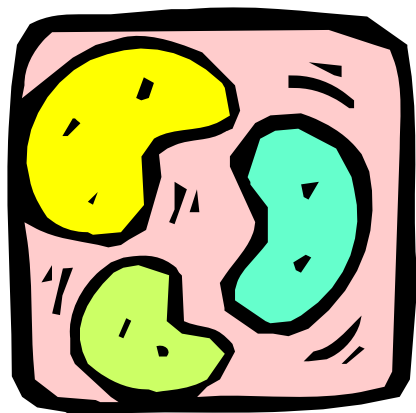


# Beanie Building

Age: 5 years and up



## What's needed

Large dried beans (garbanzos or lima)  
Bowl of water  
Wooden toothpicks

## What to do

1. Soak beans overnight in a bowl of water.
2. Drain.
3. Stick a toothpick in one bean.
4. Continue sticking beans and toothpicks together to make a structure.
5. When finished, let the bean structure dry overnight.

Variations: Build a structure with marshmallows and toothpicks. Build a structure with balls of clay and toothpicks. Build a structure with fresh peas from the pod and toothpicks.

**NOTE: Some providers do not like to use food items for creative expression activities.**

## What children will learn

Sculpture, creative expression