

A Bunch of Box Games

Whether you like shooting hoops, tossing coins, or going fishing, you can find a way to make your favorite game with boxes.

You Will Need:

- boxes of all sizes
- paints
- construction paper
- chenille sticks
- hole punch
- foam board
- markers
- stickers; beads
- foam paper
- poster board
- yarn
- paper clip
- stick or dowel
- coins
- plastic cup
- coins
- table-tennis ball

1 Paint each box, or glue construction paper onto it.

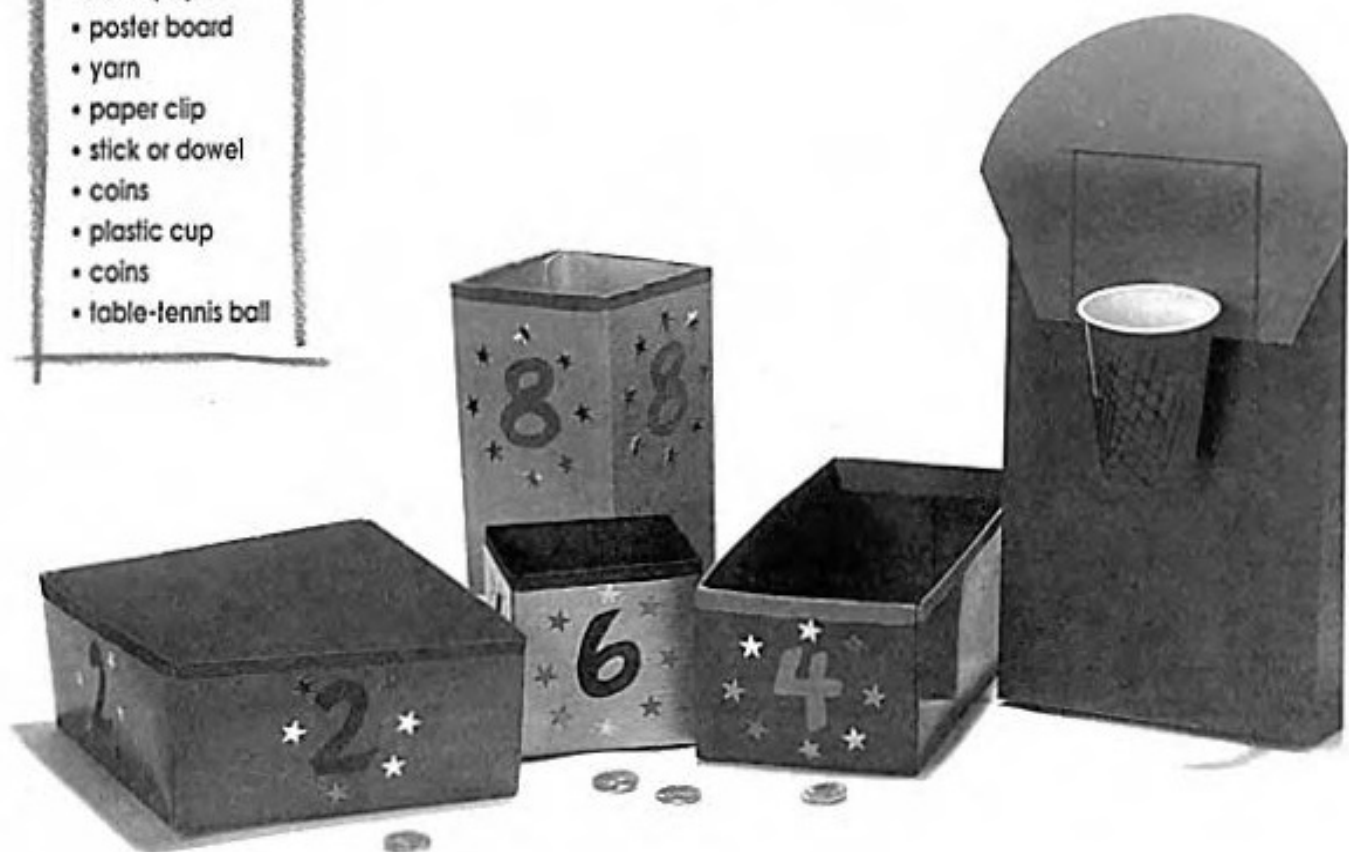
2 Follow the instructions for the game you're making.

