

ALQUIMÉTRICOS

DO IT YOURSELF
BUILDING BLOCK TOYS



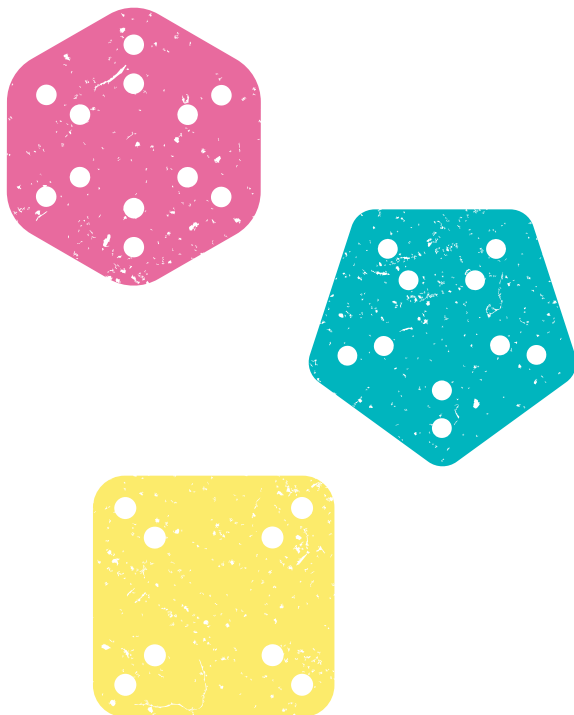
BEFORE YOU START
ACTIVITY ZERO:
INTRODUCTION

#DIY #STEAM #BUILDINGBLOCKS
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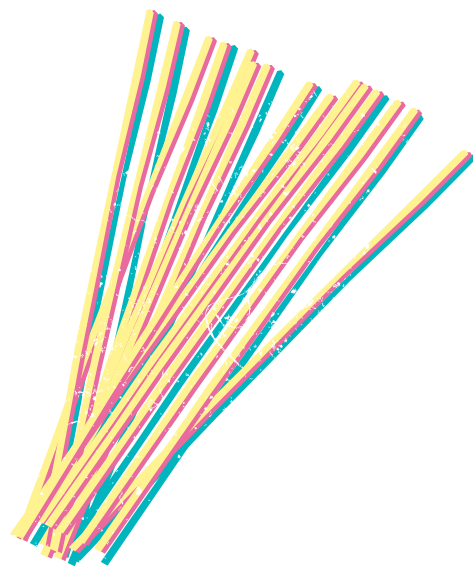
WHAT IS ALQUIMÉTRICOS?

Alquimétricos is a free and Do-It-Yourself toy that consists of two main parts: the **connectors** and the **beams**. Using only these two building blocks we can create all kinds of flat and tridimensional structures!

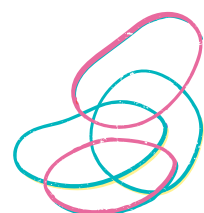
CONNECTORS



BEAMS



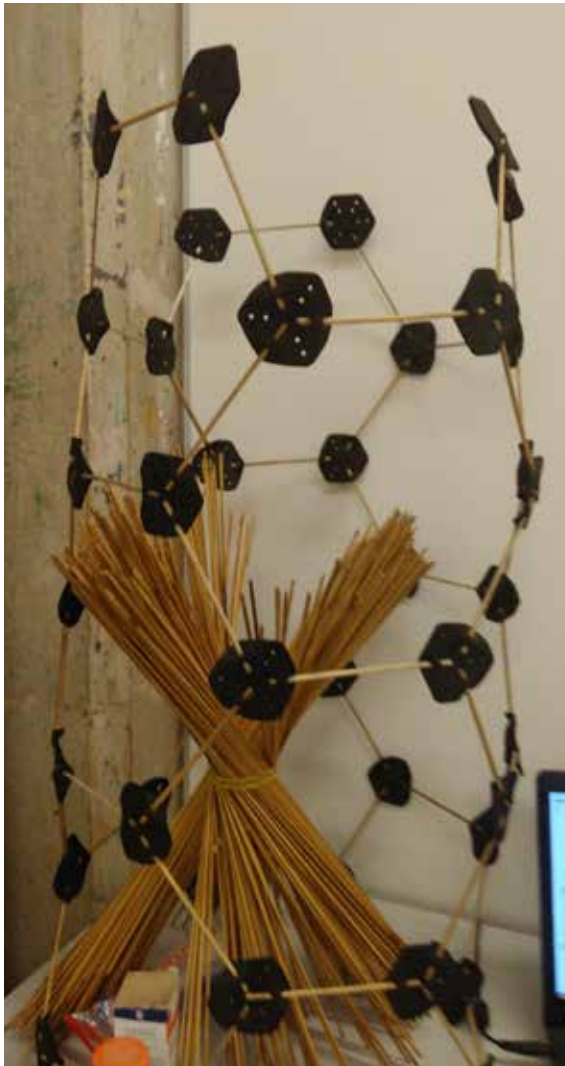
Depending on the material of the connector, the diameter of the beams and the holes, you may also need to use little **elastic bands** to secure the structures you build.



