

## BUILD A ROPE BRIDGE BY FAUST VRANČIĆ

Name of the object and creator	Build a rope bridge based on inventions of Faust Vrančić published in "Machinae Novae" at Venice in 1615/1616.; Marija Barlek – Teacher of Visual Arts at Lovre pl.Matačića Primary school				
Recommended ages	10-14				
Thematic areas combined (STEAM)	Sciences	Technology	Engineering	Arts	Mathematics
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Materials needed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• different paper and cardboard (A3 format)</li> <li>• collage paper</li> <li>• hot glue gun with cartridges/white glue for wood</li> <li>• pencil, eraser, ruler, triangle</li> <li>• scissors and scalpel knife</li> <li>• a ball of wool or rope</li> <li>• tempera or acrylic colors and brushes</li> <li>• small packaging boxes</li> <li>• a stack of wooden skewer sticks</li> </ul>				



Outline of the  
steps

1. Each group **investigates the drawings of bridges** on the internet link given below and chooses a different one.
2. **Construct and build a rope bridge** using provided material and tools showing different skills (measuring, drawing, cutting, connecting, gluing, intertwining).
3. **Test the balance of the bridge** using a toy car, marble or a small ball.

References

<https://www.morski.hr/nacrti-fausta-vrancica-inspiracija-za-mostove-u-dubrovniku-i-san-franciscu/>

## STEP BY STEP: How to build rope bridges of Faust Vrančić

Step 1: Choose your bridge from the drawings of Faust Vrančić

Estimated time: 5 min

- Divide into groups of three students. Distribute material and tools. Each group investigates and chooses their bridge from the presented.



Photo: MC Faust Vrančić

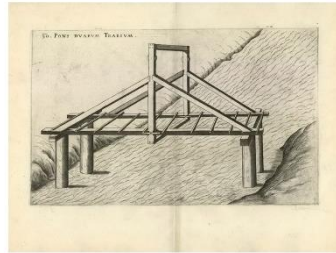


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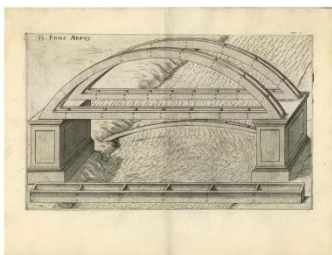


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Step 2: Construct and build your bridge

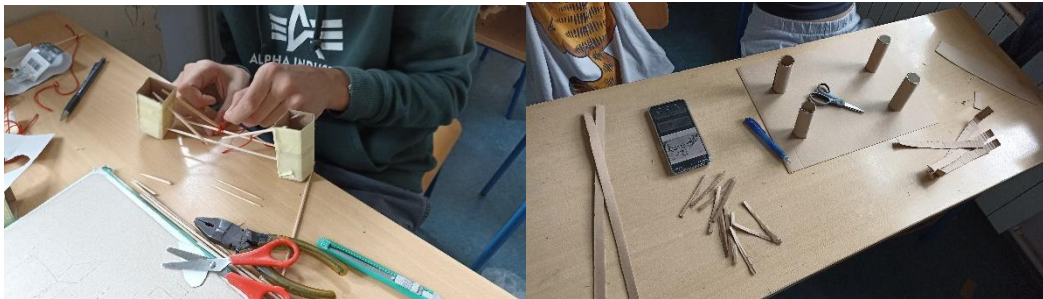
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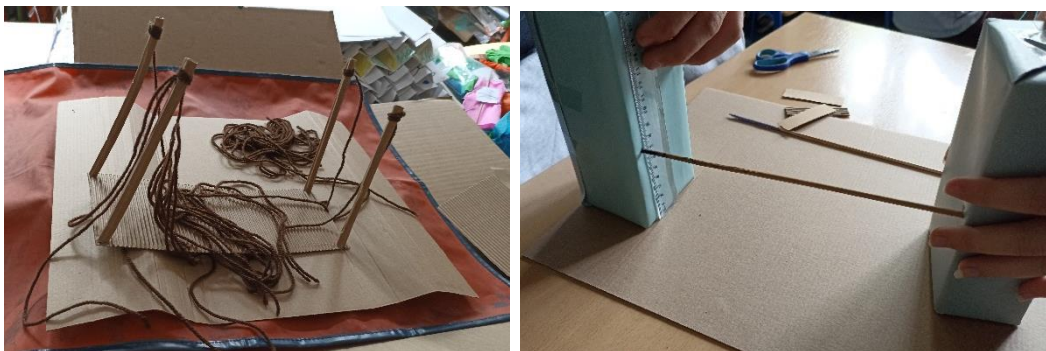
- It is crucial to **measure** cardboard and wooden sticks when constructing parts of the bridge in order to keep everything in **balance** afterwards. Also, you can reuse small boxes but be sure to cover their surface with collage paper first.



