

Measure with a Paper Clip Chain

This activity explores



Measurement



Number Sense & Counting

Learning Goal

Measure to find out how tall or short an object is; practice counting.



What You'll Need

- Small objects to measure
- Paper clips
- Index cards
- Marker or pen

Steps



Denotes a step that may require adult support.



1. Gather objects! Write the names of the objects you want to measure on the index cards, one per card.

2. Make a chain! Make a long chain by linking the paper clips together.



3. Measure with paper clips! Measure each object with the chain by counting how many paper clips long it is and write the number down on the index card.

4. Compare! Organize your objects from tallest to shortest. What do you notice about the number of paper clips used to measure each object?

Watch Video



Talk Together

- How many paper clips long do you think that object will be?
- Which object is the longest or shortest?

Book Suggestion

“Super Sand Castle Saturday”

by Stuart J. Murphy and illustrated by Julia Gorton

Online Game

Family Math: Measure and Toss

www.pbssocal.org/education/measure-and-toss