



Jacks

PLAY INSTRUCTIONS

JACKS

Number of Players: 1 or more

Object: To pick up the correct number of jacks and the ball in one hand before the ball bounces twice.

Set Includes:

- 2 rubber balls
- 10 jacks
- (5 silver/5 gold)
- 1 wooden storage box



Set Up:

Open the wooden box and remove the storage pouch inside, then take out the jacks and 1 ball from the pouch. The game is played on the floor or at a table. Two or more players sit facing each other in a circle, if possible. Jacks are dropped by hand onto the playing surface. One ball is needed for play.

Basic Game:

Drop all 10 jacks into a random pattern, then toss the ball into the air. With the tossing hand, quickly scoop up 1 jack and try to catch the ball with the same hand (between the first and second bounce).

If successful, set the jack aside and take another turn. If the jack and ball are not grasped in time, the turn ends and play moves to any additional players.

Take turns until all jacks are successfully picked up. In new games, try to pick up more jacks (2, then 3, etc.).

Winning: The player with the most jacks wins.

Clean Up:

Put the jacks and ball into the pouch, and close securely with the lace. Put the pouch in the wooden box and slide the lid closed.

Challenging Variations:

1. Pick up 1 extra jack with each toss of the ball (1, then 2, then 3, up to 10). Jacks must be put back in play after each pick-up.
2. With all jacks in play, try to pick up only silver or only gold jacks.
3. Toss up the ball, then catch the jack(s) and ball before even one bounce.
4. Agree that a turn ends if a player moves any extra jacks by accident.

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