



Mancala

Materials

Board and 48 counters (beans, seeds, paperclips, etc.)

Goal

To collect more counters than your opponent.

Directions

Place four counters in each of the 12 circles.

Each player will use the counters on one row of 6 circles.

Players take turns picking up all the counters in one circle and moving them counter-clockwise, placing one of the counters in each circle until the counters run out.

If you reach the end of the row of circles, place a counter in your large store (or mancala) at the end of the row, and then continue placing counters in the circles on the other side of the board.

Do not place counters in your opponent's store. If the last circle you drop is in your own store, you get a free turn.

If the last circle you drop is in an empty circle on your side, you capture that counter and any counters in the circle directly opposite.

Place captured counters in your store.

The game ends when all six circles on one side of the board are empty.

The player who still has counters on their side of the board when the game ends captures all of those counters.

The winner is the player with the most counters in their store/mancala.

Tip

Make a bigger game board on a larger piece of paper or try using paper cups.