To Make the Coin Toss

Decorate boxes of various sizes with stickers. Paint a point value on each box: give boxes with large openings a low point value, and boxes with small openings a high point value. To play, arrange them on the floor. Each player tries to toss three coins into the boxes. The player with the highest score wins.

To Make the Basketball Hoop

Cut a backboard from foam paper or construction paper. Decorate it with markers, and glue it onto a box. Cut the bottom from a plastic cup. Glue or tape the cup to the bottom of the backboard. Use a table-tennis ball as a basketball.



Building Box Cards

You're the architect here—build countless creations with these easy-to-make cards.

You Will Need:

- corrugated cardboard boxes
- paints

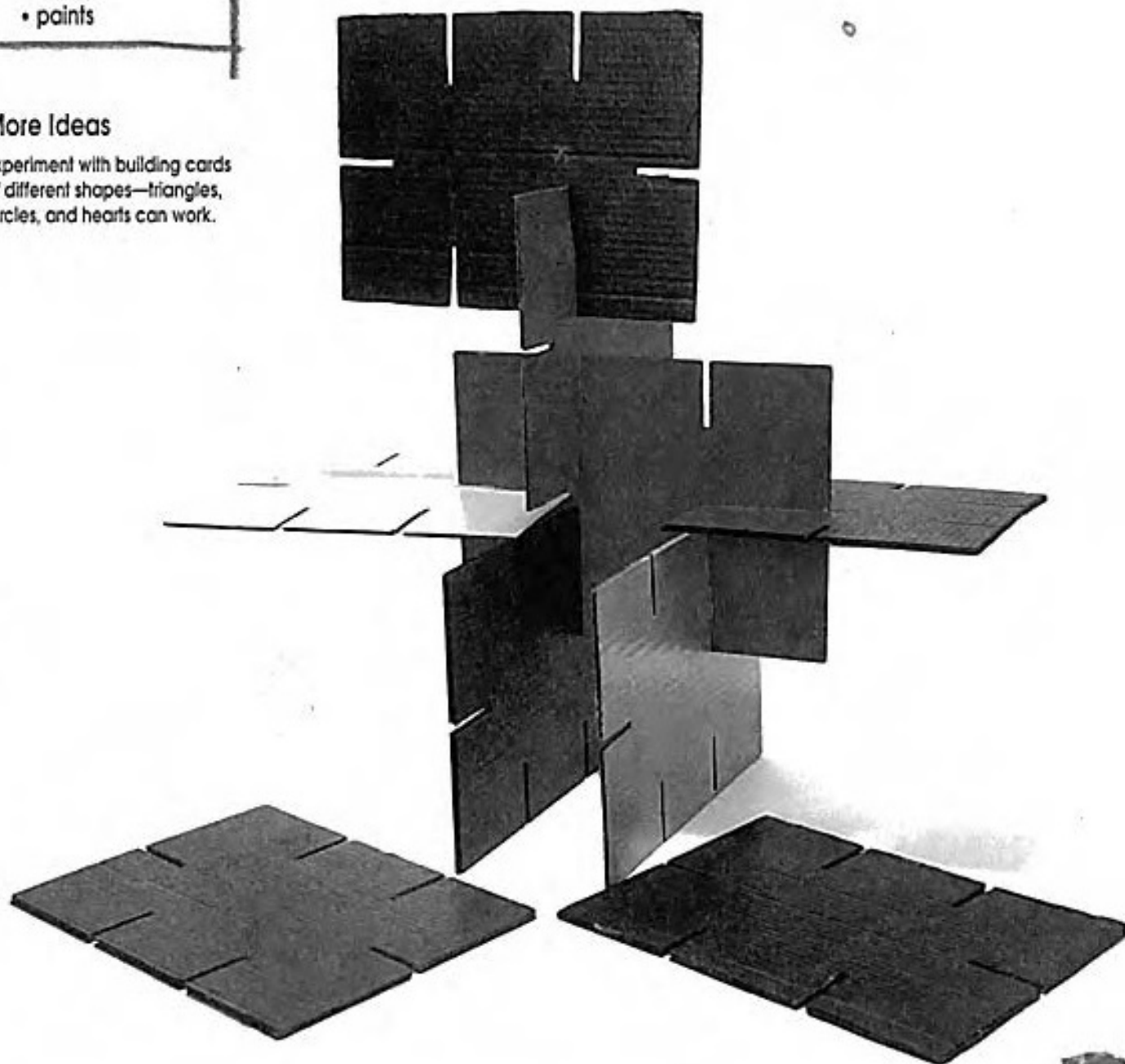
1 Cut as many cardboard rectangles as you like. Make them all the same size.

