Take the Challenge

Toothpick Puzzles

20 Minutes



Instructions:

- 1. Open the Toothpick Puzzles Slideshow on your computer.
- **2.** The slideshow will instruct you to do several toothpick puzzle challenges.
- **3.** Before beginning a challenge, set a stopwatch to see how long it takes you to solve it.
- **4.** First you will lay out the toothpicks on your paper in the given pattern and then you will follow the puzzle instructions to change the pattern.
- **5.** Once you've solved the first puzzle, note the time on the stopwatch and write it down.
- **6.** The answers are included on the next slide, but it's more fun if you only refer to them as a last resort.
- **7.** Reset the stopwatch and move on to the next puzzle challenge.
- 8. Repeat steps 3-7 until you finish all the puzzle challenges.
- **9.** Good luck! What was your record time for finishing a toothpick puzzle challenge?

OVERVIEW

Follow the puzzle challenges to arrange cool patterns and shapes out of toothpicks.

SUPPLIES NEEDED

- Computer
- Toothpicks
- Paper
- Stopwatch

ONLINE RESOURCES

Toothpick Puzzles
Slideshow Link