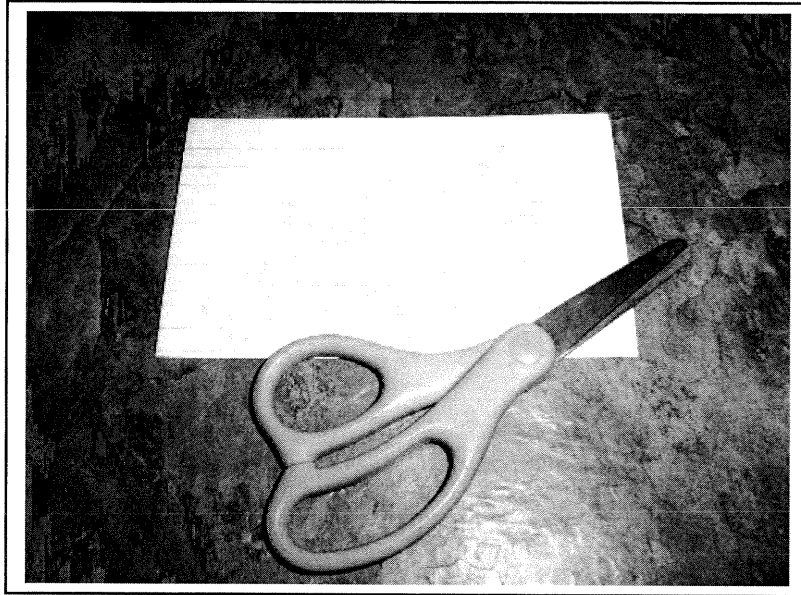


Just Passing Through

Making the most of minimal resources



This is a great activity to present first to individuals, and then to teams. Synergy, collaboration and ultimately a successful team effort are only an index card and a pair of scissors away.

