

Proving Constructions

Materials: compass, straightedge, paper

Activity

Draw any angle with vertex A. Place the compass point at A and draw an arc that intersects both sides of $\angle A$. Label the points *B* and *C*. Mark the congruent segments. With the compass point at B, draw an arc in the interior of $\angle A$. With the same radius, draw an arc from *C* intersecting the first arc at D. Draw the segments \overline{BD} and \overline{CD} . Mark the congruent segments. Draw AD.

Exercises

Complete each construction using a straightedge and compass.

- **1.** Construct a line parallel to a given line through a given point. Write a two-column proof of your construction.
- **2.** Construct an equilateral triangle. Write a paragraph proof of your construction.
- **3. CHALLENGE** Construct the bisector of a segment that is also perpendicular to the segment and write a two column proof of your construction. (*Hint*: You will need to use more than one pair of congruent triangles.)