

Design and play your own board game:

1. Choose a theme

Superhero, Detective, Horses, Favorite book series, pirates, gardening, London, etc.

2. Brainstorm

Think about your favorite board games and how they are set up, how the players move, if there are any “bonus/reward” or “challenge” cards or spaces, and how the game is won:

Monopoly, Cluedo, Candyland, Chess, Snakes and Ladders, Scrabble, Checkers, Ticket to Ride, etc.

Make a sketch of your game on a piece of paper.

3. Make your board and game pieces

After you have a solid idea of how your game will flow, begin to transfer it onto cardboard or a cereal box.

You can use any small objects around the house to use as markers for each player- bottle caps, wine corks, coins, small dinosaur figures, etc.

4. Add some rewards and challenges.

You can add these directly onto your board (for example, when you land on a space it will tell you what to do) or create a pile of cards to choose from. Here are some examples:

- Trespasser on the tracks, go back 2 stations.
- You won the best garden award!! Earn 2 tokens.
- A token for a free Lime Bike journey! Move ahead 3 spaces!

- Hop on one foot and turn in a circle. Advance 2 spaces.
- You forgot to do your washing! Move back 2 spaces.

Be creative and fun!

5. Decide how a turn will be taken.

Will you draw cards, use a spinner, or throw dice?

6. Write or record the basic rules.

7. Play the game.

See what works and what doesn't. Adjust the layout, rules, etc. as you go to make it easier to play. Have fun!

I would love to see your game in action! Send me a photo or a clip of your family playing your game!

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