The last straw

Read it -- Try it safely -- Explore it further

What you need.
3 plastic straws
2 elastic bands
1 cocktail stick

Support the green straw to stand upright using elastic bands
Push a cocktail stick through the middle of the purple straw
Lower the cocktail stick into the green straw
Rub the orange straw and the purple straw with a cloth
Bring the orange straw close to the purple one
They repel (because they both have acquired charge of the same type and so repel each other)

Extension activity: Can you demonstrate electrostatic attraction?
Explore practical applications of static charge

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