SOME STRUCTURES BUILT WITH **ALQUIMÉTRICOS**



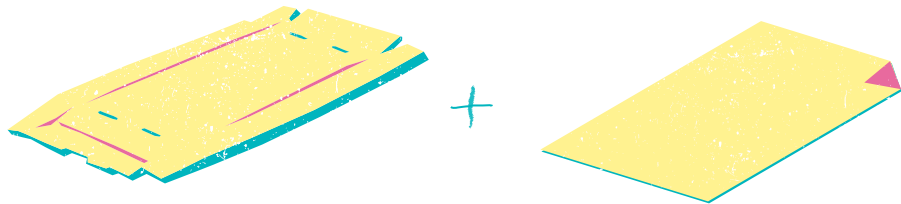
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MATERIALS YOU WILL NEED

FOR CONNECTORS TEMPLATES

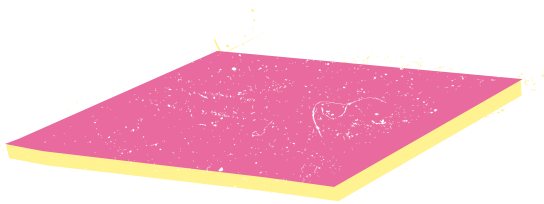
Cardboard and
White paper



FOR CONNECTORS

PREFERABLY

EVA Rubber



OTHER OPTIONS

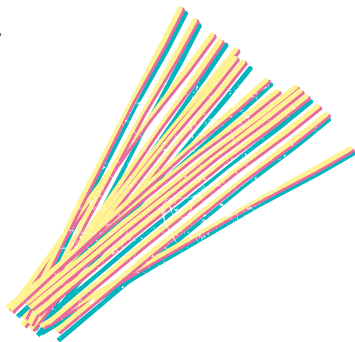
- Milk / Juice Box
- Denim
- Truck / car / bicycle rubber inner tube



FOR BEAMS

PREFERABLY

Bamboo Sticks



OTHER OPTIONS

- Barbecue/sugar cotton sticks
- Paper rolls
- Raffia sticks for perfume diffuser

1 pack of 50 are usually cheap and serves for many projects as you can cut them in 2 or 3

FOR FASTENING

PREFERABLY

Small elastic bands



OTHER OPTIONS

- Regular size elastic bands
- Glue
- Hot-melt adhesive

TOOLS YOU WILL USE

SOMETHING TO PUNCH HOLES

PREFERABLY

Punch Hole Pliers



OTHER OPTIONS

- Awl
- Self-made-awl
- Paper punches
- Corkscrew



SOMETHING TO CUT SOFT MATERIALS

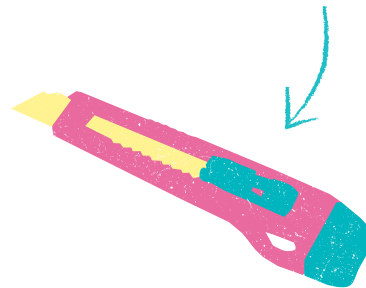
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Big Scissors



OTHER OPTIONS

- Paper cutter/utility knife



SOMETHING TO CUT HARD MATERIALS

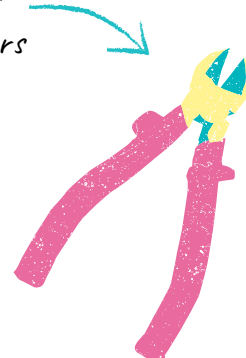
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Pet nail clipper



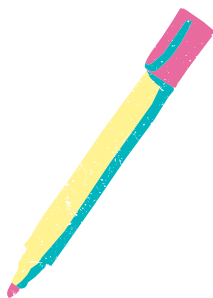
OTHER OPTIONS

- Cutting pliers
- Pruning shears



TOOLS YOU WILL USE

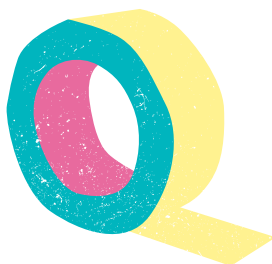
Marker or Pen



Glue



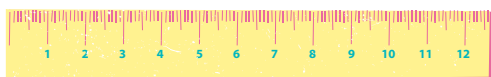
Tape



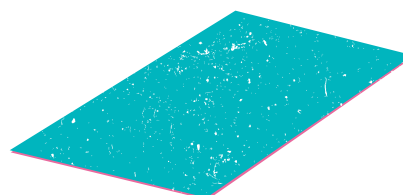
Cellphone, tablet or computer



Ruler or Measuring tape



Sandpaper or nail file



SAFETY WARNING

Some tools are easier to handle than others. We strongly recommend adult supervision or manipulation during the manufacturing part of the process.



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Alquimétricos was founded in 2015 by Fernando Daguanño and soon after it became an international community of makers, educators, visual artists, open-knowledge activists and communicators.

Our mission is to deliver affordable, do-it-yourself (DIY) open educational resources (OERs) focused on science, technology, engineering, arts, and math (STEAM).

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