

Olde Thyme Fayre 2020

Early American Games and Crafts

The children of early America did not have much time for play, with all their endless chores and responsibilities. But when they did, they played with simple things since most toys were handmade.

Since some of the Olde Thyme Fayre is virtual this year, join us for crafts at *CHARLOTTE'S CORNER* online. The games and crafts included can all be made with things you can find around your home. Included are written instructions for all. There will be videos on the website demonstrating how to make and use the toy.

A

Nine Pins

Nine Pins is an early version of 10-pin bowling. It has been popular for centuries. Colonists from Germany and the Netherlands brought this game to America. In colonial days the ball and pins were carved from wood. They could be carved small enough for a tabletop version. The goal of the oldest version of the game was to knock down all the pins except the center one. In another version of the game, each player rolled the ball two times in a row. The first person to knock down 100 pins won the game.

MAKING YOUR NINE PINS GAME

What you need to gather

1. 9 Empty Plastic bottles, like water or pop bottles
2. Ball, about the size of a baseball (about 3-4 inches in diameter) If you don't have one, you can make one by crumpling aluminum foil into a tight ball this size.
3. Piece of chalk or tape

Assembling your Nine Pins Game

1. Set up the pins in a diamond shape on a hard surface
 - First Row- 1 pin
 - Second Row-2 pins
 - Third Row- 3 pins
 - Fourth Row- 2 pins
 - Fifth Row- 1 pin
2. Mark the line where the players will be rolling the ball.

Playing Nine Pins Game

1. Decide how many points to play to. 31 is a good number to start with.
2. Each player rolls the ball twice. Score one point for each pin you knock down.
3. Replace the pins, and pass the ball to the next player.
4. Keep taking turns knocking down pins until someone wins

For more details about Making and Playing Nine pins: Watch Video (include link to the video of Stephanie)

B

Cup and Ball

Cup and Ball is a favorite toy of the past. This toy came from Ancient Greece and India. From Europe, the toy came to America, where it became one of the earliest games played by American children

This game was made from a wooden cup and wooden ball. The ball was connected to one end of the string. The other end of string was connected to the cup handle

The object of the game is to swing the ball into the cup. This game tests the hand-eye coordination of the player

MAKING YOUR CUP AND BALL

What you need to gather

1. One Paper Dixie Cup
2. Pushpin, Awl, or Nail
3. 34 inch String or Yarn
4. 6 inch by 9 inch piece of Aluminum Foil for 3 oz. cup (You will need more for larger cups.)
5. Sharpened Pencil or Pen

Assembling your Cup and Ball

1. Use the pushpin, awl or nail to make a small hole in the bottom of the cup
2. Use the pencil or pen to make the hole bigger so you will be able to get your yarn or string through. (Don't make it too big, or you won't be able to make a big enough knot to hold the string in place.)
3. Pull the string through the cup from the bottom.
4. Tie a few knots in the string inside the cup so the knot is large enough to stay in the cup.
5. Take the piece of aluminum foil and crumple it into a large loose ball.
6. Place the non-knotted end of string (outside the cup) into the middle of the foil. Crumple it up until you have a round tight ball.

Playing Cup and Ball

Hold the cup and try to swing the foil ball up and into the cup. See how many times you can get it in one minute. Or challenge a friend, and see who can get the ball in the cup more times!

For more details about Making and Playing Cup and Ball Watch Video

(link to video of Stephanie)

C Morse Code

A NEW WAY TO COMMUNICATE

The word "telegraph" comes from Greek. It means "to write far," which describes what a telegraph does. It helped with writing to people far away!

When telegraphs were popular, they were in many places. There were wires, stations, operators and messengers. They used electricity to send messages. The telegraph was faster than any invention before it.

An American man named Samuel Morse invented the telegraph. He worked on it for 12 years! He sent the first telegraph from Washington to Baltimore in May of 1844.

