

# Let's Catch an Elf!

## Book: How to Catch an Elf

*The best part about this activity? The only thing limiting their elf trap is their imagination. Some supply suggestions are below, but anything can be used! A fellow Pre-K teacher has her class create a trap and leave it to see if they catch the elf. So far no luck, but the elf has left a note and a book for them to read!*

### **Supplies- Anything can be used! Be creative, but here are some suggestions:**

- Pipe cleaners
- Tape/Glue
- Straws
- Construction Paper
- Play dough
- Pom poms
- Candy Canes

### **Directions:**

Provide supplies and allow some time for kids to plan out their designs individually or together. Give enough time for them to make their creation and watch their hands-on problem solving. At the end of the activity, have them describe and demonstrate how their trap works. You could even leave it out overnight to see if it catches an elf!

### **Discussion Questions:**

- Can you create a plan and draw your trap prior to creating it?
- Are there any spots the elf can escape from?
- What might attract the attention of the elf to help get him to the trap?
- Will Santa be upset if you catch an elf or will he think it is silly?

### **Early Learning Standards (may meet other standards not listed):**

ELA 1.3 Demonstrate ability to engage in conversations

ELA 2.4: Demonstrate comprehension

SC4.1: Demonstrate engineering design skills

CA3.2: Demonstrate creative expression through visual art products

**Modifications for multi ages:** Use blocks, legos, books, blankets, etc. You can modify this activity for any age!

