



# FROM STREETS TO STADIUMS

Transforming Public Spaces to Celebrate the World's Game



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**As the excitement** builds for the largest international soccer tournament in the world, communities across our region are presented with a unique opportunity to shine on the global stage. The tournament is more than a sporting spectacle—it is a celebration of culture, unity, and place. It brings together people from all walks of life, offering a platform to elevate our shared spaces and foster meaningful connections among residents and visitors alike.

The North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority has been a long-time supporter of placemaking, working with communities across our 13-county region to help them realize their fullest potential. When we learned that the games would be coming to our great state, we saw an opportunity to take what we have learned over more than a decade and offer best practices that our communities could implement to capitalize on this unique opportunity.

This placemaking guide was created to provide communities with practical strategies, inspiring examples, and actionable tools to transform public spaces into vibrant, welcoming destinations. Whether you are activating a central plaza or downtown, enhancing neighborhood parks, or reimagining transportation corridors, placemaking initiatives can help bolster the economy by bringing people together and supporting local businesses.

We invite you to use this resource as a roadmap for collaboration, creativity, and community-building. Let's seize this moment to showcase not only our love for this sport but also our commitment to thriving and memorable public places.

Sincerely,



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# The 2026 WORLD'S GAME

presents a unique opportunity to amplify the social and economic vitality of our towns. All over the world, people of all backgrounds will be celebrating and watching the matches in our region and beyond. This is your chance to bring the celebrations to your community!

There are many ways to create engaging community gatherings surrounding the tournament. The FIFA World Cup New York New Jersey Host Committee has created a **community engagement toolkit** outlining how communities can get involved, make an impact, and celebrate teams and cultures from across the world—Section 6: Creative Ways to Celebrate Locally is a great place to start!

The NJTPA's *FROM STREETS TO STADIUMS: Transforming Public Spaces to Celebrate the World's Game* provides **guidance on planning soccer-themed events and activations that enliven public spaces, benefit your local economy, and bring your community together!** From this guide, you will generate ideas for planning an event or creating a soccer-themed demonstration project and become equipped with different materials to utilize.

After using this guide, you will be prepared to celebrate the games in your community and take advantage of the great economic and community-building opportunities it will bring to New Jersey.



## GAME ON!

For the first time in its history, the most popular international sporting event will span 16 cities across three countries—Canada, Mexico, and the United States—and feature 48 teams competing for the international championship title. The opening match will take place on Thursday, June 11, with over 100 games scheduled to take place.

With 48 teams, countries, and cultures to represent across multiple cities, the **North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA)** region will be experiencing more than just a soccer game, but a sense of community, togetherness, and celebration like it has never seen before.

On July 19, 2026, over a billion fans worldwide will witness the final match of the international tournament. This presents opportunities to animate public spaces, turning them into places where communities come together.

The New Jersey Institute of Technology's Hillier School of

Architecture and Design, in coordination with and funded by the NJTPA, has carefully put together a kit of affordable and easy-to-install seating, activities, view screens, traffic calming elements, and so much more to help your municipalities bring your communities together to celebrate the big game.

The recommendations in this guide were first developed by students in Professor Gernot Reither's architecture studio class, "Game On!

Activating Public Spaces During the World Cup." To learn more about the class's work, click here: "[Game On!](#)"



## HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

This resource is designed for your municipality to use as a tool to inspire ideas and understand the community and economic benefits that placemaking efforts can yield.

There are several examples of soccer-themed events and complementary street activations to choose from, as well as a list of materials, instructions on how to use them, and information on where to purchase the items.

We encourage you to mix and match proposed events with the complementary street activations to foster a sense of place, community, and togetherness around the games.

If you have questions about where to start, what makes sense for your community, or the process for organizing such events, please contact the NJTPA with your inquiries.

## PLACEMAKING AND DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS

Placemaking is the application of community planning that integrates arts, culture, infrastructure, and other community assets to attract new investment and strengthen the local economy. It is a form of economic development that links job creation to specific places by enhancing public spaces, streets, and other community amenities.

Demonstration projects are a form of placemaking that utilizes short-term, low-cost, and scalable interventions to achieve long-term improvements in street safety and public space. This approach can draw attention to perceived shortcomings, widen public engagement, test interventions, and inspire action. Demonstration projects can also be about creating or activating public spaces.

In terms of the tournament, there are several opportunities to utilize local streets and public parking lots to create gathering places where people can watch and participate in soccer-related activities. This allows for a once-in-a-generation opportunity to showcase your town on the global stage, bolster our local economies, and celebrate across our communities.



## STEPS FOR PLANNING YOUR EVENT

Dive into some of the key steps of the planning process for celebrating the games in your town!

