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Gumdrop Sculpture

Group Size

Small, Medium

Estimated Time

15 Minutes

Materials Needed

- Gumdrops
- Toothpicks

Instructions

1. Create a gumdrop sculpture ahead of time using candy and toothpicks
2. You might use a familiar sculpture or something that has meaning for the group
3. Divide the group into small groups of 4 people:
 - a. Viewer: May view the sculpture and talk with the Messenger only.
 - b. Messenger: may not view the sculpture and may listen to the Viewer and talk with the Builder only.
 - c. Builder: may listen to the Messenger and may not talk to anyone
 - d. Observer: may view everything and may not talk to anyone
4. To Begin, the Viewer and the sculpture should be in a separate room. The Viewer may leave that room to describe the sculpture to the Messenger. The Messenger will then relay that information to the Builder who should be in a separate room. The Messenger may receive and deliver as many messages as needed. The Observer should observe all interactions and be ready to discuss upon completion. Set a time limit for the Builders to complete the sculpture and stop the activity at that point, no matter who is finished or not.
5. What was easy or challenging about this? How was the communication process challenging? What worked well to overcome this challenge?

Resource:

The Source: The Student Organization Resource Center of The Ohio State University

http://ohiounion.osu.edu/posts/documents/SOURCE_Icebreakers_Teambuilders.pdf