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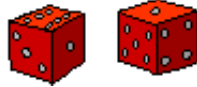


I've had times when there's been a long wait! Ugh! When you're waiting, time seems to crawl and it is so-o-o boring! Have you noticed that time goes faster when you're having fun? Well, keep [dice](#) handy for those long wait times especially when you have young [children](#) with you! It doesn't take much room to

always have a few [dice](#) in your purse or pocket just ready for appointments, airport, airplane, bus or car rides. The time seems shorter by having a little fun! I'll share a few that I have used.

There are loads of [dice](#) game variations, but keep it simple and to their level.

[Dice games](#) are great for number recognition, patterns, and many other math skills, too!



### 1. Simple [Dice](#) Game:

(you can use any number of [dice](#) for this game)

Choose a number and roll the [dice](#). You score a point every time you roll that number. When you roll that number, you get another turn. When that number is **not** rolled, the turn is over. Mark the tally for each time you roll the number. First one to a certain score of 10 points wins! (Set the point total low for young [children](#) and higher for older ages.)

### 2. [Bugs](#)

Requires only 1 die or you can speed it up by using two. With two, the player gets to choose which number they want to use for the drawing.

In this game, each number on the die represents one part of the bug.

#1 = Body, #2 =Head, #3 =Leg, #4=eye, #5= antenna, #6=tail

Each player needs to roll a #1 to start and then can add each detail to that part. For instance, you cannot add each eye until you have rolled a #2 for the head, but you can add each leg that goes on the main body (need to roll a "3" for each one) . The first player to finish their bug, wins.

You can vary this with a bunny, cat, [snowman](#), face, mouse etc. Just decide what number stands for each part to go on the picture.

### 3. Pig

Requires one die

In this game each player rolls the die. If you roll anything except a "1" you can add that score or take a chance and roll again. You can keep rolling and add that number to your score until you roll a "1". If you roll a "1", you lose all the amount you scored on that turn. It is the player's option to quit at anytime and take the score up to that point. The first player to 100 wins.

### 4. Beat That

Each player rolls two [dice](#) and writes the highest value number that you can make with the two numbers on the [dice](#). For instance, if a player rolls a 6 and a 1, they would write "61". The next player rolls the [dice](#) and tries to beat that number. The player with the highest number on a round, scores a point. First player to 10

points wins. Vary this for multiplication. Multiply the two [dice](#) numbers rolled and the highest value on the round scores a point. Add a third die and then roll all three. Add the lowest two and then multiply it by the highest number. Again, the highest number of the round scores a point.

### 5. Going to Town

This game uses addition. [Play](#) with 3 [dice](#). Roll and keep the highest die. Roll the remaining two and keep the highest. Roll the last die and add the three numbers for your total score. [Play](#) several rounds and the highest total wins.

### 6. Ladder

On a piece of paper, draw a ladder and number 1-6 on both sides of the rungs from bottom to top. This game requires two [dice](#). Each number 1-6 is crossed off on one side before they can come back down the ladder on the other side. For instance, if a player rolls a 1 and a 2, they can [cross](#) off both the 1 and 2 or they can add them and [cross](#) off the 3. For older players, you can go to 10 on the rungs; younger players go to 6. When all the numbers are eliminated, that player wins.

There are so many variations of these [games](#) that I could go on and on. These are just a few that are handy to keep in mind when you need something to fill some time. Of course, there is Farkel and Yahtzee, but these take some strategy and are for older [kids](#). I'm concentrating on age 4 through early elementary.

Hope these suggestions help! What are your favorite [dice games](#)? I'd love to hear your ideas.

Keep those [dice](#) handy!

Have fun!

*Phyllis (Oma)*

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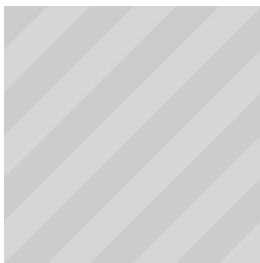
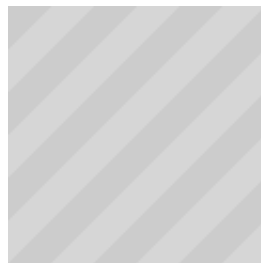
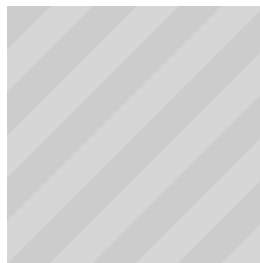
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[Noreen](#) June 9, 2013 at 4:09 pm

Dice games are great because they don't require a lot of space to play. Thanks for all the ideas.

