

# Soft Skills Activity



The Toothpick Factory<sup>®</sup> is a hands-on activity, set in a manufacturing context, that stimulates discussion and awareness about a wide range of *soft skills* that are essential in today's work and personal relationships. These are workplace standards of behavior needed by employees to interact and cooperate effectively with co-workers. The hands-on activity engages students in a non-threatening simulation so they can focus on teamwork and communication skills.



**Objectives**  
 How to be a good team player  
 How to adapt to change  
 How to lead others  
 How to communicate effectively  
 How to offer & receive feedback



**Strategy**  
 Structured to put participants in a "real world" scenario where each one has a specific role in the manufacturing process



TPF Kits Sales since 2009	365
Soft skills workshops since 2009	Over 28 professional development event all over U.S.A.
Impact since 2009	More than 739 students & educators & Industry leaders

*"Wonderful activity and participant engagement"*  
*"Fun and innovative"*  
*"Useful and enjoyable"*



This project supports FLATE's goal to unify and enhance Florida's secondary and post-secondary STEM and manufacturing curriculum.

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