

# Stella Ella Ola-A Clapping Game

## The game

Standing or sitting in a circle, two or more participants place their right hands over their neighbor's left hands and sing the song. Every beat, a person claps their right hand onto the right hand of the person sitting on their left, who then claps their hand to their neighbor's hand, until the song reaches "Five!", at which point if the person's hand is slapped, they're out and must stand or sit in the center of the circle, unless they pull their hand away fast enough. (In this case, the person who was trying to slap their hand is out.) Counting to ten also works. When there are enough people in the center of the circle to start a new game, they do so, creating a nesting effect as the internal circles get smaller and smaller.

Since this is a very common game, many different rules exist for the game; depending on who you play with. Some variations have the "out" person leave the circle and as the numbers decrease, the circle shrinks, until only two people are left. The last two then have a thumb war. The person who wins that round is declared the winner of the entire game.

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## Version from Pittsburg, PA

Stella ella ola, clap clap clap clap,  
S chicka chicka, chicka chicka, slapjack.  
GO slow! Go slow! Go slow!  
One, two, three, four, five!