

Creativity



All around our homes are simple items that we tend to think only have one use.

But, if we take time to examine those items, they can be used in many different ways.

Take the clothes peg for example. Obviously it's used to peg clothes to the clothes line. But what other uses are there of a clothes peg?

Could you use it as a book mark? Could you attach it to your jumper as a reminder to do something? How about using a clothes peg to hold your extra-long shoe laces together?

Let's have fun with clothes pegs. Here are a few uses for the humble clothes peg. Can you think of anymore?

Ten Peg Bowling



Can you remember the last time you went Ten Pin Bowling? The last time I went bowling the balls were so heavy, they wouldn't roll straight and only knocked down 2 or 3 pins! Did the same happen to you? I reckon there was something wrong with the bowling balls and they were all the same.

Here's a chance to achieve that perfect strike.

From your laundry pick out 10 clothes pegs and find a tennis ball. Choose different colours if you can.

Set the pegs standing up on the floor, nice and straight so that they're just like bowling pins. With your tennis ball walk, three steps back from your pins.

There, now you're looking straight down your own bowling alley.

Practise your bowling action and when you're ready bowl the ball to see how many peg pins you can knock over?

How did you go?

Peg Dominoes

Let's use pegs to create a domino effect. First, collect as many clothes pegs as you can, the more the better and then a flat surface such as your dining table or the floor. Peg dominoes won't work on carpet.

Next, practise lining the pegs up in a straight line remembering to leave one finger space between each peg. When you have 10 pegs lined up tip one of the end pegs into the other and see what happens. How exciting was that!

Now let's make our peg design a little bit more complicated. Can you stand your pegs in a circle, triangle or square? Have a try and see what happens.

Better still, create your own design, show your Joey Scout friends and ask them to countdown from 5 to 1. 1 is tip off time.

Which Joey Scout used the most clothes pegs in their domino design?

Creative Pegs

The humble clothes peg is a very flexible building material and can be used to create any number of objects ...

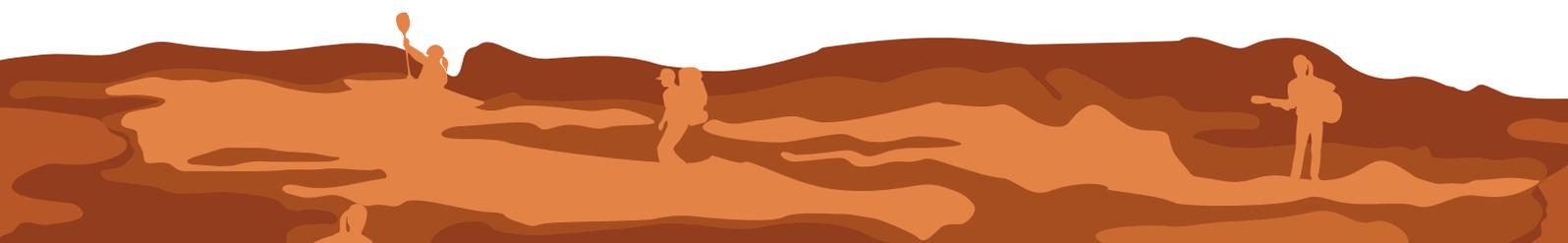
Grab as many clothes pegs as you can to create something. Your structure can either be 3 dimensional or a flat design.

Can you create ...

Clothes Peg Hide and Seek

Give mum or dad six clothes pegs to hide in your bedroom.

When your Joey Scout Leader counts "1, 2 3", upon "3" see if you can find all six clothes pegs in two minutes.



Peg An Idea

Joey Scouts will participate in a program that is adventurous, fun, challenging and inclusive and the best program ideas are their own.

Ask the Joey Scouts during the week to draw or write things they would like to do, create or learn about at Joey Scouts and using a peg attach it to something in their bedroom. It could be to their curtain or bedhead.



Then at your next meeting ask the Joey Scouts to discuss the activities they've thought of during the week.

Ask the Joey Scouts to nominate which of the 4 Challenge Areas best suits their activity and ask the other Joey scouts whether they agree.

The Joey Scout Leaders can write the ideas onto Post It notes and apply to one of the Challenge Area charts, occasionally asking the Joey Scouts whether there is a good balance of activities across the 4 Challenge Areas.

Magic Creativity

Now when it comes to creativity nothing is more exciting than magic! And this weekend you have the opportunity of watching one of the all-time great magicians, Cosentino!

To whet your magical appetite, try this simple magic trick

Have the Joey Scouts stand next to the latch plate of a door frame.

Ask them to move ever so slightly away from the frame. Two hands width will be enough.

Now have the Joey Scouts extend their arm towards the door frame keeping their arm straight and stiff so that the back of their hand is touching the door frame.

For the next 30 seconds ask the Joey Scouts to push the back of their hand into the door frame as hard as they can. Make sure they don't move their feet.

After the 30 seconds ask the Joey Scouts to step forward from the door frame.

What is happening to the arm that was pressing against the door frame?

Is it magically rising up?

For some real magic join us live on Saturday August 23 at 2 pm for our Academy of Magic online tutorial with Cosentino.

Details have been emailed to all youth members.

