

MANCALA GAME

Required Materials

- ♻️ cardboard egg carton (dozen size)



- ♻️ two tuna cans (washed, rinsed and dried)



- ♻️ craft paint



- ♻️ paintbrushes



- ♻️ 48 marbles (you can also use tiny rocks, beads, beans, etc.)



or



Step-By-Step Procedures

1. Paint the egg carton in your desired color and let dry completely.
2. Paint the tuna cans on the outside and let dry completely. **Do not paint the inside of the can.**
3. Once the egg carton and tuna cans are dry, you can paint designs on the sides of them if you choose too.
4. Instructions on the next page.

RULES OF MANCALA

Object

Two (2) players compete against each other to collect as many marbles as they can before one of the players clear his/her side of the board of all its marbles.

Setting Up The Game

- ⊗ Place the egg carton between the two (2) players, lengthwise.
- ⊗ The cups that are closest to you are your side of the board. Each player will place one Mancala (tuna can) to their right.
- ⊗ Place 4 marbles in each of the egg carton cups.
- ⊗ Choose a player to go first.

Playing the Game

- ⊗ Players alternate turns – the youngest player goes first.
- ⊗ The first player picks up all the marbles in one (1) of his/her cups on his or her side of the board (the choice of which cup is up to the player whose turn it is).
- ⊗ The player places the marbles one by one in the cups around the board in a counter-clockwise direction until all the marbles in the player's hand is gone.
- ⊗ If the player reaches the end of his or her side, he or she is to drop one (1) marble in his or her own mancala (tuna can), then continues around to the other side of the board. He is *not*, however, to drop a marble in his/her opponent's mancala (tuna can).
- ⊗ If the player places his or her last marble in his or her own mancala (tuna can), the player gets to play again.
- ⊗ If the last marble is placed in an empty cup on the player's own side, he or she may take all the marbles from the opponent's cup directly opposite that cup. All the marbles captured including the capturing marble are placed in the players own mancala.
- ⊗ Play continues with the other player.

Winning the Game

- ⊗ The game is over when a player has no more marbles in any of the cups on his or her side of the board.
- ⊗ The remaining player than takes all of the marbles left on his or her side of the board and places them into his or her mancala.
- ⊗ The winner is the player with the most marbles in his or her mancala.