### DECIDING YOUR EVENT TYPE

#### What are you looking to do?

What does your municipality want to achieve from engaging in the largest soccer tournament in the world? What local economic and community goals are you trying to accomplish?

Below, we distinguish between events and complementary street activations. Look through the different suggestions for inspiration as you plan for what your own town can implement or expand upon what you already have in store for your community members.

With each suggestion, we have included a list of **materials** and additional considerations to help you put on a great event.

### Events

The international tournament presents an incredible opportunity to bring your community together and support your local economy.

When planning your event, the following needs to be considered:

- **Duration:** One day, weekend, six weeks
- **Event Size:** Space, number of people
- **Event Type:** Local fan fests before kickoff, soccer-themed farmers' markets, watch parties, mini soccer tournaments

There are many different options, and on the following pages are some ideas to get your creative juices flowing.



**ESTIMATED \$3 BILLION  
IN ECONOMIC IMPACT IN NY/NJ**

**1.2 MILLION VISITORS EXPECTED**

**DON'T MISS OUT!**



## LOCAL FAN FESTS



**Materials featured:** soccer seating, soccer trainer, picnic table, bistro set, astro turf

**Cost:** Medium | **Timeframe:** One day to six weeks

### Materials

- **Activities:** soccer trainers, “world's smallest soccer goal,” mini soccer ball net and ball, inflatable soccer balls
- **Seating:** soccer seating, picnic table, bistro set, modular seating
- **Placemaking:** world flags, astro turf, soccer, goal bar, string lights

### Coordination

- **Street closure:** Department of Public Works (DPW), Police, Permitting
- **Furniture placement:** DPW, individual businesses

## SOCCER EDITION OF A RECURRING EVENT

**IF YOUR COMMUNITY** hosts a recurring event, such as a farmers’ market, one easy way to incorporate the games is to hold a soccer-themed edition. You can encourage vendors and participants to wear jerseys and include additional activities, such as soccer trainers, portable soccer goals, and soccer-themed seating.

### Materials

- **Activities:** soccer trainers, “world's smallest soccer goal”
- **Seating:** soccer seating, picnic table, bistro set
- **Placemaking:** world flags, astro turf

### Coordination

- **Location - Street closure, public plaza, park space:** DPW, Police, Parks and Recreation, Permitting
- **Local businesses:** Reach out to establishments to see if they want to participate

**Cost:** Low | **Timeframe:** One day/weekend



## MINI SOCCER TOURNAMENT

**TURN YOUR CITY STREET** into a soccer stadium! You can engage the community by hosting a mini tournament of your own. Community members can form teams and compete for small prizes. Maybe some council members and the mayor can act as referees (or even compete!).

Smaller-scale competitions can take place on a closed street, in an urban park, or a parking lot, such as Subsoccer tournaments, building play parklets, or soccer ball juggling contests.

### Materials

- **Activities:** mini soccer ball net and ball, soccer pennies, soccer trainers, sound system/announcer equipment, subsoccer, play parklet
- **Seating:** soccer seating, picnic table, bistro set, modular seating
- **Placemaking:** world flags, astro turf, string lights

### Coordination

- **Street closure:** DPW, Police, Permitting
- **Furniture placement:** DPW, individual businesses

**Cost:** High | **Timeframe:** One day/weekend



## MATCH WATCH PARTY



**Cost:** Medium | **Timeframe:** One day/weekend

**BRING YOUR COMMUNITY** together for a big watch party! Whether you close down a street, occupy an underutilized parking lot in town, or set up screens in the park, this is an opportunity to bring families and friends to celebrate. You can also have soccer-related activities available for kids. Towns can provide their own seating or encourage the community to bring their own chairs.

### Materials

- **Activities:** soccer trainers, mini soccer ball net and ball, projector screen + projector, sound system

- **Seating & Placemaking:** soccer seating, picnic table, bistro set, modular seating, bean bag chairs, Adirondack chairs, world flags, astro turf, portable bar, triangular sunshade, string lights

### Coordination

- **Location - Street closure, public plaza, park space:** DPW, Police, Permitting
- **Furniture placement:** DPW, individual businesses
- **Local Vendors:** Food trucks, permitting
- **Local businesses:** Reach out to establishments to see if they want to participate



## COMPLEMENTARY STREET ACTIVATIONS

**STREET ACTIVATIONS** are temporary projects that are easy to implement and can generate excitement across communities. Create a sense of engagement in the neighborhood to showcase your town's vitality and generate interest from visitors in your local businesses or services.

