

How to Make your Big Die Simon Says Game

You will need:

- 1 empty tissue box
- clear tape
- black marker or dark crayon
- tough paper to wrap the box
- paper for numbers and action cards

Number Cards and Action Cards

Use whatever paper is available at home – the backs of junk mail envelopes, grocery bags and paper plates work well.

Write numbers 1 through 6 on individual pieces of paper as large as your paper will allow.

Have fun with your child as you make the action cards. Use your imaginations to make up funny actions. Children might like to add drawings to these cards.



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Cover the hole of an empty tissue box and wrap it like a gift with tough paper, such as a grocery sack.



Use a black marker or dark crayon to add the pips (dots) as shown below. Tip: Start with six pips on one of the longer sides of the box.













What is learned from playing the game?

Children practice counting as they play. Players learn to recognize numerals and groups of objects (the dots, called pips). All these are important skills for kindergarten.

What is learned from making the game pieces?

Children learn new words such as pips. Pips are the dots on dice and on dominoes. They also learn to make toys from household items.

Extend the experience

For toddlers: Talk about shapes. The tissue box is not square like dice. Talk about shapes that roll.

For preschoolers: Measure the box. Measure other things around the house.

For older children: Work together to make up new action cards or game rules.



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