

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 six steps back from your pins.

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

Now, rather than using a ball to knock over the pins, you have the ruler and rubber band. Stretch the rubber band on the ruler, take aim and release!

How many clothes pins did you manage to knock over?

As a Patrol or Unit competition, see how many clothes pins a Scout can knock over in a 10-frame game. You can award the championship to the Scout and Patrol with the highest score.

This is your activity, so why not have the Unit Council can set the activity rules?

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 great was that!

Now let's make our peg design a little bit more complicated. Create your own design, show your Scout friends and ask them to countdown from 5 to 1. 1 is tip off time.

Which Scout has used the most clothes pegs in their domino design and which domino design was the most spectacular?

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.

Objects you can make might be some of the following ideas or decided by the Unit Council, the Patrol presenting the program or even the Scout leading the activity. They can also decide what to build, how many clothes pegs you can use and the amount of time.



This is your program and you can decide how the activity will be presented.

The Scouts' creativity can be expanded by creating a structure incorporating a certain number of Lego pieces or a certain theme rather than a specific item.

Remember, the broader the instructions the more creative Scouts can be with their creations.

Peg An Idea



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

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

Remember to ask the Scouts to write down which of the 4 Challenge Areas best suits their activity.

Then at your next meeting ask the Scouts to present and discuss the activities they've thought of during the week. This can be within their Patrols with the conversation lead by the Patrol Leader.

Using Post It notes the Patrol Leader can attached the activity ideas to one of the Challenge Area charts occasionally asking the Scouts whether there is a good balance of activities across the 4 Challenge Areas.

The Unit Council can then use those activity ideas for inclusion in another night's program.

Magic Creativity

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

To whet your magical appetite, try this simple magic trick. You will need one tissue first off.

From this tissue tear off one small piece and tuck it up the left sleeve of your long sleeved top. The sleeve needs to be quite open to later let the piece of tissue drop into your hand.

The rest of the tissue can be thrown away.

Then have someone pull out a fresh tissue from the box and ask them to place it in your left hand.

At the same time have the small piece of tissue that you placed up your left sleeve drop unnoticed into your left hand.

Say to the person that you're now going to tear off a small piece of the tissue they've just given you.

Go through the motions of tearing a piece of the tissue by showing them the small piece that was up your sleeve.

Now place the tissue that seemingly has a tear in the person's hand and say that you will join the pieces back together.

The small piece of tissue you can hide in your hand.

Say some magic words and ask them to unravel the tissue.

Hey presto! The tissue is complete.

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.