### Questions to Consider

- **What are my goals for the event or activation?**
- **How much of a budget is needed?**
- **Who will lead the planning process?**
- **What date(s) am I interested in for the event/activation?**

## WALL MURAL AND PHOTO SHOOT

**IF THERE ARE BLANK** facades in town, consider enlisting a local artist or gathering the community to paint a temporary mural and enliven the area. You can even make it interactive—have community members take a selfie with the mural and share it on your town's social media, asking who they think will win the final match, their favorite player, etc.

Intersections are also an excellent location for a street mural! Other options include creating a versatile, movable plywood mural for different places within your community.

### Materials

- **Intersection/Wall Mural Materials:** tempera paint (lasts about a week), exterior paint (can last up to a month), paint bucket, paint roller, roller pole, roller tray, duct tape

- **Plywood Mural Materials:** tempera paint (lasts about a week), exterior paint (can last up to a month), paint bucket, paint roller, roller pole, roller tray, duct tape, 2"x4" studs, 4'x8' plywood, circular saw, deck screws, safety glasses, work gloves

### Coordination

- **Local Agreement:** building owner, municipality
- **Volunteers:** local artists, Transportation Management Associations (TMAs), and other community members to help install the mural

**Cost:** Medium | **Timeframe:** One day/weekend



## CURB BUMP-OUTS



**CURB BUMP-OUTS** reduce curb radii and narrow the roadway, helping to increase pedestrian and driver safety. They also provide additional pedestrian space and reduce crossing distances, which increases pedestrian visibility in the intersection.

These are low-cost ways to bring some art to your streets and safer spaces for pedestrians to access.

**Cost:** Low | **Timeframe:** One day to six weeks

### Coordination

- **Local Agreement:** municipal engineer and planner
- **Volunteers:** Local artists, TMAs, and other community members to help install the mural
- **Materials:** See the materials section below and the **NJTPA Complete Streets Demonstration Library**

**Materials featured:** Tempera paint, duct tape, 3/5 gallon plants, paint rollers and brushes, traffic cones, free-standing delineators

## PARKLET

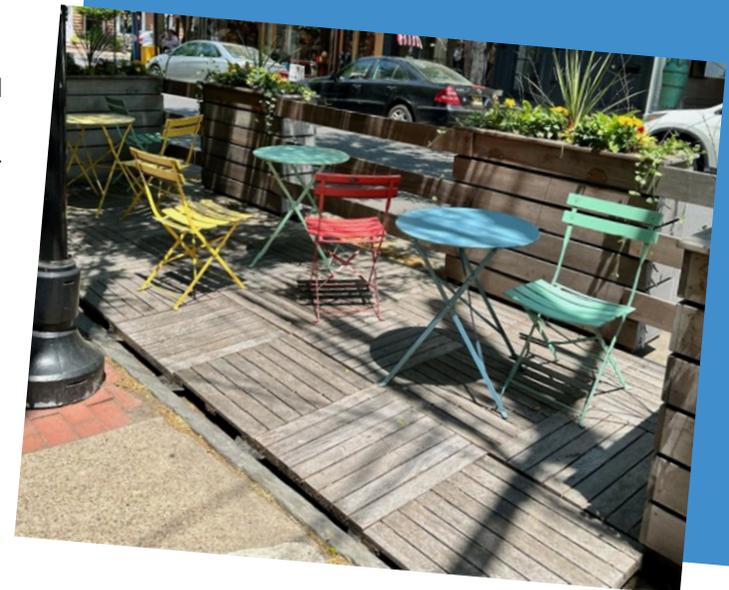
**PARKLETS TRANSFORM** mostly passive or idle strips of the road into active spaces for people to eat, relax, socialize, create, work, and more. Physical barriers are often arranged around one or two parking spots to separate them from vehicular traffic. Refer to this **Guidebook to Parklet Planning** for additional design guidance.

### Coordination

- **Local Agreement:** municipal engineer and planner
- **Volunteers:** Local artists, TMAs, and other community members to help install the mural
- **Materials:** See the materials section below and the **NJTPA Complete Streets Demonstration Library**

**Materials featured:** Plywood, lumber 2x4x8, deck screws, curb stop, bollards, circular saw, traffic cones, outdoor plants, seating

**Cost:** Low | **Timeframe:** One day to six weeks

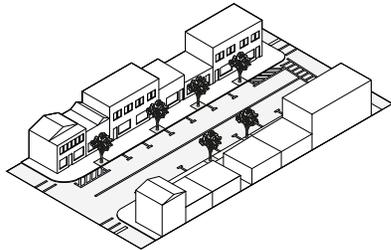


# CHOOSING A LOCATION

WHETHER YOUR COMMUNITY has a main street, rural roads, or neighborhood streets, there are several ways to activate these street types to bring people together. Below are some place types you may consider as you begin planning your event.