People used Morse Code to send messages with telegraphs. Morse code uses dots (short sounds) and dashes (long sounds). Different combinations of dots and dashes stand for different letters. If someone needed help, they would send "SOS".

In 1880, the Connotton Valley Railroad was built. It went from Cleveland to Canton. It went through Twinsburg. It helped Twinsburg to grow as a town. The Connotton Valley Railroad also brought the telegraph to Twinsburg. The first Twinsburg telegraph office was built in 1882. It was at a train depot on the corner of Cannon Road and Depot Street.

Watch the video to see how a telegraph works. Then use Morse Code to fill in the worksheet below. You could even use Morse Code as a secret code with your friends!

Morse Code Chart

A · —	B — · · ·	C — · — ·	D — · ·	E ·	F · · — ·
G — — ·	H · · · ·	I · ·	J · — — —	K — · —	L · — · ·
M — —	N — ·	O — — —	P · — — ·	Q — — · —	R · — ·
S · · ·	T —	U · · —	V · · · —	W · — —	X — · · —
Y — · — —	Z — — · ·	0 (zero) — — — — —	1 (one) · — — — —	2 · · — — —	3 · · — —
4 · · · · —	5 · · · · ·	6 — · · · ·	7 — — · · ·	8 — — — · ·	9 — — — — ·

Practice writing these things in Morse Code.

SOS _____

Hello _____

Your first name _____

Your last name _____

Decode this message to find the name of the Ohio inventor who made a new type of telegraph.

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Cat's Cradle

In Colonial America, Cat's Cradle was one of the earliest and most popular string games. It is still a very popular game.

MAKING YOUR CAT'S CRADLE

What you need to gather

1. A piece of yarn, string, or cord (6 feet long)
2. A person to play this with you. (Because of social distancing, it probably needs to be a family member in your household.)

Making your Cat's Cradle

1. Take your yarn, string or cord, and knot the two ends together.
2. Trim off extra material hanging loose from the knot.

Playing Cat's Cradle

1. Find someone to play with you.
2. Use your string, and follow the directions below.
3. After you learn this basic game, you can look on the internet for other string games. Examples are: Cup and Saucer, Eiffel Tower, Clothes Hanger, Jacob's Ladder.

For directions with pictures, go to these websites:

<https://www.instructables.com/id/Get-Wound-Up-In-Cats-Cradle/>

https://www.ifyoulovetoread.com/book/chten_cats1105.htm

For a video of how to play Cat's Cradle, go here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VpHTPnrYLzQ>

For more videos of string games, go here:

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=kids+string+game

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Paper Airplane

Wilbur and Orville Wright, from Dayton, Ohio, made the first airplane in 1903. Paper airplanes are the perfect hobby for people of all ages. The whole family can participate. Everyone can make a plane and you can have a flying contest to see who has the farthest flight.

MAKING YOUR AIRPLANE

What you need to gather

1. Paper (8 ½ by 11 inches, or the size of a regular sheet of paper. You can use scrap paper if you want.)
2. Crayons or markers to decorate your plane
3. Tape Measure
4. Chalk, or paper/masking tape and markers to mark the distance of each airplane's flight

Making Your Plane

For instructions on how to make a paper airplane, watch these videos. (You can pause the videos after each step. Do that step. Then press play for the next step.)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r9ReNKZiZnc>

You can find other paper airplane designs here:

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=make+a+paper+airplane

Flying Your Plane

1. Find an open space where you can fly your plane.
2. Take turns flying your planes. Try folding the wings up or down more. See if this makes your plane go farther.
3. Measure the length of your flight in feet and inches. For example: 3 feet 2 inches.
4. Mark where each plane lands. (You could use chalk, masking tape, scrap pieces of paper, or sticks to mark the spots.)
5. If you want, submit the distances of your family's flights here:
<https://linkto.run/p/Q5412T7G> (You can take the poll more than once to enter each person's distance.)