

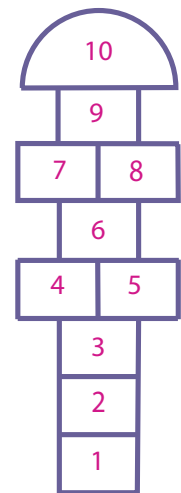


Hopscotch is a fun game that people of all ages can play together.

What you need: If outdoors, you'll need an open sidewalk and sidewalk chalk. If indoors, you'll need colored tape (like masking tape) and open floor space.

Drawing a Hopscotch

Using chalk or colored tape, draw a hopscotch board on the ground, like the one shown here.



How to Play

1. To start, everyone lines up behind the first square.
2. Taking turns, each person hops through the course in order from 1 to 10 using one foot, then two feet together.
3. Once everyone has gone through, start over. Except now skip the first square. Next time skip the second square, and so on!

Options:

- For younger kids, play together by just hopping across the board in fun ways. Pretend to be a bunny, a kangaroo, or a frog!
- For older kids, let them know that if they touch a line or hop in a square out of order then they have to stop and move to the back of the line.

Mix it up!

Draw a board with different sized squares, or space them out differently. You can even try hopping through it backwards!

There are a lot of rhymes people say when playing hopscotch. Look for them online. Here's a good one:

One, Two, Buckle My Shoe

One, two, buckle my shoe.
 Three, four, close the door.
 Five, six, pick up sticks.
 Seven, eight, shut the gate.
 Nine, ten, start again.

