

# Win with Teamwork! Make a Basketball Game

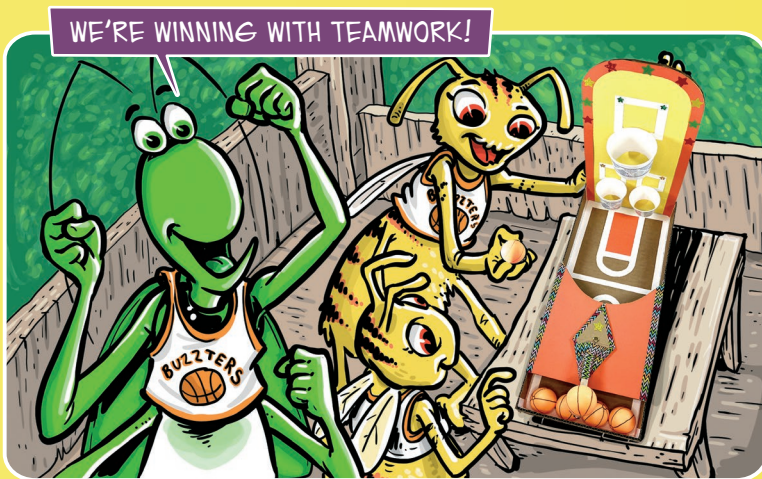
“There is pure joy in engaging other souls in meaningful and uplifting conversations . . .” – Bahá’í Writings

**M**y bee friend Hummy invited me to join her basketball team, the Buzzters! I was so excited! But at my first game, Queenie Bee bossed everyone around and called all the shots. She even said fireflies can’t shoot hoops! My buzz for the game fizzled.

Then Hummy called a time-out. She asked us to only use words that can lift each other up. What a great idea!

Positive words helped us play with kindness. Queenie even passed me the ball, and I scored!

I made this game to boost our teamwork and keep friendly words flying. We take turns, and when someone makes a basket, the next player shares a virtue they see in them, like patience or respect. Try it with your friends, and shoot hoops with happiness!



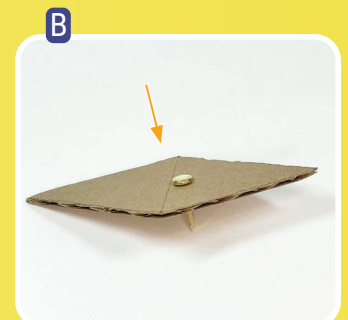
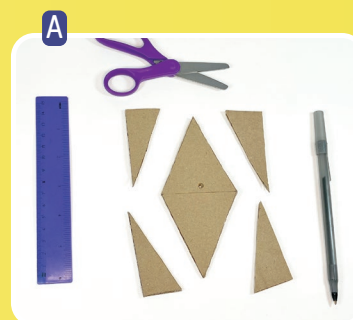
## You'll Need

- Cardboard, one each: 7" x 8" (18 x 20 cm)\*, 18" x 7" (46 x 18 cm), 14" x 6<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" (36 x 17 cm), 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" x 5<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" (6.5 x 14 cm)
- Cardboard, two each: 2" x 18" (5 x 46 cm), 2" x 7" (5 x 18 cm)
- tacky glue
- poster board
- ruler
- ballpoint pen
- scissors
- duct tape
- paper fastener
- 1/2" (1 cm) round bead
- two standard craft sticks: 4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" (11 cm)
- rubber band
- 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" (3 cm) round bottle cap
- paper cups: three standard sized, two smaller
- permanent markers
- paper
- stickers
- 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" (4 cm) plastic balls

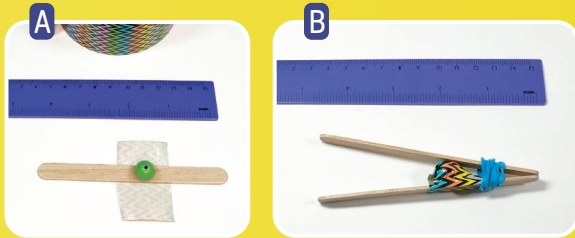
- 1 (A) For court, glue bottom and side edges of cardboard strips evenly around 18" x 7" (46 x 18 cm) cardboard. (B) Cut poster board into 1" (2.5 cm) strips. Draw line lengthwise at center of each strip and fold along line. Glue to cardboard seams to reinforce bonds. Trim court's edges if needed.



