



Connecting Experience Eco Bricks

AGE GROUP

11+

AMOUNT OF PEOPLE

3+

TIME

2 – 4 WEEKS

OBJECTIVE

To observe the amount of waste they produce over a set period of time, and to learn to repurpose this waste into something useful for their community.

MATERIAL

Plastic bottle, waste plastic, silicone sealant//cement (depending on building project) packing stick



Instructions

Have each participant collect a single use plastic bottle, ideally one that is easy to find in your community. For building purposes it's important that each patrol or group choose the same style of bottle. Set them the task of keeping track of the non-compostable, non-recyclable waste they create over the next 2 weeks. You can have them pack it into their bottles at home or during a meeting.

Participants should be made aware of how to create a brick that is suitable for building before they begin. Information can be found on <https://www.ecobricks.org/how/>

Plan what you want to create from your eco bricks, you could make a bench for your local park, furniture for your meeting room, flower pots, anything you can think of! You could make smaller pieces in patrols, or work as a unit to create a large structure. Think about where the structure will go and if you need to get permission to place it there.

If you need more bricks for your project participants could collect waste from their friends and family (offering them a chance to start discussions with those around them about climate change!) or you could continue creating bricks over a longer period of time. Perhaps participants could work with other groups in their community to teach them how to make eco bricks and collect the bricks for their project!

Discussion

- ▶ Where you surprised at how much/little waste you produced?
- ▶ What are things you could do to produce less waste?
- ▶ What are things companies or supermarkets could do to create products with less waste?
- ▶ What other things could you make from eco bricks?



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