

**DIY Game Design Studio** 

### TO PLAY IN

Playing games encourages creative problem solving but making your own games brings that to a whole other level.

#### What You'll Need

- Crayons or markers
- Game pieces (checkers, pen caps, washers, etc.)
- Dice, coins, cards, or any device/rule for moving your game pieces.
- Anything else *your* game deems necessary.

### **Designing Your Own Game**

- 1. Talk about the questions on the Game Brainstorm page.
- Choose a game board template that best suits your game. Are you racing towards a goal (ie Snakes and Ladders) or doing laps (ie Monopoly)? You may also wish to design your own.
- 3. Decorate the game board to suit your game and add anything that helps you play (ie chutes, ladders, etc.)
- Test your game by playing it. Adjust the rules to make it longer, shorter, more challenging, etc.

### **DIY Game Tips**

- 1. How might you include play money in your game? How is it collected? What can you spend it on?
- Colour some squares and have rules for each colour. For example, do 5 jumping jacks when you land on green; move back 3 spaces when you land on blue.
- 3. Make your own cards to go with the game to encourage writing or art. For example, when you land on an even number, draw a "Monster Card" and follow the instructions on it.
- 4. Older kids may wish to include a theme that requires a bit of research. For example, use the pyramid game board, call in "Mount Olympus" and include some Greek gods along the way.







## GAMIE BRAINSTORM





What's the story?



What do you need to play?



How do you win?

What are the key rules?



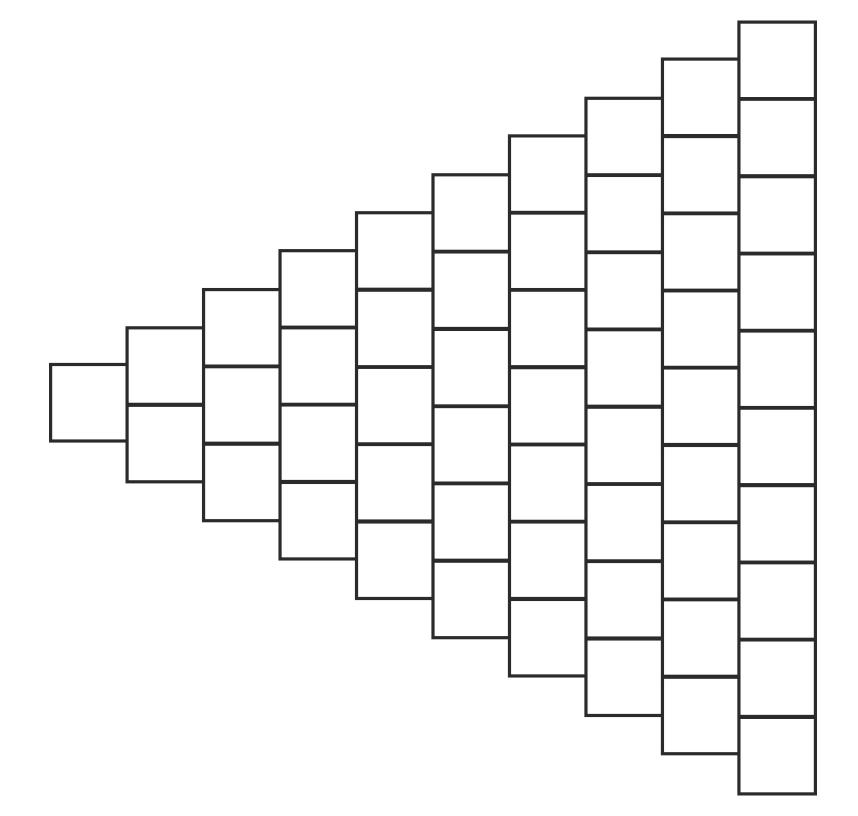
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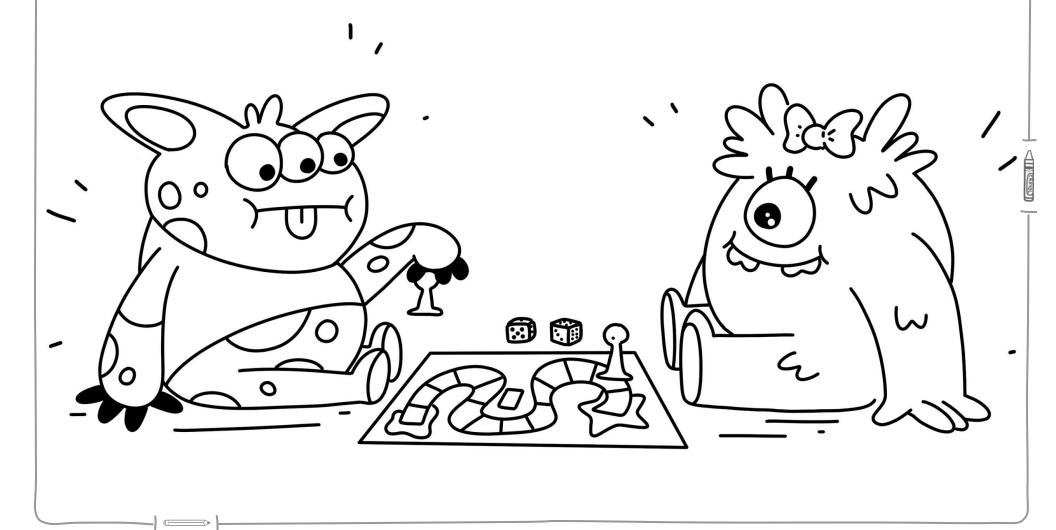






Choose six colours and number them.

Roll two dice - one to select a colour and one to determine how many sections to fill in with that colour. Keep rolling until your masterpiece is complete.







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