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Jack & The Beanstalk Zipline Instructions

Materials Needed:

- Zipline materials – yarn, string, twine, or craft lace
- Drinking Straw
- Chenille Sticks
- Tape – clear plastic, masking tape or painter’s tape
- Scissors
- Stuffed animals/small characters of various sizes/weights
- Heavy books/objects you can wrap zipline around to anchor the line

Optional:

Smartphone with clock app, clock or watch with second hand, or stopwatch

Directions:

1. Cut straw into approximately 1.5” length pieces.
2. Twist chenille stick onto one piece of straw and tape into place.
3. Feed the yarn through the straw.
4. Attach the stuffed animal to the straw by twisting the chenille stick around it.
5. Choose where you want to start your zipline and tape the yarn to the wall or other surface after checking with your adult.
6. Choose where you want the zipline to end. Run the zipline through the book and wrap it around the outside. **Make sure the zipline is VERY tight.**
7. Pull the straw holding the stuffed animal to the top of the zipline.
8. Countdown and let your stuffed animal zip away!



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Ideas:

- Try a different material for your zipline.
- Change the slope (angle) of the zipline.
- Attach your stuffed animal by twisting the chenille stick around a different part of its body.
- Try a different animal or toy.
- Time your zipline runs. Use the second hand on a clock or watch to track how long it takes for your animal to reach the end of the zipline. Or use a stopwatch or the clock app on a smartphone to time your stuffed animal.
- Set up a second zipline and race!