

Connect 4

Manufacturer: Hasbro



This game is good for:

Thumb/finger grasping

Holding

Releasing

Reaching

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Ask your child to open the box and take out the large blue pieces. These are used to assemble the grid – you need to slide the legs on as shown in the picture.

This might be a bit difficult for your child, so you may need to do this stage to get him/her started.



Ask your child to make little piles with the coloured disks – he/she will need to use both hands to keep the pile steady and to place the pieces on top.

He/she could try adding red ones with one hand and yellow with the other!

Try to make sure that the coloured pieces are on your child's helper side to encourage him/her to pick them up with that hand.

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We have made some suggestions of patterns (overleaf) for your child to copy, or the game can be played in the original way with you and your child taking turns to drop the pieces into the grid.

Your child will need to hold the grid with one hand as he/she holds the coloured piece and places it in the grid with the other.

When your child has finished they will need to empty the grid.

To do this, he/she will need to hold the grid with one hand and move the plastic runner in the other. By sliding this to one side, the pieces will be released.



To place a piece in the grid, hold it with one hand and place the piece in the slot with the other.



To release the coloured pieces, move the slider to the side.

Encourage your child to alternate between which hand he/she uses for these tasks.

If your child struggles with his/her helper hand encourage his/her efforts and ask your child to try again.

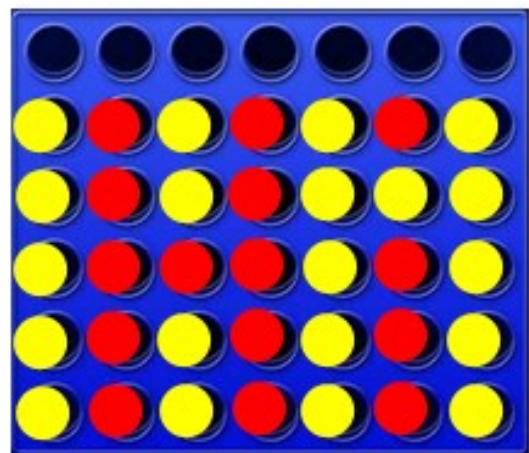
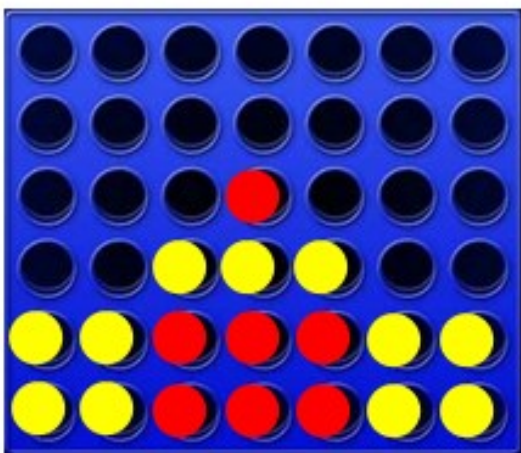
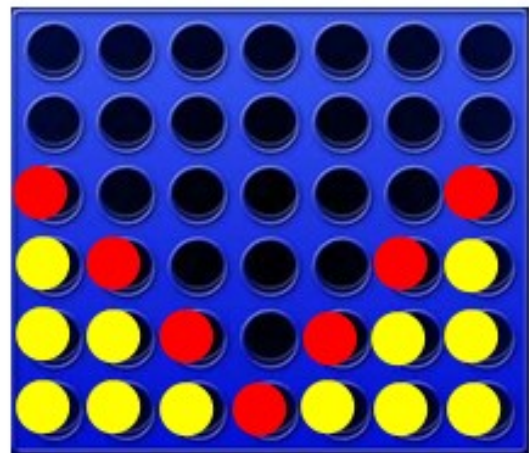
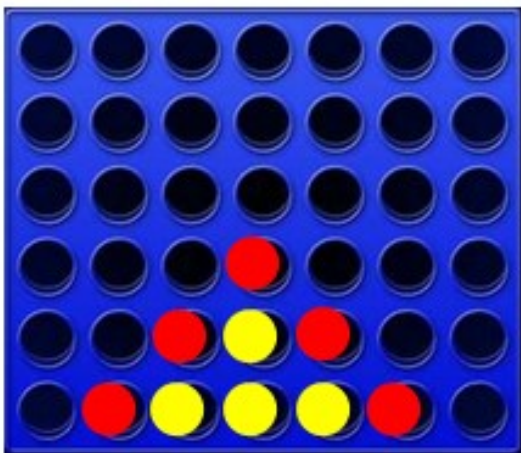
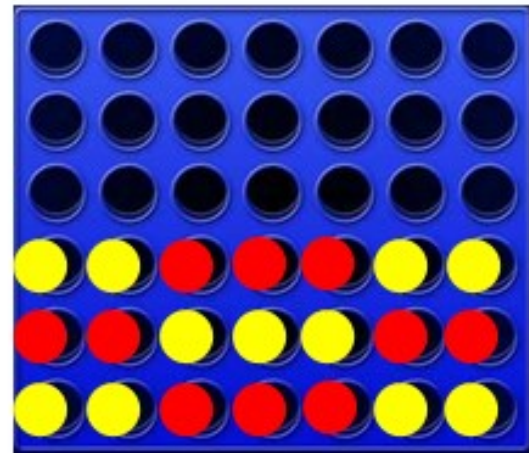
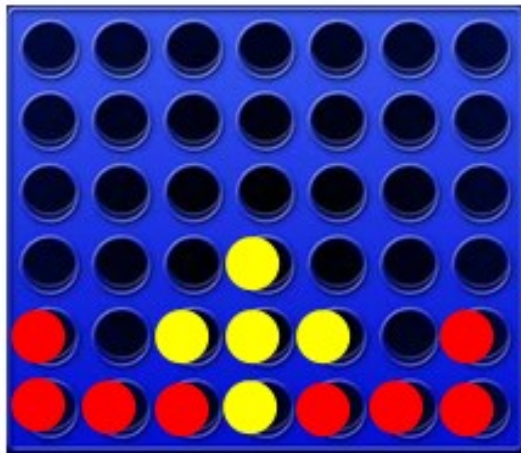
If, after a few attempts, he/she cannot complete the task suggest using the other hand and move on.

We hope your child will have lots of fun with these games.

Your child might also like to make patterns and draw them. We have included some blank grid templates to use.

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Can you make these patterns?



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Can you design some patterns to make?

