

Play a Game

with your play dough!



Use your play dough to make pebbles and play a game like these kids in Ethiopia. The game is thought to be the world's oldest board game! It is called by different names, like gabata, gebet'a and mancala.



HOW TO PLAY

- 1 Print out the game board on the next page. One side of circles and one "store" is Player A's side. The other side and store are Player B's.
- 2 Make 48 pebbles out of play dough. The colors don't matter. Then place four pebbles in each circle on the game board. Decide who will go first.
- 3 On your turn, pick up all the pebbles from any circle on your side. Moving counterclockwise, drop one pebble into every space, including your store. But skip your opponent's store. After you do this and capture any pebbles (see Special Rules), it's the next player's turn.
- 4 Now the next player completes Step 3. Continue taking turns until all circles on one side of the game board are empty. When that happens, players count all the pebbles in their stores. Whoever has the most pebbles wins!

OBJECTIVE

Collect more pebbles in your store than your opponent by the end of the game.

SPECIAL RULES

- Capturing pebbles: If the last pebble you place lands in an empty circle on your side, capture all the pebbles in the circle directly across from it on your opponent's side. Take the captured pebbles, and the capturing pebble, and place them in your store.
- If the last pebble in your hand lands in your store, you get to take another turn!



