Build Your Own DA VINCI BRIDGE

Step-by-Step Illustrated Guide Inspired by Leonardo da Vinci's Genius



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Why Build This Bridge?

Discover how Leonardo's timeless design brings art and engineering together. Learn balance, geometry, and creative thinking as you build your own selfsupporting bridge — no glue or nails needed!

What You'll Need

- Popsicle sticks (20–30 or more)
- Flat surface (desk or table)
- Patience and creativity!

Tips Before You Start

- Use smooth sticks for better weaving.
- Move slowly and gently when lifting.
- Try with different materials (pencils or dowels) for fun variations!



(for easier following with colored sticks)

- 1. Arrange four popsicle sticks as shown in Step 1, with the orange side up and the blue side down, aligned next to the two black sticks.
- 2. Gently lift the bridge, as shown in Step 2.
- 3. Insert two black popsicle sticks from the right side to weave through the structure, as shown in Step 3.
- 4. Lift the black popsicle sticks again as shown in Step 4.
- 5. Arrange two more popsicle sticks with the orange side up and the blue side down, as shown in Step 5.
- 6. Insert two more black popsicle sticks from the right, weaving them into the bridge, as shown in Step 6. (At this point, the bridge can stand on its own – this is the self-supporting bridge stage)
- 7. Repeat Steps 5 and 6 to extend the bridge to your desired length.

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