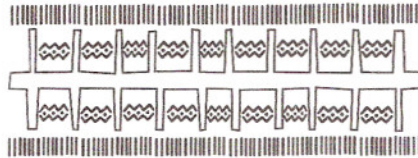


Mankala

Mankala is a game which is played in East Africa. The same game is played in Western and South Africa, where it is known by several different names. Mankala is a game in which two players move pieces from one cup to another until there are no more left to move. The winner is the player with the most pieces in his or her cup.

Mankala boards are often carved out of wood and are ornately decorated. However, in some parts of Africa the 12 holes of the game are dug in the sand and pebbles are used as playing pieces.



Project

Create a Mankala game board to play with a friend.

Materials

- egg carton
- scissors
- 48 dried beans, buttons, or stones
- 2 paper cups

Directions

1. Remove the lid from the egg carton and glue it to the bottom of the egg carton for sturdiness.
2. Tape paper cups to the ends of the open egg carton as shown below.
3. Place four playing pieces in each of the 12 cups of the egg carton.

GAME RULES

Two players sit so that six egg cups are in front of each player. Player #1 picks up four beans from any of the cups. Beginning with the cup to the left of the cup he/she empties, the player drops one bean in each cup, going counter-clockwise, until all the beans in his/her hand are gone. The second player does the same thing. If a player drops his/her last bean in an opponent's cup with at least two or more beans in it, he/she wins all the beans in that cup. He/she puts his winnings in his cup at the end of the board. Taking turns, the game continues until there are no more beans left in any of the 12 cups. Each player then counts the beans in his/her end cup. The player with the most beans wins.