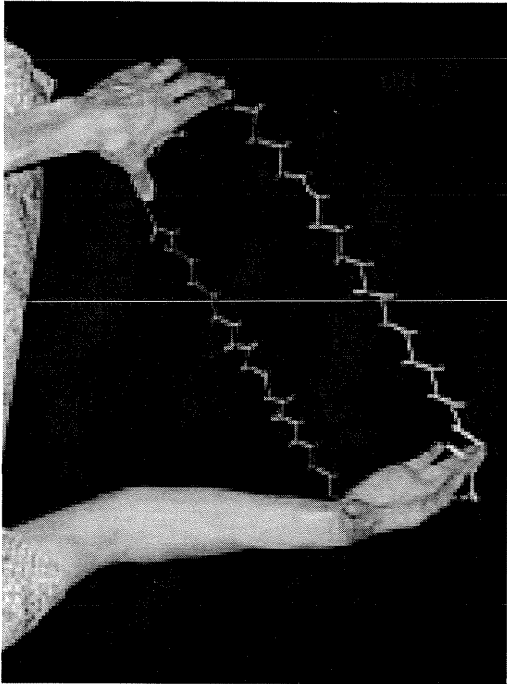
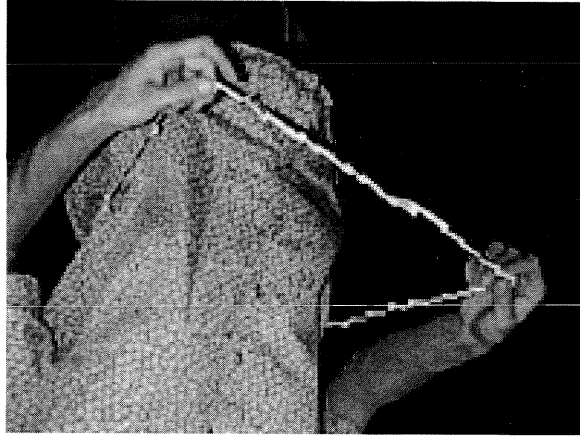
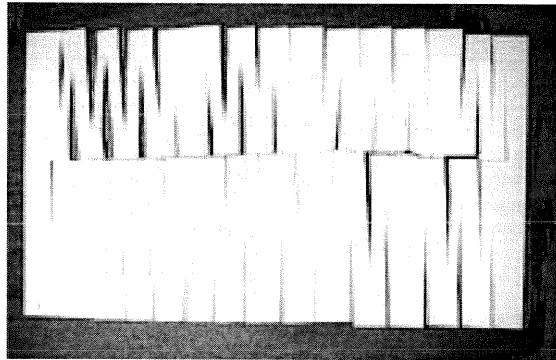
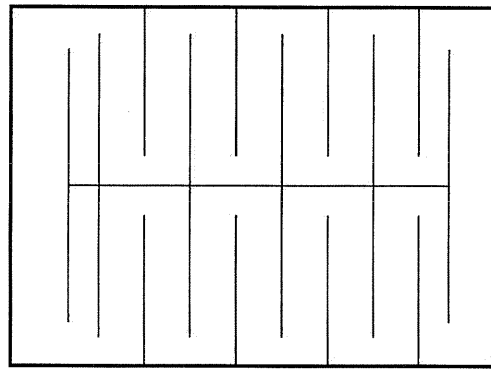
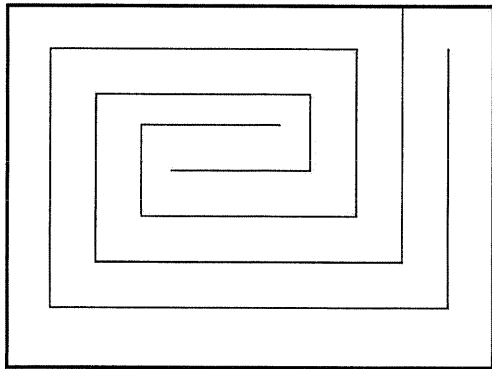
The challenge of Just Passing Through is to create an opening in an index card big enough for any person to pass completely through, without further damage to the card. You can begin this puzzle as an individual challenge and then encourage participants to collaborate and work together to create the best concepts possible (sharing best practices).

Supplies You will need an index card and a pair of school scissors for each person or team.

Teachable Moments Even small things can be made bigger, if you just know how. When the average person reads this challenge and then looks at the index card, their reaction is often “No way!” Activities that look impossible, but are not, are excellent methods for expanding our horizons. This is also a useful activity for teaching the concept of making do with what you have or making a little go a

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Solution There are at least two different cutting techniques that greatly enlarge an opening in an index card (shown here). Each pattern turns the index card into a giant circle.



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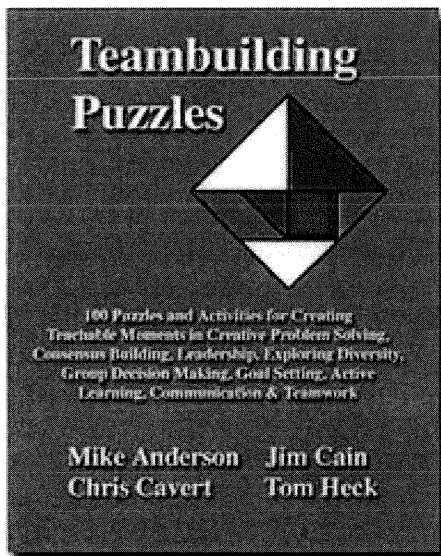
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long way. Another teachable moment could be that in order to solve some challenges, we have to expand our thinking, just as the index card needed to expand.

Variations You can try this same activity with a letter size piece of paper and nothing else. Invite participants to use their hands to tear the paper as necessary. Or consider using a standard piece of writing paper and challenging the group to create an opening big enough to drive a car through!

Hints and Clues Think about geodesic spheres (Hoberman spheres) and toys that expand and contract. How could you create a similar function in a piece of paper?

Solution on next page



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