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# Skills Ontario challenges Ontarians to build paper towers through #SkillsAtHome series, continues to encourage skilled trade and tech career exploration

**Ontario (June 10, 2020)** – The #SkillsAtHome social media challenge series inspires Ontarians to build their skills related to the skilled trades and technologies, and Skills Ontario is thrilled to launch the sixth challenge, the #SkillsTowerChallenge. Participants are to use 16 sheets of paper, up to one metre of tape, and scissors to build a free-standing tower. Submissions must include a picture of the blueprint design, as well as a picture of the tower and its height.

The #SkillsTowerChallenge requires skills in design and planning, communication, creativity, and attention to detail, and is related to the fields of ironworking and metal fabricating.

“With five challenges complete and the #SkillsTowerChallenge launching, the #SkillsAtHome challenge series has been a pleasure to run,” says Ian Howcroft, CEO of Skills Ontario. “Providing Ontarians with opportunities to learn about skilled trades and technologies is what we’re proud to do, and we’re happy to continue the learning as Ontarians stay safe at home. We’re looking forward to seeing the towers participants will design and build!”

As this challenge launches, the previous challenge, the #SkillsBoatChallenge, reaches its deadline. Participants must send in submissions for the #SkillsTowerChallenge by June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

To participate in challenges in the #SkillsAtHome series, audiences are asked to share their submissions on Twitter. Winners are awarded prizes provided by Skills Ontario and its partners. Skills Ontario thanks its #SkillsAtHome program sponsors: the Government of Ontario, 3M Canada, Centennial College, Haas, Humber College, IHSA, Magna, OPG, RBC, and WSIB, as well as its #SkillsTowerChallenge sponsors: Algonquin College, Carpenters Local 27, CLAC, Fanshawe College, Georgian College, Kiewit, Linamar, OACETT, Seneca College, Sheridan College, Snap-on, and Vale. All challenge details can be found in both official languages at [skillsontario.com/skillsathome](https://skillsontario.com/skillsathome).

Along with [Twitter](https://twitter.com/skillsontario), Skills Ontario can also be found on [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/skillsontario) at @skillsontario, on [LinkedIn](https://www.linkedin.com/company/skillsontario) at “Skills Ontario”, and on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/skillsontario) at “Skills Canada - Ontario.” Skills Ontario looks forward to continuing to provide fun and interactive learning opportunities to build a strong and robust workforce.

## Skills Ontario – Promoting skilled trades and technologies in Ontario since 1989

Over the last 30 years, Skills Ontario has been growing a portfolio of programs including in-school presentations reaching 125,000 students across Ontario, career exploration summer camps, Young Women’s and First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Career Exploration Conferences, and annually hosting Canada’s largest skilled trades and technologies competition which attracts 37,000+ spectators who cheerlead the 2,400+ competitors in 68+ trades and tech categories. To see how you can partner with Skills Ontario and help make a difference in the lives of Ontario’s youth, visit [skillsontario.com/get-involved](https://skillsontario.com/get-involved).

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