## PLACE TYPES

### CLOSED STREET

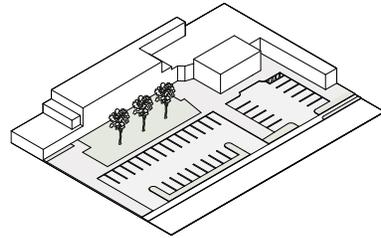


**LOOK INTO YOUR** municipality's process for closing streets.

Municipally owned streets are much easier to close than county or state roads.

Intersections or blank facades offer great opportunities for artistic activations.

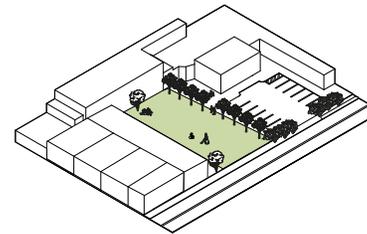
### PARKING LOT



**PARKING LOTS** are great for watch parties, or you can even set up a DIY soccer field with astro turf and soccer goals.

Take over a small section of a parking lot and set up a small mural/ community engagement section to promote the tournament.

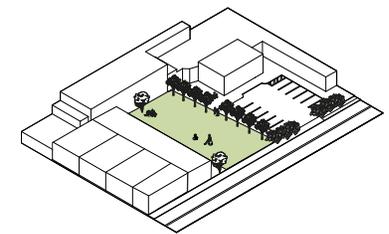
### OTHER PUBLIC SPACE



**PUBLIC SPACES** often have room for art installations.

Your municipality may not have an official town square, but are there any areas where many people gather? These spaces are well suited for hosting events and activations.

### URBAN PARK



**PARKS PROVIDE** opportunities for community members to “stumble upon” your event/activation as they visit the park.

Green space provides a pleasant aesthetic environment and is easily accessible for pedestrians.

## Questions to Consider



What permits will be needed?



Is there any location that can help visitors and residents engage with local businesses?



How accessible is it by transit, walking, and driving?



Is this location available for the dates I am interested in?



## OBTAINING MATERIALS

**THE FOLLOWING SECTION** is an array of recommended materials for activities and placemaking from the **NJIT Study** and **NJTPA's Complete Streets Demonstration Library**.

The demonstration library is a repository of items that municipalities can borrow from NJTPA at no cost to create temporary projects in their own towns or supplement the activities and placemaking ideas outlined in the next section.

The following materials are available through **NJTPA's Complete Streets Demonstration Library**.

- **Paint**—acrylic traffic paint, tempera, spray chalk/paint, chalk line
- **Signs and stencils**—soccer stencils, bike and crosswalk signs, yield to pedestrian in crosswalk sign, bicycle, asphalt art, arrows, and demarcation stencils
- **Placemaking materials**—synthetic-turf mat, mini soccer ball and net



- **Tools**—tape measure, utility knife, paint brushes and rollers, paint buckets, epoxy tube kit
- **Traffic control devices**—cones, barricades, delineators, plastic barriers, rubber parking stops
- **Tape**—traffic tape, duct tape

- **Clean up items**—electric power washer, broom, metal scraper

The following section is organized as follows:

- **Activities:** interactive materials that get the community to connect, play, and engage with each other through soccer-related games and entertainment.
- **Placemaking:** items that encourage meeting one another and add a sense of place. They range from tables for eating to hammocks for lounging.



## Questions to Consider

-  Does the municipality own any items that can be utilized for the event/activation?
-  Review what is available in the **NJTPA's Complete Streets Demonstration Library** and fill out a request form. The **NJTPA's Complete Streets Demonstration Library** is best suited for helping create a sense of place and togetherness. Several materials are available to create the space or street activations, but most of the activities will need to be purchased.



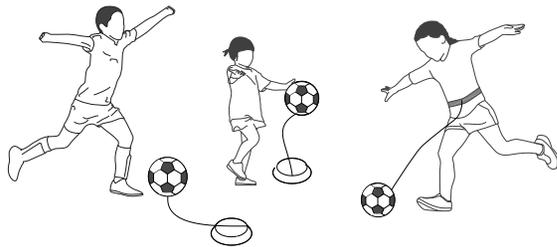
# ACTIVITIES



**INTERACTIVE MATERIALS** that get the community to connect, play, and engage with each other through soccer-related games and entertainment.

