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Engineering Design Process

Think, Build, Test, Do It Again

That's the process engineers use when they tackle a problem. Engineers

don't have official rules telling them to follow this set of steps. But, over time they've learned that **they get the best results this way.**

They **think** and brainstorm about a problem and factors they have to consider to solve it. They come up with an idea and **build** a prototype. They **test** the prototype. And, then they **repeat** the process to improve their results.

It Takes a Lot of Back and Forth

Engineers often **move back and forth within the loop**, repeating two steps over and over again before moving forward. It's a key to engineering success. Sometimes, engineers will focus on one specific step, and when complete, pass the project off to another team with a different skill set.

Engineers are creative problem solvers!



Bridges

STEM Kit 6

Scientific Concept:	Physics, Structures
Recommended Ages:	8 to 12
Scientific Practice:	Engineering

What to know about this kit:

With this kit you can build 13 replicas of real life bridges. You can modify these models or design your own bridge and test it to see how much weight it holds or how far you can make it stretch.

Can you make it stretch between two chairs? How far apart can you move the chairs?

Use your science and engineering skills to design, test, adjust designs, and test again!

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Kit Contents & Replacement Costs		
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Object	K'Nex Education Introduction to Structures: Bridges (207 pieces)	\$40
Leaflet	K'Nex Education Teacher's Guide	n/a
Leaflet	K'Nex Education Building Instructions	n/a
Object	Hexagram Weights (set of 54)	\$13
Book	Bridges and Tunnels: Investigate Feats of Engineering	\$16
Book	How a Bridge Is Built (Engineering Our World)	\$23
Packaging & Processing Fee:		\$25
Total Kit Replacement Cost:		\$117

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