

MAGIC

Carpet

CHALLENGE (GOAL, OBJECTIVE):

To generate cooperation, strategic thinking, effective communication, and coordination.

GROUP SIZE: 8-15 per facilitator, per tarp

TIME: 30 - 45 minutes

EQUIPMENT: An 8 x 8 tarp, blanket, or paper squares taped together

PROCEDURE AND RULES:

*Note beforehand: You may increase or decrease the size of your 'tarp' depending on the amount of people. The tarp should take up as much space as there are team members who will be standing on it.

Have the group imagine they are on a magic carpet ride, on a mission to reach a destination across the ocean. However, the directions are on the back of the carpet. To get the directions, they must flip the carpet over, with everyone still on it. To do so, no one can leave the carpet. If anyone comes in contact with the ground they will have to start over.

VARIATIONS:

- Make the carpet smaller to increase the difficulty.
- Start with a larger tarp, and see how many times the group can get the tarp to fold in half.

DISCUSSION /DEBRIEF:

How did your group make decisions? Were they effective?

When something didn't work, what did you do to move forward?

Do we ever sometimes feel like we begin something too soon - without preparation or direction? Why does that happen?

Is there such a thing as 'too many' people on a ride (project)? What sort of emotions and challenges does that come with?