

## Skills Ontario invites Ontarians to build skills in construction through #SkillsFortChallenge

**Ontario** (November 2, 2020) – Skills Ontario's #SkillsAtHome challenge series inspires Ontarians to explore skilled trades and technologies, and the fourteenth challenge, the #SkillsFortChallenge, launches today. For this challenge, participants are to build a blanket-covered structure in their home using household items. They must prepare a blueprint and upload their plan and submission to Twitter or TikTok by November 16<sup>th</sup>.

"Skills Ontario is proud to continue to bring learning opportunities to Ontarians so that they can explore skilled trades and technologies," says Ian Howcroft, CEO of Skills Ontario. "This initiative is one of our many virtual programs that delivers fun skill-building activities. The #SkillsFortChallenge will develop skills in planning and design, creativity, and organization, and we're excited to see the submissions to come."

Winners of #SkillsAtHome challenges 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, Linamar, Magna, OPG, RBC, and WSIB, as well as its #SkillsFortChallenge sponsors: Algonquin College, Bruce Power, Carpenters Local 27, CLAC, COCA, Colleges Ontario, Conestoga College, Confederation College, Fanshawe College, Georgian College, IBEW 353, Kiewit, Mohawk College, OACETT, Seneca College, Sheridan College, Snap-on Tools, and Vale. All challenge details can be found in both official languages at skillsontario.com/skillsathome.

Sneak peeks of upcoming challenges are available on the Skills Ontario website, as well. Along with <u>Twitter</u> and <u>TikTok</u>, Skills Ontario can also be found on Instagram at <u>@skillsontario</u>, on LinkedIn at <u>"Skills Ontario</u>", on Facebook at <u>"Skills Canada - Ontario</u>" and on YouTube at <u>Skills Ontario</u>.

Through its #SkillsAtHome initiatives, Skills Ontario also offers <u>a live series</u> that delivers virtual workshops in several skilled trade and technology fields. Skills Ontario looks forward to continuing to provide fun and interactive learning opportunities to build a strong and robust workforce.

## **About Skills Ontario**

Skills Ontario has been growing a portfolio of programs to inspire and engage youth since 1989, including presentations, career exploration events, competitions, summer camps, and Young Women's and First Nations, Métis, and Inuit workshops and conferences. To see how you can partner with Skills Ontario and help make a difference in the lives of Ontario youth, visit <u>skillsontario.com/get-involved</u>.

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