



Cup & Ball Game Instruction List

This game was a staple amongst children in the 18th century. Simple and made with raw materials, children were taught how to make these types of games and often used a variety of different materials to make them. In the 18th century games and toys were also used as teaching tools, where children learned hand & eye coordination, critical thinking skills, and math.

Suggested for Ages: 4 and up

Length of Time: 5-10 Minutes

Instruction & Supply List:

Materials:

- A 3oz paper cup
- Approximately 8 inch long piece of Twine, yarn or string
- 2 inch wide by 6 inch long strip of Aluminum foil
- Tape
- Chopstick (square end preferred)



Start by making three holes into your paper cup. One hole should be made on the bottom and the other two on the sides directly across from each other towards the bottom of the cup.

Next run your string through the hole in the bottom of the cup and tape the end of your string to the bottom.

Insert your chopstick into the hole pointed side first on one side of the cup and push the chopstick all the way through the two holes until the cup rest on the wider end of the chopstick.

Cut a 2 inch wide strip of aluminum foil and tape the other end of your string in the center of the strip of foil.

Gather or crumble the foil around the end of the string forming a tight ball of foil.

Enjoy your very own cup and ball game!