

# **ENGINEERING ACTIVITY:**

# **DESIGN AND BUILD A ROAD!**

Have you ever thought about what it takes to build a road? Many people from a wide variety of careers must work together to build a road.



# what to do:

### Set up your map:

- 1. Unfold your map and place it on the floor or a table.
- 2. Place the home sticker and science museum on opposite sides of your map. The home sticker represents your home, and the science museum is COSI!

#### YOUR CHALLENGE:

Build a road that will get your marble from your home to COSI safely.

## **CONSTRAINTS** (rules):

- 1. The marble must start at your home and end at COSI.
- 2. If your road crosses a river, a bridge must be built at least 1 centimeter above the map.
- **3.** If your road crosses a mountain, a tunnel must be built (a tunnel must be an enclosed tube)
- **4.** The marble should reach COSI without your help! You can place the marble at the start of the track, but not push it along in between.
  - **a.** Tip! You can try using a stack of books, or any materials inside your box to raise the starting point above the ground or table you're working on.

10

12

13

ruler centimeters



## Design and build your road:

- **1.** Look at what is between your two locations. Are there rivers or mountains? Remember, rivers require bridges and mountains require tunnels.
- 2. Design your road.
- **3.** Build your road. Test it while you build to make sure the marble rolls along it!
- **4.** Can your marble make it from home to COSI on its own? If not, make some adjustments and try again! Engineers don't always get it right on the first try.



### learn more!

Go to this website to learn more about construction in your life. www.ibuildamerica-ohio.com/cosi/



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