

Family Art from Home

Shove a Penny Board Game

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Nothing brings families and friends together more than a good, old-fashioned board game. This game from the shuffleboard family is played in pubs primarily in United Kingdom. Two players or two teams compete using pennies.

Materials Needed

- Posterboard
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Images
- Scissors
- Glue
- Pennies or coins

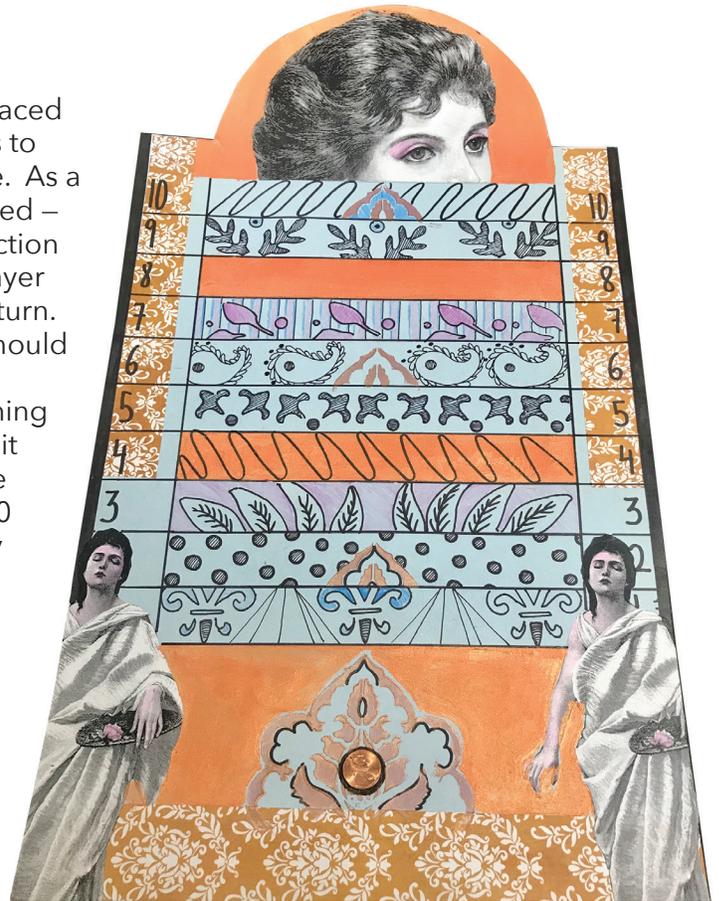
Instructions

1. On posterboard, cardboard or thick paper, draw ten horizontal sections of equal size using a pencil and ruler. Make sure to leave plenty of room on the top and bottom.
2. Number your sections on both sides from 1 to 10 starting at the bottom.
3. Think of a theme for your board game and use images, patterns and color to embellish.
4. To facilitate the gliding of your coins, rub a small amount of talcum powder or flour onto the surface.

How To Play

To start, each player or team takes a turn with a coin placed at the launching area and with a flick of the finger aims to land the penny into the first section of the board game. As a player succeeds in landing the penny in the area needed – starting in order from 1-10 and ending with the top section – the player may continue to the next area until the player does not succeed. Then the other player/team gets a turn. If a penny successfully stops in the desired section it should be placed onto the number of the section on the side belonging to that player. If any part of the coin is touching the section needed, even if it is only touching the line, it is considered achieved and the player moves on to the next section. Once a player has achieved sections 1-10 in order, he or she has the opportunity to land a penny at the top and win all the coins on the board game!

Note: A coin shoved onto the board that does not achieve its goal, should be left where it lands. These extra coins act as obstacles but also are considered extra coins in play. If a player's penny touches another coin and the other coin achieves the goal of landing in the required section, that player gets the point, and the coin is placed to the side by the number of the section.



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