



## DESIGN YOUR OWN BOARD GAME

*Do you like to play board games? In this activity, you can design a board game.*

### This week's activity: Design a Board Game

#### Suggested materials:

- Paper (any kind)
- Pencil, pens, crayons, coloured pencils, markers
- Glue
- Stickers
- Ruler
- Tape

## Design a Board Game

Think about what your game needs to play it:

1. What is the **NAME** of your board game?
2. Make sure that it has a **START** and a **FINISH**.
3. What types of **CHALLENGES** will players face in the game?
4. A list of the **INSTRUCTIONS** and **RULES** so that players can learn how to play the game.
5. The **LAYOUT** of the game board. How will the game course look? Will you use squares, or circle? Will it be a straight line or curved?

**Think about the parts of games you have played before and if there are any similar designs you might want to include in your board game.**

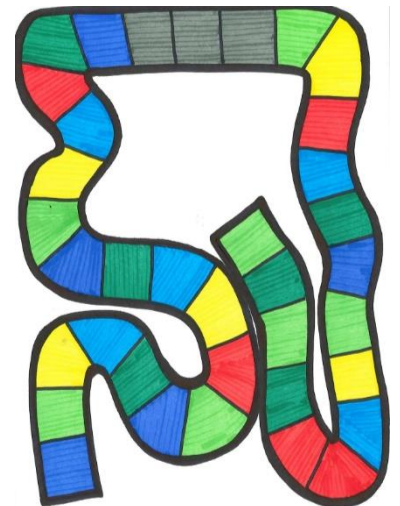
When you have decided what your game is about and what layout you want, start creating your game board and any accessories. Draw a rough outline first and then create the game (so you know you have all the components where you want them).

You can use items around the house for game pieces (such as game pieces from other games, buttons, paper clips, mini toys, or building blocks).

If your game needs dice, you can borrow them from another game you have or create them by writing the numbers 1 through 6 on individual pieces of paper and placing them in a small container you can shake. Or you could make cards that have instructions on them, such as "Move four spaces forward" or "Go back 10 spaces". Be as creative as you like.

After you have created the game:

- Test it out. Play it with people in your household.

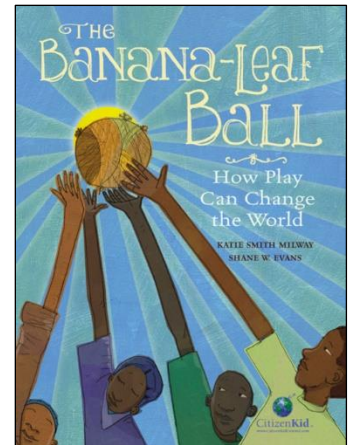
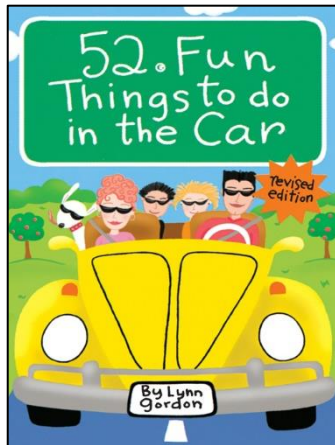
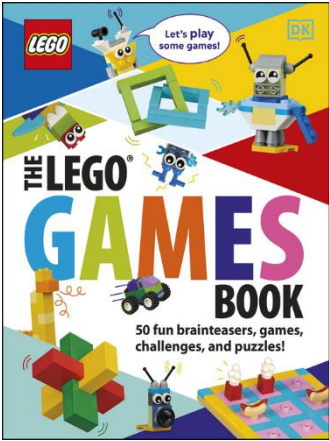


- Keep what works and what doesn't.
- And most of all, **REMEMBER** - There are no right or wrong decisions. Just have fun.

## Discover New Books

### Links to eResources:

Check out our [eBooks](#) on these topics:



[Games](#) | [Crafts](#)

On **Summa Kids**, check out the series one episode of **Odd Squad** called *Swamp 'N' Gators* (37B). Olive and Otto are trapped inside a board game and using the dice, must figure out the numbers they need to roll, to escape the game.

Search “board games” on **Hoopla Kids** to find great titles, such as *Cool Board Games* by Rebecca Felix and *Designing Board Games* by Kristin Fontichiaro.

You can get a library card at [hpl.ca/online-registration](http://hpl.ca/online-registration).

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