

Paper Tower



Planning

- 15 minutes
- Suitable for any number of participants

Materials

- Paper
- Paper Clips
- Tape

Instructions

- Divide participants into groups of **3–6 people**.
- Give each group:
 - 7 pieces of paper
 - 7 paper clips
 - 7 pieces of tape
- Explain that the goal is to build the **tallest freestanding tower**.
- Set a timer for **5 minutes**.

Game Play

- When the timer starts, teams work together to design and build their tower using **only** the provided materials.
- Towers must stand on their own and cannot be supported by people or objects.

- Teams may not add or exchange materials.
- When time is up, all teams must stop building and step back.
- Measure each tower from the base to the highest point.
- The team with the **tallest standing tower** wins.

Variations

- Increase the number of supplies given to each group.
- Add awards for creativity or teamwork.
- Allow a 1-minute planning phase before building starts.

Debrief

- How did your team decide on a plan?
- What communication strategies worked well?
- What challenges did you face working as a group?
- What worked well in your tower design?
- How did you manage the limited materials?
- What skills did this activity help you practice?
- How does this challenge connect to real-life teamwork or projects?

