

“STEM” BOAT NATCHEZ ACTIVITY

GOAL: Create your own paddleboat, like the Steamboat NATCHEZ, that moves when the “paddlewheel” is wound and released.

MATERIALS NEEDED: Plastic Bottle (1), Popsicle Stick (1), Rubber Bands (12), Chopsticks (2), Scissors or Craft Knife (1)
Adult Supervision Required

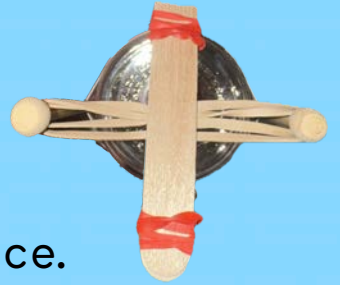
INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Place your bottle on a flat surface and secure the two chopsticks, one on each side of the bottle, with your six rubber bands. Ensure both of the chopsticks extend past the bottom of the bottle.
2. Ask an adult to cut your popsicle stick in half with Scissors or a Craft Knife.
3. Insert two rubber bands in between the two halves of your popsicle stick. Attach the sticks to each other by wrapping a rubber band around each side.



INSTRUCTIONS CONTINUED:

4. Loop two rubber bands onto the ends of the two chopsticks.
5. Wrap one rubber band around the end of each chopstick to secure your "paddlewheel" to its place.
6. Pick up your new "Paddleboat" and rotate the popsicle stick "paddlewheel" toward you 12 times. Place your "Paddleboat" face up in a body of water and release the "paddlewheel" to watch it cruise!



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