

# Make A Board Game



From the time they began being manufactured in factories, a wide variety of board games were available to people who could afford them. As we learned in camp, some of the board games tried to teach about manners and behavior, others were a reflection of what was happening in the world and some were just plain fun. Use the materials in your kit along with your imagination to create a board game to play with your friends and family.

## Materials from Kit:

- White cardboard (located at the bottom of your kit)
- Bag including: round stickers, 4 gem playing pieces, index cards and 1 die
- Markers, crayons, colored pencils
- Pencil

## Instructions:

1. Use your imagination to come up with an idea for your board game. You may choose to make a game with a positive message (i.e. you advance when you do positive things and go back if you don't follow the rules). You may choose to make a game that reflects our culture today (i.e. it could be based on a cartoon or book or perhaps about the pandemic we are experiencing now). You can also do something totally out of your imagination!
2. When you have an idea, decide where you want your players to start and what the end goal is going to be. Are they trying to get to a certain place? Are they moving up to a destination? Are they starting in the middle and moving out?
3. Decide how you want your players to advance in the game. Will they choose a card that tells them how many spaces to go forward or backward? Will they roll the die and advance that way? If you are using a die, will you have spaces that require someone to pick a card and do what the card says? Will you have cards that require your players to answer a question about the theme of your game?
4. Once you have the concept of the game in your head, you are ready to make your game board and your cards. You may want to sketch everything out before you start coloring pictures and putting stickers on the board for spaces.

5. If your game includes choosing cards, you can use the index cards. You may want to cut them in half if you want more cards for your game.
6. When your game is finished, try it out with someone in your household or on your own where you are two or three players. If you like how it works, you can write down instructions on the back of the board so others will know how to play.