

## Good... BETTER... WOW!

Once your team has chosen their challenge and have an idea of what kinds of set pieces and/or props they need to build, use this Instant Challenge to get your team moving forward on how they are going to building their specific pieces and come away from the meeting with a list of supplies needed to accomplish the goal! This also gives all of the team members some kind of input into almost all of the props. If you feel you need a fourth 5 minutes, go ahead and give it. The object is for the kids to come away from this meeting with decisions made. That is not to say there won't be adjustments later but this will be their jumping off point. Here is how it's done.

Split your team (if you have 7, adjust if you don't) into three groups. (2, 2, 3) Write one prop/set piece on each piece of paper and then write Good, Better, Wow! (see following pages for example.)

Assign each team a set of papers for one prop. Set the timer for 5 minutes. Explain that they need to work with their team member to come up with a "good solution" to make their particular prop item. They should quickly sketch their design idea, write down the specifics, and write down all of the materials needed to make their "good" solution.

At the end of the first five minutes, they should have a good solution written along with a drawing and a supply list. Choose ONE team member to stay with each solution and the other team member moves to the next person in line. Set the timer for another 5 minutes. Ask each "new team" to look at the original idea and see what they can change to make it "better". The catch is that they can't change the original idea completely, they can only make the existing idea BETTER.

At the end of that five minutes, they should have made improvements to the original idea and have another list of materials they need to accomplish it. The list needs to include whatever materials the "good" idea needed as long as they are applicable to the "better" idea. ( For example, the "good idea's" materials list was: cardboard, and red, white and blue paint to make a backdrop. The "better" idea was not to use paint but to use lots of pictures from magazines to make a collage. So the materials list would need to include: cardboard for backdrop, magazines, and white paint for base.)

Third time: Move the member who was originally at that location to the next person in line so now there are none of the original members of the props in the same place. This time ask them to give the prop they have in front of them "WOW" and make a list of materials needed to accomplish this, remembering that they are not allowed to completely scrap the original ideas and start over! Set the timer for 5 minutes.

Once finished, their props should now have a completed list of items needed to make them plus they are on their way to being props with the "WOW" factor!

**Prop Item :**

GOOD

Materials List:

**Prop Item**

Better

Materials List

**Prop Item:**

WOW!

Materials List