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Exercises: Cooperative Problem Solving Generating Options

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Coffee Stirrer Exercise

- 1. Hand out six coffee stirrers to small groups and ask them to arrange all of them so that they form one equal-sided triangle. As soon as one group has done this, ask them to demonstrate. [See figure (1) below.]
- 2. Now ask the groups to form two equal-sided triangles, again using all six stirrers. Ask the first group that succeeds to demonstrate. [See figure (2).]
- 3. Repeat, asking to create four triangles.
- 4. Repeat, asking to create six.
- 5. Repeat, asking to create eight.



