



The following STEM ideas and Mini Journal are ideal for elementary classrooms because they are simple, quick, and fun!

STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. Classroom challenges are designed to promote both inductive (inventive) thinking, in which student products are unique, and deductive thinking, in which student products are similar, but construction and materials are different. As students navigate the STEM process, they are encouraged to collaborate with other students, plan and design, construct, test models, and improve designs.

The attached list of challenge ideas and materials can be used with students in grades K-5.

The purpose of the Mini Journal is to allow students to write and reflect quickly and easily as they complete their challenges. It also serves as an excellent option for informal assessment. Simply copy front to back, cut into thirds, and staple on the left edge to make the booklets.

Stem Challenge Ideas

bridge toy parachute house/dwelling building/tower boat ramp rocket

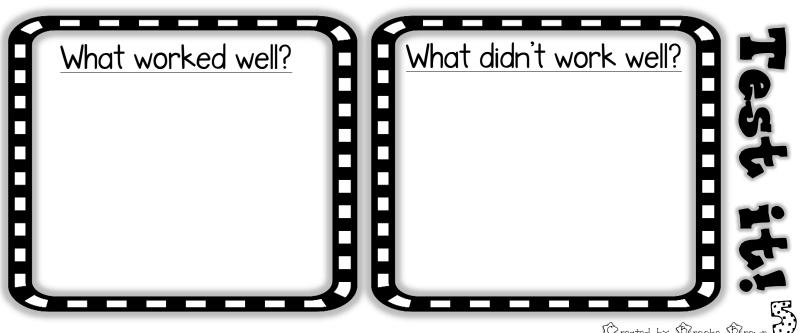
vehicle trap habitat maze game tool musical instrument catapult

Stem Construction Platerials

Legos K'nex blocks Magformers blocks unifix cubes Any building manipulative paper goods popsicle sticks rubber bands pipe cleaners toilet paper rolls tissue boxes plastic bottles



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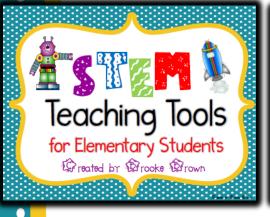


	What is the problem?	
Design it!	My Blueprint	
mprove its	What can we change to make it better?	



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