



# NATIVE AMERICAN

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## Native American Games: Stick Dice

Stick Dice is a game that has been played for hundreds of years by different Southwestern tribes. There are many different variations of the game, and today we'll look at one of these versions. Create the game yourself using popsicle sticks and dried beans, and then play with a friend!

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### Gather materials:

- 6 Popsicle Sticks
- Markers / Paint
- Dried Beans  
(or another "counter")

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Get 6 popsicle sticks and decorate one side using markers or paint. Add a pattern, zigzags, shapes, or dots.

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Leave the other side of the popsicle sticks blank.

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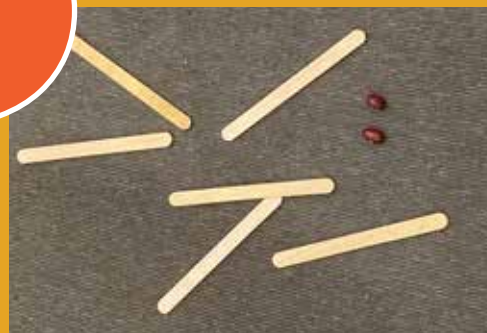
Place a pile of beans in the center to take from, and alternate turns between you and a friend.

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When it's your turn in the game, pick up all sticks and toss them up in the air. If all sticks land with the design-side showing, you get to take 3 beans from the center pile.

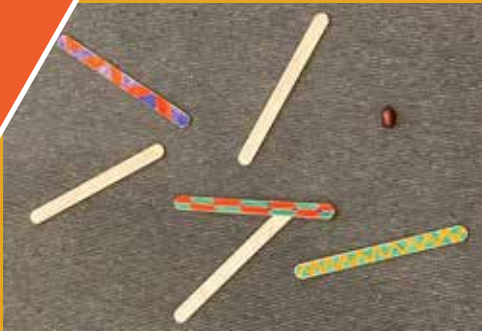
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If all sticks land with the blank side showing, you get to take 2 beans instead.

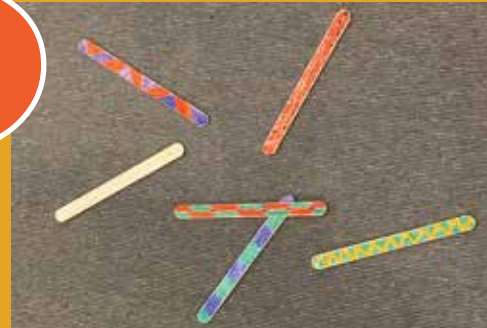


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If three sticks land with the design-side showing and the other three land with the blank side showing, you get to take 1 bean.

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If the sticks land in any other combination, the player gets no beans.

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Keep playing until your center pile of beans runs out. Then, have each player count their pile to see who has the most. The largest pile of beans wins!