

skittles game



Scoring thick card can be difficult, especially for younger children, so here is a way that you can get the scoring done for you.

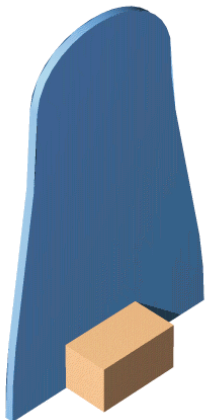
Cut off a side of a box, something like a cereal box is ideal, but cut about 1-2cm away from the corner.

This will give you a simple ramp but it is likely to be too wide, so cut in two down the centre.

Now you will be able to overlap the two pieces to give you a narrower ramp with a double thickness centre - perfect!



You can use almost anything to raise the high end of the ramp. We have used 2 pieces of wood. It is an opportunity for young children to try using a junior hacksaw - accuracy isn't important here. Remember that the steeper the ramp the faster the marble or bead will roll and the more energy it will have to help it knock over the skittles



Making skittles that will stand up and still fall over easily is an interesting challenge for very young children. If the skittle is too stable the marble will push it along rather than knock it down, especially on a smooth table top. Small blocks of wood glued to the bottom of card cut-outs give the children still more sawing opportunities, but just folding the card a little will often do the trick.

See the development page for more ideas. Most of these lend themselves to be used for simple scoring games, with lots of adding up (or taking away!)

