

The Three Little Pigs

The Three Little Pigs exercise helps a team identify their weak and strong 'structures' and facilitates conversations about making improvements.

Focusing on a specific topic, the team will brainstorm:

- What is at risk of collapsing (straw house)
- What is stable but could be upgraded (wooden house)
- What is solid and will survive under pressure (brick house)
- Threats to the structures (the wolf)

The team will use the results to discuss learning points and identify potential improvements.

How To Run The Three Little Pigs:

1. Present the exercise to the team and the topic of the retro - for example the last sprint.

2. Start a Meeting to turn on private sticky notes and become the facilitator.

(The idea is to get participants from making the straw house, and you can discuss what tasks they get)

3. Ask the team to add sticky notes to each of the areas.

(Colors listed suggested)

4. In turns, reveal sticky notes and discuss as a group.

(To participants can reveal individual sticky notes by taking them out at the top of each sticky note)

5. Use the Topic tool to group similar sticky notes and find the common themes.

6. Discuss what can be learnt from the brick house, and agree actions from the straw and wooden houses.