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[Oma](#) June 9, 2013 at 4:18 pm

That's the beauty of them. You can take them anywhere!

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2. [jacquelyn karlic](#) June 4, 2013 at 9:49 am

H! Found you on Monday Kid Corner. Love these dice game ideas. Thanks for sharing! Now following you on Bloglovin'

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3. [Katie's Nesting Spot \(@KTnestingspot\)](#) May 7, 2013 at 8:21 pm

It's always great to find easy ways to keep the kids occupied that don't require a lot of things. I think almost everyone has some dice on hand!

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4. [Patti](#) May 5, 2013 at 5:33 pm

Fabulous ideas! I teach, so I'm going to incorporate some of these for sure.  
Thanks so much for sharing with us  
Hugs,  
Patti

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5. [buttons](#) May 2, 2013 at 2:57 pm

We just did Yahtzee with our 5 year old, and I think it was a little too much for her. She didn't get the strategy and just wanted to keep dice just because without understanding the combinations you are supposed to be going for. These look like great ideas for games she could get into!

Cheers!  
Buttons

[The Hot Toddies of Washington](#)

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6. [Danielle](#) May 2, 2013 at 2:31 pm

Great games for the kiddos! Thanks for sharing this at the Pinterest Power Party!!

Danielle  
SewMuchCrafting.com

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7. [Jamie @ Better with Age](#) May 2, 2013 at 12:27 pm

Awww..what great ideas! I've got to try this with my kids. Thanks so much for linking up to Give Me The Goods Monday. Hope to see you again next week 😊  
Jamie @ somuchbetterwithage.com

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8. [Robin](#) May 1, 2013 at 3:46 pm

Sounds fun! My kids love dice games! Thank you for sharing on Fluster's Creative Muster Party!

Robin  
[Fluster Buster](#)

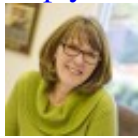
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9. [thejennyevolution](#) April 30, 2013 at 1:57 pm

What a terrific idea. Please share it (and any others) on my family-focused Kid Corner @ <http://wp.me/p280y0-SQ>. You may just get highlighted next week 😊 Jennifer

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10. [Denise at BeBetsy](#) April 29, 2013 at 9:25 pm

Great games! WE have tons of little nieces and nephews so will have to try this. Saw this on Monday Funday! Come party with us on our Tuesday Brag About It! Thanks ~ Sharon and Denise

@BeBetsy

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11. [Nancy Davis](#) April 29, 2013 at 12:01 am

Really great games.

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12. [Trish @ Uncommon](#) April 28, 2013 at 7:08 pm

Bring on a rainy day! These would be so fun to play with my girls on those story Summer afternoons! Thanks for sharing at Monday Funday!

Take care,

Trish

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13. [Oma](#) June 9, 2013 at 4:19 pm

Thanks for the feature!

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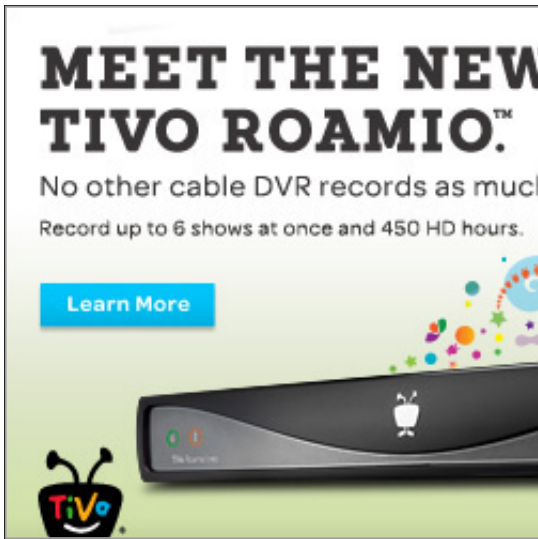
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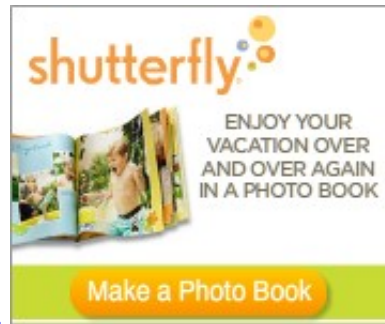
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