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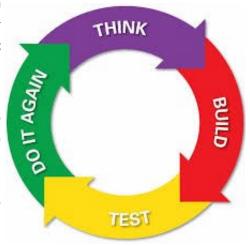
# **Engineering Design Process**

#### 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!**



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### **STEM Kit 11**

# **Straw Building**

**Scientific Concept:** Physics, Structures

**Recommended Ages:** 4 to 12

**Scientific Practice:** Engineering

# What to know about this kit:

Straws and connectors allow you to build structures from buildings to models of cars, rockets, and more. Use some of the suggestions in the ideas booklet for projects, or find inspiration from famous buildings around the world!

Please note: This kit must be returned to a staff member at the Irene Ingle Public Library.

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# **Kit Contents & Replacement Costs Item Type** Description Cost Straw Connector Set Object (330 straws, 16 wheels, \$30 375 connectors) Leaflet **Ideas Booklet** N/A Fascinating Engineering Book \$15 Book for Kids Book Rosie Revere, Engineer \$20 Packaging & Processing Fee: \$25 **Total Kit Replacement Cost:** \$90

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