

Balloon Tower

Props: 1 roll of ¾ inch wide masking tape 1 pkg. 72 – 12” balloons (per group)

Objective:

Build a *freestanding* tower.

Rules:

Tower must be as tall as possible

Tower may not be taped to anything (floors, walls, tables, etc)

Only materials provided may be used to construct the tower.

Group should discuss and consider the opinions and ideas of all members then reach a collaborative agreement on the design and construction of the tower.

Facilitator debriefing points:

Collaborative efforts or individual tyrants

Participant(s) offering ideas but not being listened to by the group

Participant(s) withdrawing from the group

Time Restrictions:

20 minutes

(Optional)

Activity can be repeated after the group debrief. On the second attempt the time is reduced to 10 minutes of construction time.

Allow 5 minutes for planning before starting the timer.