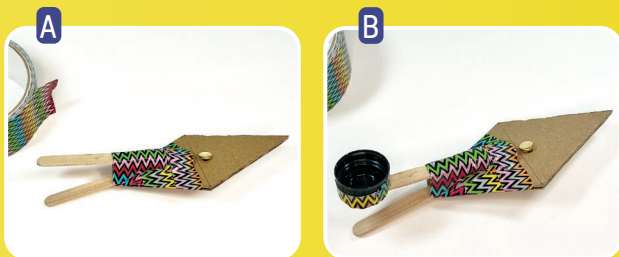
- 2 (A) Cut off corners of 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" x 5<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" (6.5 x 14 cm) cardboard to make diamond shape. Use pen to create hole centered 3" (7.6 cm) from a long point. (B) Thread end of paper fastener through hole (don't fasten).



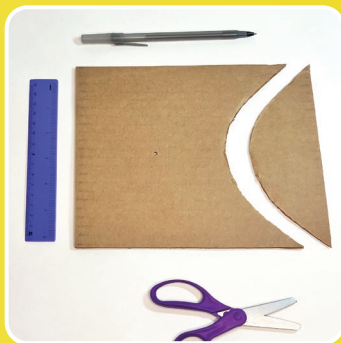
- 3 (A) Firmly tape a bead  $1\frac{3}{4}$ " (4 cm) from tip of craft stick. (B) For controller, place craft stick on top of taped bead. Wind rubber band tight 1" (2.5 cm) from ends of sticks so bead and sticks align.



- 4 (A) Center controller along longest point of diamond shape, so end almost touches fastener. Tape controller in place. (B) Tape bottle cap to top end of stick.



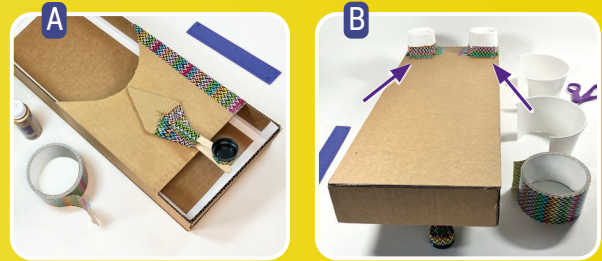
- 5 For tabletop, use 7" x 8" (18 x 20 cm) cardboard. Cut a curve  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " (6 cm) deep in short edge. With pen, make hole centered 3" (7.6 cm) from uncut edge.



- 6 Poke paper fastener through hole. Flip tabletop over, secure fastener, and tape prongs in place.



- 7 (A) Glue edges of tabletop to court, so uncut edge is  $2\frac{1}{4}$ " (6 cm) from court's front. Reinforce seams with tape. (B) To create a slope, cut off tops of two larger paper cups so they're  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " (4 cm) tall. Tape to bottom back corners of court.



- 8 (A) For backboard, round off top corners of 14" x  $6\frac{3}{4}$ " (36 x 17 cm) cardboard. Glue uncut side to inner back wall of court. (B) Cut off bottom of one larger and two smaller cups for baskets.



- 9 Decorate balls, baskets, and court with markers, stickers, duct tape, or paper cutouts. Keep diamond movable. Secure baskets to backboard with rolls of tape.

**To play:** Place ball in cap, move controller to aim, pull cap down, and release! When you make a basket, you get a point, or the next player names one of your virtues.



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