Mathematics Centre

Investigation Guide

Aiming High? Dig Deeper

Use in conjunction with the DIY video workshop *Aiming High? Dig Deeper* from Cube Tube. http://www.mathematicscentre.com/mathematicscentre/cubetube.htm

You Need

- ♦ Isometric dot paper (next page)
- ♦ 2cm cubes 1cm cubes will work (so will sugar cubes)
- 1. On the isometric paper, draw the smallest possible single cube by joining dots.

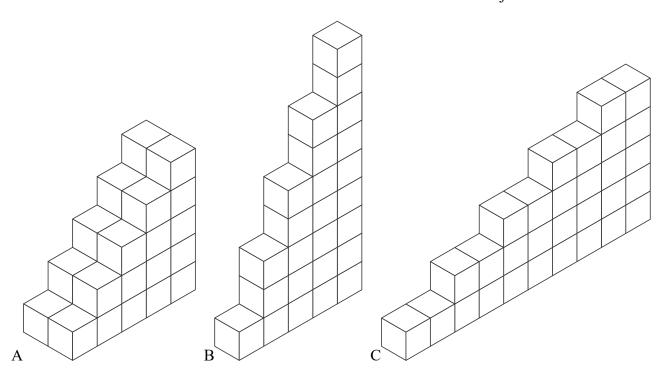
 If you do it as intended every corner will be on a dot and there will be no dots inside.

 (Doing all your drawings this size saves paper.)
- 2. Tower 1 and Tower 2 together (as in the video) make a Tricube. Draw a Tricube by joining dots.
- 3. (Optional) Draw the 5-step staircase in the video.

Challenge

For at least one of these alternative 5-step staircases investigate...

- blocks needed to build each tower (towers are 2 columns deep in A and 2 columns wide in C)
- cracks created between blocks as each tower is built
- visible horizontal and vertical cracks created as each tower is joined on



How do you know? Can you check it another way? If I tell you any tower number can you tell me...?

