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STEP IT UP

Former Global Finals Instant Challenge

Focus: Innovation and design process, technical design and construction, improvisation, teamwork.



Challenge

Your TASK is to create a structure that touches the highest step possible on a staircase without touching a lower step.



Time

You will have up to 5 minutes to use your IMAGINATION and the CREATIVE PROCESS to create your structure.



Setup & Procedure

In the center of the room there is a staircase with a taped square at the base. There is also a table with materials.

(5 minutes): NOTE THAT THIS CHALLENGE HAS ONLY ONE PART! Create a structure. The base of your structure must only touch the floor within the taped square. Part of your structure should extend onto the staircase so that it touches the highest step possible without touching a lower step. Each step is labeled with a point value. You will receive the number of points indicated on the lowest step that your structure touches.



Materials

- 5 Chenille Sticks (Pipe Cleaners)
- 4 Straws
- 4 Mailing Labels
- 3 Index Cards
- 1 Sheet of Newspaper
- 3 Paper Clips
- 3 Craft Sticks
- 1 Envelope
- 12in (30cm) of String
- 3 Pencils
- 2 Rubber Bands
- 3 Binder Clips

The mailing labels and the envelope must NOT be attached to the floor or the staircase.

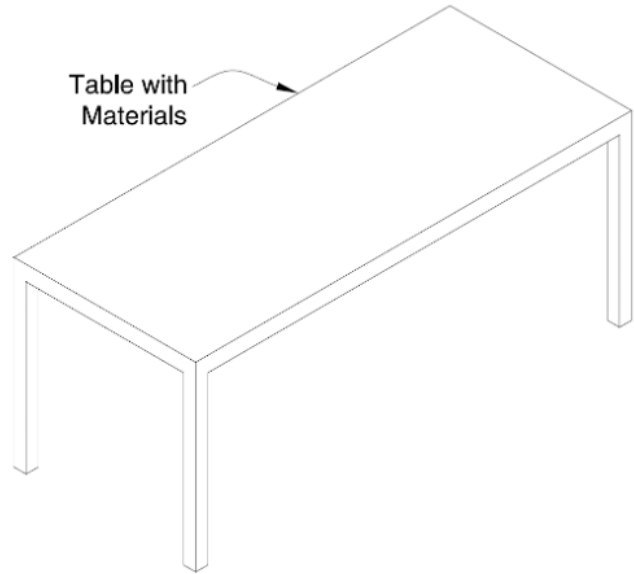
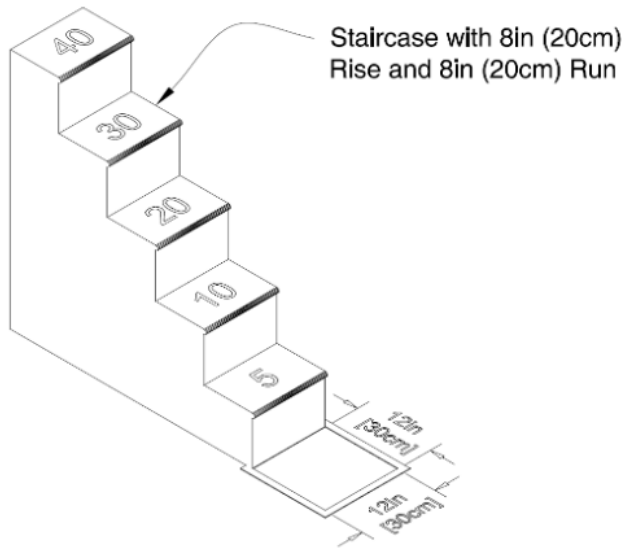


Scoring: You will earn:

- A. 10 points if your structure touches only 1 step.
- B. Variable points (40 points maximum) depending on the lowest step your structure touches.
- C. Up to 30 points for the creativity of your structure.
- D. Up to 20 points for how well your team works together.

For Appraisers Only:

1. The setup consists of a 5-step staircase with an 8in (20cm) rise and an 8in (20cm) run. Each step is labeled with a point value: 5 on the 1st step, 10 on the 2nd step, 20 on the 3rd step, 30 on the 4th step, and 40 on the 5th step. There is a 12in (30cm) taped square at the bottom of the staircase. There is also a table with materials.



2. If the team's structure only touches the vertical face of a step, the team should receive the point value indicated on the step that is just below where the structure touches.

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