2 Cut six slits in each card—two on each long side, one on each short side. Make them in the same places on each card.

3 Paint the cards, and build away!

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Experiment with building cards of different shapes—triangles, circles, and hearts can work.



Marble Maze

Grab a stopwatch and challenge your friends to a marble-maze race.

You Will Need:

- large box
- construction paper
- markers
- marble

1 Decorate the box with construction paper and markers.

2 Cut a hole in one side to pop the marble through when starting the game. Cut a hole in the bottom at the opposite end for the finish.

3 Spread glue on paper. Roll it into a tube. Cut this into shorter tubes. Glue them in the box to form a maze.

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Make dead ends by placing tubes against the sides of the box. Add other obstacles, such as trapdoor holes.

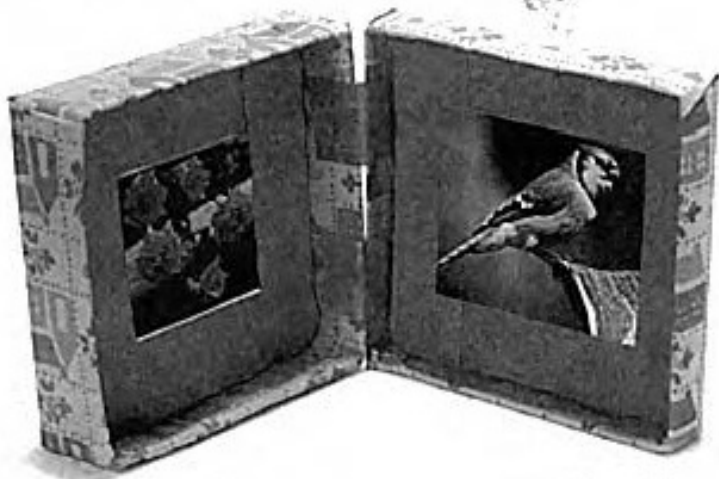


Picture Frame

This attractive, easy-to-make frame is a great place to display your favorite photos.

You Will Need:

- small box and lid (jewelry; gifts)
- wallpaper scraps
- craft glue
- ribbon
- photographs



1 Glue wallpaper scraps on the outside of the box and lid, and ribbon on the inside.

2 Join the edges of the box and lid together by gluing on two pieces of ribbon as hinges. Glue a photograph in each side of the frame.

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Add a message and use it as a photo greeting card. Or, place a small gift inside and make it an all-in-one card and gift.

When the competition begins, you can even keep score on a boxy scoreboard.

To Make the Fishing Game

Cut several slits in a box. From poster board, cut out a fish with a tab on the bottom, and punch a hole in the top. Decorate it with paints, markers, and beads. Make several. Stick them in the slits. To make a fishing pole, tie yarn and a bent paper clip to a stick or dowel.

To Make the Scoreboard

To make team-name hooks, poke two holes about 6 inches apart on the front of a box, toward the top. From inside the box, thread a chenille stick through the holes so that each end sticks out. Curl the ends into hooks. To make score hooks, poke two holes about 2 inches apart below each team-name hook. Thread a chenille stick

through each set of holes, as before. From construction paper, make team-name cards and four sets of number cards from 0 to 9. Punch a hole in each. Make a "scoreboard" sign from foam board. Decorate it with markers, stickers, and foam paper. Glue it to the top of the scoreboard.

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Create a bowling game with pins made from quart-sized milk cartons. Make a soccer game by cutting a plastic berry basket in half, and attaching the halves, or goals, to opposite ends of a large gift-box lid. Use crumpled foil as a ball.

