

# Carrom – Game Instruction

**Title:** Carrom

**Category:** Indoor, Family

**Players:** 2 or 4 (singles or doubles)

**Time Required:** 30–60 Minutes

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## Description

Carrom is a popular tabletop game of skill and strategy, often played in households across South Asia and the world. Players flick a striker disk with their fingers to sink colored coins into corner pockets on a square wooden board.

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## Materials Needed

- Carrom board
  - 9 white coins, 9 black coins
  - 1 red coin (queen)
  - 1 striker disk
  - Carrom powder (optional, for smoother movement)
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## How to Play

1. **Setup:** Arrange all the coins in the center in a circle, placing the red queen in the middle. Each player sits on one side of the board.
2. **Turns:** Players take turns flicking the striker with their fingers to pocket their assigned color (white or black).
3. **Scoring:**
  - Each pocketed coin earns a point.
  - The queen is worth 3 points but must be "covered" by sinking your own coin in the next shot, or it's returned to the center.
4. **Fouls:**
  - Pocketing the striker
  - Failing to cover the queen
  - Pocketing the opponent's coin

- **Touching coins or board with hands unnecessarily**
- **These result in penalties, usually losing a turn or a point.**

#### **5. Winning:**

- **The game ends when one player reaches the agreed score (typically 25 or 29) or after a set number of boards.**
  - **The player with the highest score wins.**
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#### **Tips & Variations**

- **Aim for rebound shots using the board's edges for tricky angles.**
- **Practice finger control to improve accuracy and shot strength.**
- **Try doubles mode with partners sitting opposite each other.**
- **Use powder sparingly for smoother striker movement.**
- **Advanced players play with time limits per shot.**