



Make Your Own Board Game



Ingredients

Pencil and eraser
Ruler
Scissors
Glue stick
Felt pens

Lined paper (3 to 5 sheets)
A large piece of thick paper, poster board or cardboard
A good imagination
A sense of fun

Method

1. Brainstorm to get some ideas for games. Think about what kind of games you like to play the most.
2. Consider using a theme (such as sports, music, horses, food or anything you like).
3. Decide how the game is won.
4. Choose a name for your game.
5. Map out the rules and decide on how many players you will have. What kind of game pieces do you need?
6. Write out the rules.
7. Draw the game on a big piece of paper, in pencil first, using a ruler. Once you are happy with the design, you can trace your lines with a felt marker and add colour.
8. Create the game pieces each player will use to move around the board. You can make them out of thick paper, or use small plastic toys, coins, rocks or whatever you have around.
9. Test the game out with a friend. As you play, see if the rules make sense. Do you need to add anything to your list of rules?
10. Revise the rules as needed and make a final copy.
11. You're finished – enjoy your new game!

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