

ERUPTION

A dexterity game for 2–6 players



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Overview

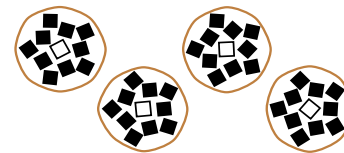
Eruption is a dexterity game for 2–6 players. It can be played in about fifteen minutes and is intended for players who are at least twelve years old.

Components

- 175 wooden cubes (8mm)
 - 120 lava cubes (40 each of red, orange, and yellow)
 - 50 black cubes
 - 5 white cubes
- 5 rubber bands (size #31)

Set Up

1. Choose one player to go first.
2. Each other player should place a rubber band *volcano* in the middle of the play area.
3. Place ten black cubes and one white cube in each volcano.



Setup for a five-player game.

Gameplay

On your turn, place a lava cube into one of the volcanoes.

- You must place your cube so that it is touching a white cube.
- You may only use one hand at a time while placing your cube.

If any cubes fall out of a volcano, the volcano *erupts*. If that happens during your turn, both you and the volcano are eliminated from the game.

You win if all of your opponents have been eliminated.

Simultaneous Play (Optional)

If you want a more frantic experience, you may choose to play a simultaneous game.

You will need a thirty-second timer in addition to the cubes and rubber bands.

Set Up

1. Each player should place a rubber-band volcano in front of themselves.
2. Place the cubes within easy reach of all players.

Gameplay

First, start the timer.

Then, try to place as many cubes into your volcano as possible before time expires. You may use only one hand to do so.

The game ends when time expires. You win if you have the most cubes in your volcano at the end of the game.

Acknowledgement

This simultaneous-play variant was suggested by Brett Witty.

Two-Handed Play (Optional)

If you have two or three players, you may choose to play a two-handed game.

Set Up

Set up the game as if each hand is a separate player.

- For two players you should use three volcanoes.
- For three players you should use five volcanoes.

Gameplay

Play proceeds as normal except that you must alternate which hand you use on your turn.

If a volcano erupts on your turn, the hand you were using is eliminated. You may continue to play with your other hand.

You win if all of your opponents' hands have been eliminated.

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