



## ICEBREAKER

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# PAPER CHAIN

*This activity is a timed challenge to see who can make the longest chain out of one piece of paper and a limited amount of tape.*

**Time needed** 5-8 minutes

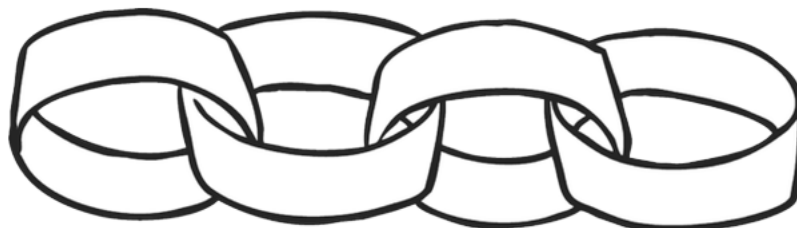
**Materials** Each person or team will need the following materials:

- 1 piece of letter-size paper  
*Colored paper can be more fun to work with*
- 1 pair of scissors
- 5 inches of tape

## Getting Started

The goal of this icebreaker is to encourage girls to talk to one another and think outside the box. The activity is relatively simple, but there are many ways to improve upon your design. This activity allows for growth and good discussion after the fact.

Make sure that everyone is familiar with how paper chains are made: strips of paper are made into connected loops to form a chain.



## Steps

1. Depending on the number of participants, divide everyone up into partners or have them work alone
2. Set a timer for anywhere from 5-8 minutes (gauge the abilities of participants, seven is typically enough time)
3. Have everyone start making their chains. Encourage them to talk to one another and strategize before they start cutting and remind them that they have a limited amount of tape.
4. After the timer is up, have everyone show off their chain and find the longest
5. Discuss what methods worked best, what was most challenging, and what they could have done differently to make a longer chain.

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