Low: \$0-\$200, Medium: \$200-\$500, High: \$500+

## FLOOR SOCCER TRAINER

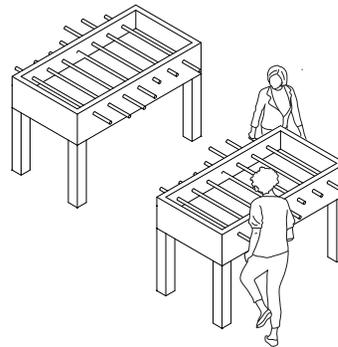


**TYPICAL DIMENSIONS:** Adjustable length cord

**ESTIMATED COSTS:** Low

**OVERVIEW:** Designed for all ages, this interactive station lets anyone practice their soccer skills in a safe, contained space—no worries about balls rolling away. As confidence grows, so does the fun: impromptu juggling contests and ball control challenges spark friendly competition. Whether you're learning a new trick or showing off your signature move, this space invites the neighborhood to discover hidden talents—and maybe even the next local soccer star.

## FOOSBALL TABLE

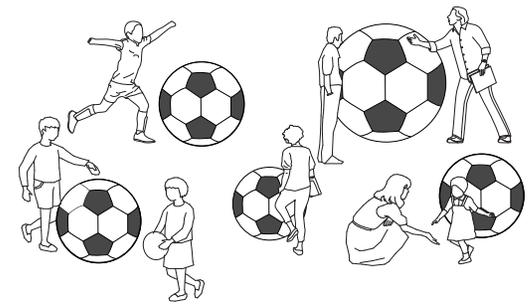


**TYPICAL DIMENSIONS:** 42 x 28 x 21.4 in

**ESTIMATED COSTS:** Medium

**OVERVIEW:** A durable, all-weather foosball table that adds energy and engagement to watch party zones. Encourages social interaction and friendly competition before, during, or after matches. Designed for stability on uneven outdoor surfaces and built to withstand high-traction use. *Item can be rented or purchased.*

## INFLATABLE SOCCER BALLS



**TYPICAL DIMENSIONS:** 30, 40, or 60 inches

**ESTIMATED COSTS:** Low

**OVERVIEW:** Large-sized inflatable soccer balls that can be used for fun games and activities.

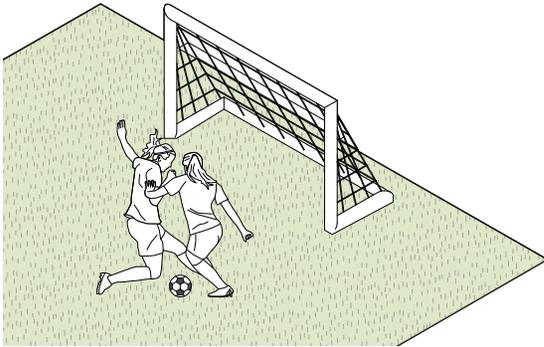


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**INTERACTIVE MATERIALS** that get the community to connect, play, and engage with each other through soccer-related games and entertainment.

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## MINI SOCCER BALL NET AND BALL

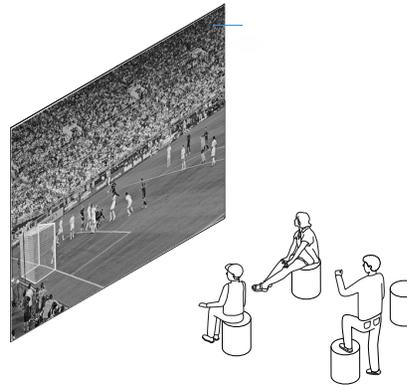


**TYPICAL DIMENSIONS:** 3 ft

**ESTIMATED COSTS:** Low

**OVERVIEW:** Set up small street soccer games or just have a net open for people to shoot around.

## PROJECTOR SCREEN + PROJECTOR

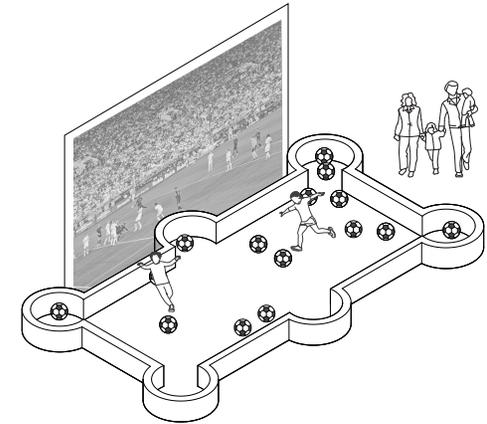


**TYPICAL DIMENSIONS:** Variable sizes to meet location needs

**ESTIMATED COSTS:** Low

**OVERVIEW:** Viewing screen and projector to watch matches. *Item can be rented or purchased.*

## SOCCER BILLIARDS



**TYPICAL DIMENSIONS:** 314”L x 197”W x 23.6”H

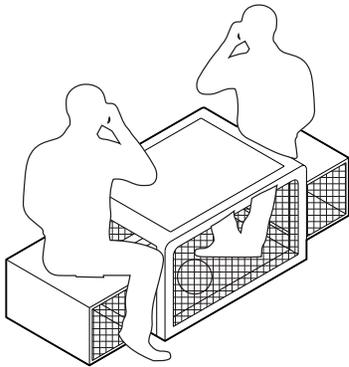
**ESTIMATED COSTS:** Low

**OVERVIEW:** A playful twist on classic billiards, this oversized inflatable arena invites teams to compete by kicking soccer balls into six corner pockets—no cues, just footwork. It’s a game of precision, teamwork, and lighthearted strategy that’s perfect for all ages. Whether you’re aiming for the perfect shot or cheering from the sidelines, Soccer Billiards turns the public square into an arena of laughter, skill, and friendly competition.

