow Tower



Build a tower using marshmallows and toothpicks.

- Shapes you use to construct your tower
- Size of the marshmallows

- What design did you use?
- Why did some shapes work better than others?
- How can you change the tower to make it taller?

- Continue experimenting with shapes and structures:
- Geodesic Dome
 - Strongest Shape

Paper Bridge*



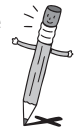
Make a bridge out of a piece of paper.

- Type of paper
- How you design your bridge

- How many pennies did your bridge hold up?
- How did you design your bridge?

- Find other things to build:
- Cup Tower
 - Paper Tower

Pencil Balance



Make a pencil stand on its tip using only wire and clothespins.

- Type of materials
- How you attach the materials

- How did you build your balance?
- What helped balance the pencil?

- Learn more about center of gravity and balance:
- Upside Down Mobile
 - Arch

* indicates Spanish version available

Find these activities at the **ZOOMsci** section of the ZOOM Web site: pbskids.org/zoom/sci