

THE CAN GAME

This homemade board game is easy to put together and ideal for road trips.

What you need: metallic can with plastic lid, magnetic craft strips (with sticky back), construction paper, scissors, double-sided tape, game cutouts (download "The Can Game Cutouts" at ThrivingFamily.com)

Perfect for: ages 5 and up

How to prepare the game board: Cut out the game strips. Arrange strips so they form a game board that wraps around the outside of the can. Attach strips to the can with double-sided tape (or glue).

How to prepare game pieces: Cut out game movers and attach a magnet to the back of each. To make game cards, cut out 2-inch squares from colored construction paper. Make several cards for each color on the game strips. For mobility, store the movers and cards inside the container.

How to play:

1. Place a game mover for each player at "start."

2. The first player reaches into the can and draws a game card. The player must

find a car or object of that color then move his game piece to the first available space of the same color. (For older children: The player must find the car or object within 10 seconds. If he does, he can move his game piece forward. Otherwise, his piece stays where it is.)

3. When a person's turn comes to an end, he passes the can to the next player. Continue until a player reaches the end. If a player draws a color that has no more available spaces, he draws again.

—Karen Whiting



WARNING: Magnets can be dangerous if swallowed.

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The game consists of six rows of colored blocks. Each row contains 14 blocks in the following order from left to right: purple, green, brown, pink, blue, orange, yellow, purple, green, brown, pink, blue, orange, yellow. A small scissors icon is positioned at the top left of each row.

YOU WIN!

START