# ACTIVITIES



## SUBSOCCER



**TYPICAL DIMENSIONS:** 124 x 81.5 x 71 cm

**ESTIMATED COSTS:** High

**OVERVIEW:** Subsoccer is a fast-paced, under-the-table soccer game that brings the thrill of FIFA to an intimate, face-to-face setting. Players sit opposite each other and use only their feet to score goals beneath a transparent tabletop, combining the excitement of precision passing and real-time reaction with a social, head-to-head format. It captures the competitive spirit of FIFA matches in a compact and engaging form, perfect for fans and casual players alike.

## WORLD'S SMALLEST SOCCER GOAL

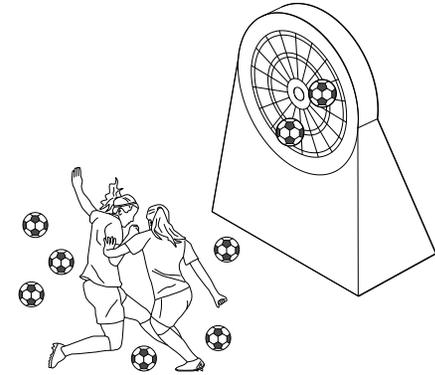


**TYPICAL DIMENSIONS:** 16 x 16 x 16 in

**ESTIMATED COSTS:** Low

**OVERVIEW:** Forza's "World's Smallest Soccer Goal" offers fun for all ages in a compact design. You can set up a small competition to see who can score a goal from a certain distance. Maybe even include a prize for the winner.

## SOCCER DARTS



**TYPICAL DIMENSIONS:** 132" W x 120" H

**ESTIMATED COSTS:** Low

**OVERVIEW:** Merging the thrill of target games with the energy of soccer, this oversized inflatable dartboard invites players to kick Velcro soccer balls at the bullseye.

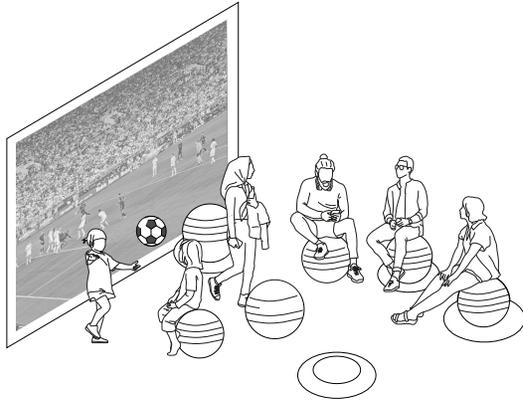
Whether you're aiming for the high score or just testing your accuracy, Soccer Darts is an instant crowd-pleaser that's easy to jump into. Great for quick rounds, group challenges, or solo practice, it adds a playful, competitive twist to the fan experience.

# SEATING & PLACEMAKING

ITEMS THAT ENCOURAGE meeting one another and add to a sense of place. They range from tables for eating to hammocks for lounging.

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## SOCCER SEATING

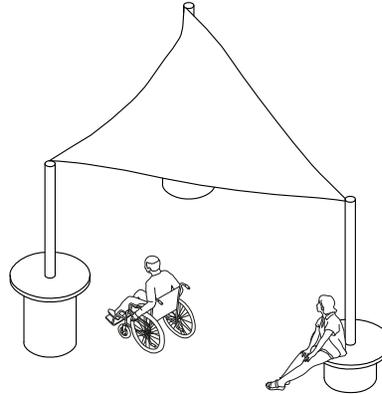


**TYPICAL DIMENSIONS:** 41 x 41 x 41 cm

**ESTIMATED COSTS:** Low

**OVERVIEW:** Exercise ball seating provides both seating for community members and a creative canvas to add color to your space. Balls can be painted or covered with patterns of black tape to resemble soccer balls.

