

Matryoshka

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Matryoshka is a colourful game that takes its inspiration from Russia's most famous doll, the Matryoshka. Now you can share the wonders of this Russian nesting doll with the whole family. The game is simple and easy - and both younger and older ones will have no end of fun playing it.



4+
age



2-6
players



15
minutes

WHAT'S IN THE BOX?

- 20 Matryoshka cards
- 40 colour combination cards
- The game rules



WHAT'S THE OBJECTIVE OF THE GAME?

The one with the most colour combination cards wins! Collect these cards by matching the colour combination card to the colours on the correct Matryoshka doll and then copy its unique gesture. The first player to copy that Matryoshka's gesture is the winner of that round.

BEFORE YOU START

- 1 If this is the first time you are playing the game, take some time to study the Matryoshka cards. You'll notice that each Matryoshka is performing a different gesture and the doll is made up of three colours. Overall there are only 6 colours used in the game: red, orange, yellow, green, blue and purple.

Before you start, place the 20 Matryoshka cards face up on the table. Make sure that all the players can see them. The best way to do this is to place the cards in a circle so that they aren't all upside down for some of the players. These Matryoshka cards will remain face up on the table throughout the game.

- * Important: Each Matryoshka card has a unique combination of a gesture and three of the colours.
- 2 Shuffle the rest of the cards and place them face down, in the middle of the table, as a draw pile.



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HOW TO PLAY

The game consists of several rounds. The object of each round is to be the first player to copy the correct Matryoshka's gesture.

Younger players will need a parent to facilitate the game. Children from 6 years old can take turns to deal in a clockwise direction.

The objective of the dealer is to watch the players, who need to match the colour combination card to the correct Matryoshka doll and then copy its unique gesture.

- 1 The dealer picks the top card from the draw pile and puts the colour card face up on the table visible to all other players.
- 2 Now the other players need to spot the Matryoshka matching the colours on the card and copy her gesture.
- 3 The dealer watches all the players and the first player to correctly copy the Matryoshkas unique gesture wins the colour combination card from the dealer. The round is over and the player to the left to the dealer takes his turn to deal.

ENDING THE GAME

The game is over when there are no more colour combination cards left on the table. The player who has collected the most colour cards is the winner.

SIMPLIFYING THE RULES

Make Matryoshka easier! When playing with younger children, take out the cards with a particular colour. For example, take out all cards with a purple colour. Now you have only 10 Matryoshka cards and 20 colour combination cards. The game rules remain the same.

A WORD FROM THE GAME'S DEVELOPER

Matryoshka is a perfect game for kids. The players don't have to wait for their turn so they are all involved at the same time. Concentration and focus is combined with movement and action. A parent can facilitate the game or be one of the players. Enjoy your game!

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