- Once the parts are drawn and measured, you can **cut** them out using a sharp scalpel knife (for cardboard and wood) or scissors (for collage paper). Then **glue** them together using white glue for wood or hot glue gun.



- After the base of construction is made, you can start **connecting** the pieces with skewer sticks and threads (rope, wool). Be free to **investigate** and invent ways to do that by zooming into your picture of the bridge.

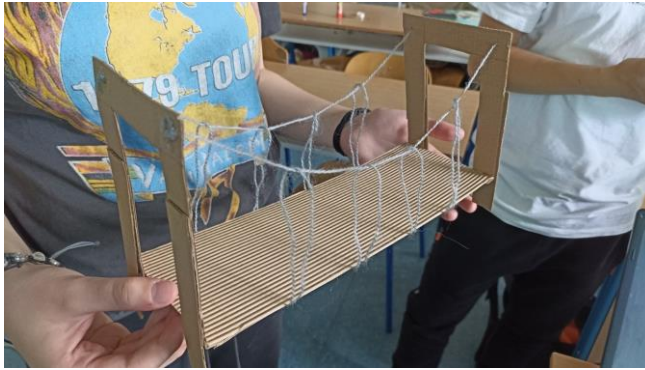


- The most complicated phase of construction is **intertwining** the rope or wool which is why **teamwork** and **cooperation** is important as well as punctuality in measuring or creativity in ideas.



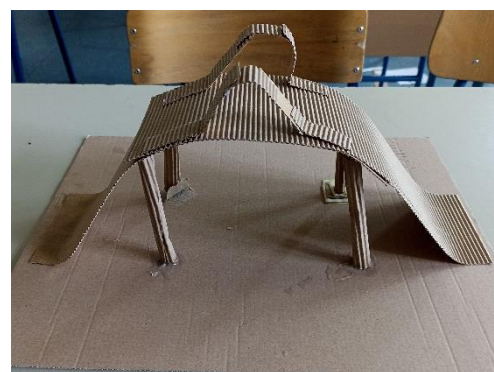
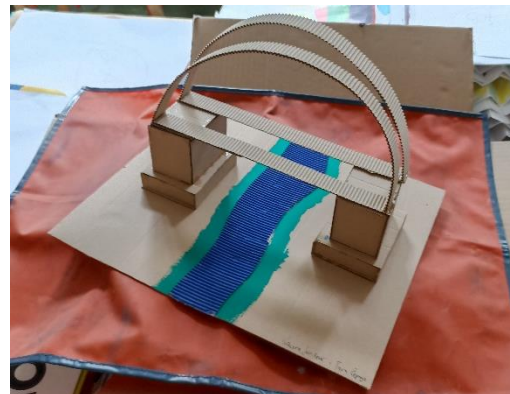
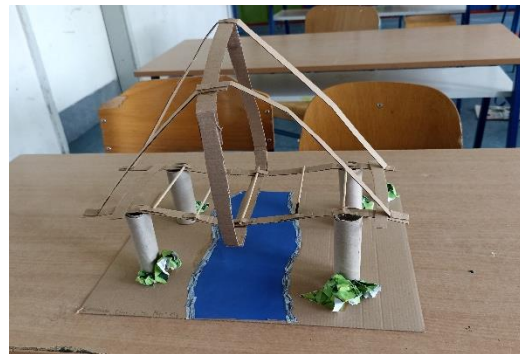
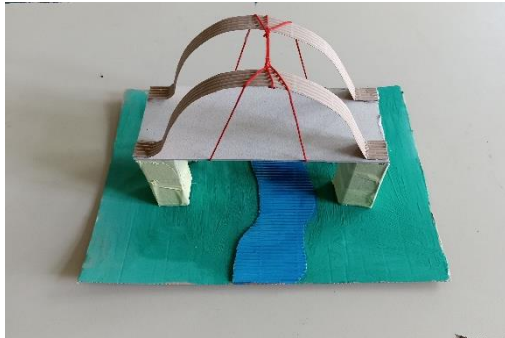
Step 3: Test your bridge – balance and stability

Estimated time: 20 min



Check if your bridge is stable and in balance by using a small toy car or a ball. Fix if there are some loose ends or imperfections. Use color and glue to make your rope bridge more appealing.

FINISHED RESULTS:



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