## TRIANGLE SUNSHADE

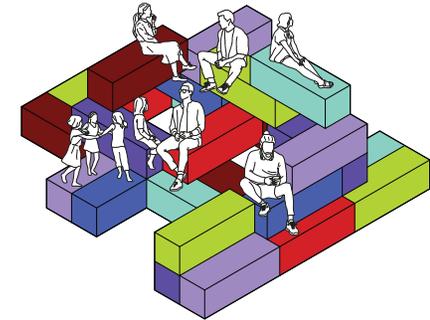


**TYPICAL DIMENSIONS:** 16' x 16' x 16'

**ESTIMATED COSTS:** Low

**OVERVIEW:** Provides shade and color to your space while also being easy to assemble and move. A multifunctional system using repurposed steel drums as the foundation for tables, seating, and shading. Drums can be used whole or cut in half, with plywood tops added to create durable surfaces for gathering and resting. Vertical posts can be inserted into the drum to support shade tarps, making this system both practical and atmospheric.

## STACKABLE SEATING



**TYPICAL DIMENSIONS:** Varies

**ESTIMATED COSTS:** Medium-High

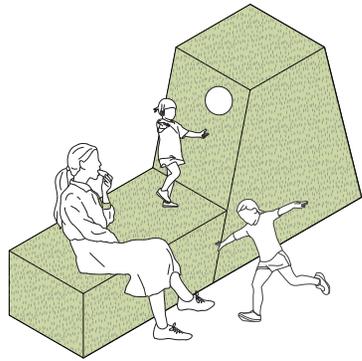
**OVERVIEW:** Each 4' x 1.33' x 1.33' box is constructed from wooden 2x4s and plywood, and painted in the colors of your favorite teams! The boxes can then be stacked in multiple ways, allowing for multiple-angle viewing inside the domes or on their own.

**HOW TO BUILD:** Use 2x4s/plywood to create boxes, and then paint them the desired color. A drill and wood screws will also be needed.

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## BUILDABLE TURF-COVERED SEATING

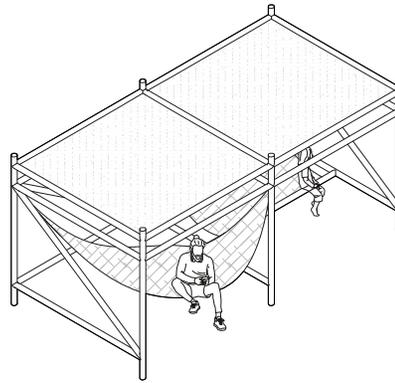


**TYPICAL DIMENSIONS:** Varies

**ESTIMATED COSTS:** Medium-High

**OVERVIEW:** By covering wooden seating frames with turf and spreading them out along a turf-covered street, you can create an immersive turf experience.

## SOCCER NET HAMMOCKS

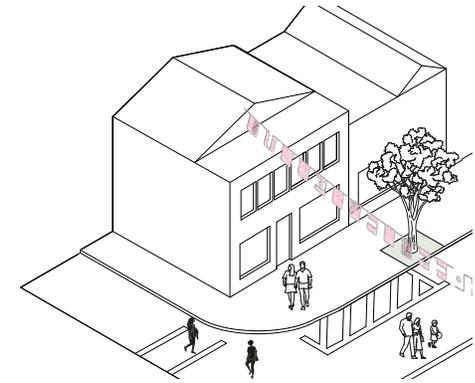


**TYPICAL DIMENSIONS:** Scaffolding: 88" L x 46" W x 81" H, 1,111 lbs.; net: 6' X 12' x 20" x 44"

**ESTIMATED COSTS:** Medium-High

**OVERVIEW:** This module features seating positioned in front of the watch module. Within the scaffold structure, soccer nets are hung to serve as hammocks and seats for users to sit and relax while watching the game.

## WORLD FLAGS



**TYPICAL DIMENSIONS:** 8.2" x 5.5" each flag, 235' long

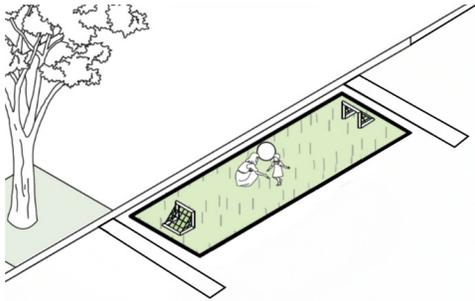
**ESTIMATED COSTS:** Low

**OVERVIEW:** Include a world flag banner that you can hang in your town to help celebrate different teams and cultures from around the world.

