

# Dots and Boxes – Game Instruction

**Title:** Dots and Boxes

**Category:** Indoor

**Subcategory:** Kids

**Players:** 2 or more

**Time Required:** 15–25 Minutes 🧠

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## Description

Dots and Boxes is a classic pencil-and-paper strategy game where players take turns connecting dots to form boxes. It's a fun, quiet, and competitive game that encourages critical thinking and planning, making it perfect for family game time.

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## Materials Needed

- Paper with a grid of dots (you can draw it or print it)
  - Pens or pencils (preferably different colors for each player)
  - Ruler (optional, for neat lines)
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## How to Play

### Setup:

- Draw a grid of evenly spaced dots (e.g., 6x6 or 10x10)
- Each player selects a pen color

### Objective:

To form more boxes than your opponent by connecting dots.

### Rules:

- Players take turns drawing a line between two adjacent dots (horizontal or vertical only)
- When a player completes the fourth side of a 1x1 box, they write their initial inside the box and take another turn
- The game continues until all possible boxes are completed

### Winning:

The player with the most boxes at the end of the game wins.

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## Tips & Variations

- Focus on avoiding setting up your opponent to complete a box
- Try to force chains where you get multiple boxes in a row
- Increase grid size for longer games
- Use a timer per turn for fast-paced play
- Play in teams for cooperative strategy