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## SOCCER MATCH PARKLET

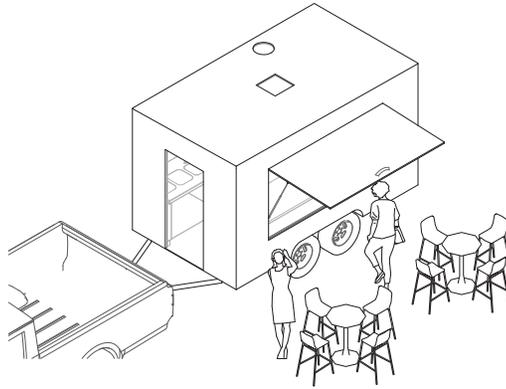


**TYPICAL DIMENSIONS:** Varies

**ESTIMATED COSTS:** Low-Medium

**OVERVIEW:** Provides an enclosed space for community members to play one-vs-one soccer matches. The installation can remain in place after an event finishes or be dismantled and relocated as needed.

## VENDING TRAILER

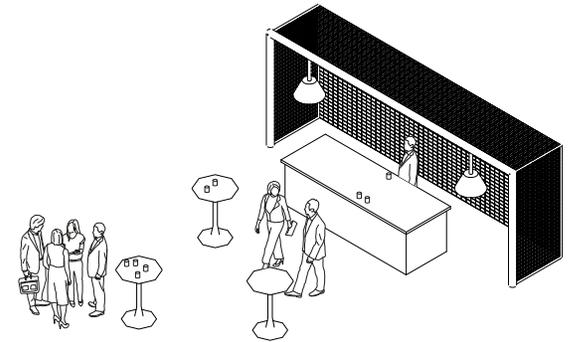


**TYPICAL DIMENSIONS:** 18 ft

**ESTIMATED COSTS:** High

**OVERVIEW:** This vending trailer is a convenient way to sell food and drinks, while also providing a screen for watching the games. It features tables and chairs for dining on one side and seating for watching the game on the other. *Items can be rented or purchased.*

## SOCCER GOAL BAR



**TYPICAL DIMENSIONS:** Soccer goal: 12 ft x 6 ft | Portable bar: 4.5 ft

**ESTIMATED COSTS:** High

**OVERVIEW:** A simple style upgrade to an outdoor bar. This design includes a portable bar table, outdoor hanging lights and a soccer goal for a backdrop. You can utilize an old soccer goal owned by the municipality if available.

Low: \$0-\$200, Medium: \$200-\$500, High: \$500+



## TURF



**TYPICAL DIMENSIONS:** 4' x 6' per mat

**ESTIMATED COSTS:** Low-High. Varies on square footage

**OVERVIEW:** Used to add a sense of greenery to a project. Perfect for small soccer pitches.

## SOCCER STENCILS

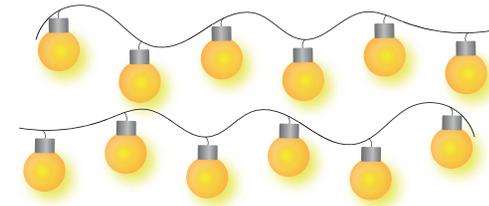


**TYPICAL DIMENSIONS:** Variable lengths available

**ESTIMATED COSTS:** Low

**OVERVIEW:** These stencils allow for easy painting and can be used to add a soccer theme to your streets.

## STRING LIGHTS



**TYPICAL DIMENSIONS:** Variable lengths available

**ESTIMATED COSTS:** Low

**OVERVIEW:** Provide lighting for evening/night events.



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## Match Schedule at NYNJ Stadium

**MORE INFORMATION TO HELP** with your planning purposes. Here is a list of the games in northern New Jersey:

<b>June 13, 2026</b>	<b>6:00 PM ET</b>	<b>Brazil v. Morocco</b>
<b>June 16, 2026</b>	<b>3:00 PM ET</b>	<b>France v. Senegal</b>
<b>June 22, 2026</b>	<b>8:00 PM ET</b>	<b>Norway v. Senegal</b>
<b>June 25, 2026</b>	<b>4:00 PM ET</b>	<b>Ecuador v. Germany</b>
<b>June 27, 2026</b>	<b>5:00 PM ET</b>	<b>Panama v. England</b>
<b>June 30, 2026</b>	<b>5:00 PM ET</b>	<b>ROUND OF 32</b>
<b>July 5, 2026</b>	<b>4:00 PM ET</b>	<b>ROUND OF 16</b>
<b>July 19, 2026</b>	<b>3:00 PM ET</b>	<b>FINAL</b>





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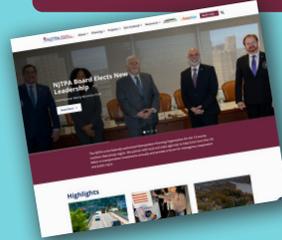
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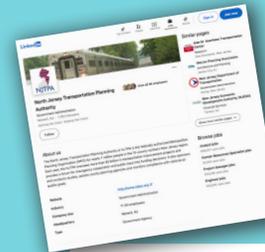
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