

CURIOSITY KIDS PRESENTS

HOW TO MAKE YOUR OWN

DEER BUTTON GAME



Lenape Indians played a variety of games. The Deer Button Game was a game of chance, similar to our dice games. Originally, the dice could have been made from left over pieces of an animal, like slices of a deer antler or the animal's hooves and toe bones. The Lenape would use coal ash to color one side of the pieces to use as the dice.

MATERIALS

7 Dried Lima Beans
Yellow Popcorn Kernels
- 24 pieces per player
Permanent Marker



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INSTRUCTIONS

First, color one side of the lima beans with your marker.

To play the game:

Each Player takes a turn shaking their 7 lima bean dice.

1 Black Bean = give 1 piece of corn to each player

2 Black Beans = give 2 pieces of corn to each player

3 Black Beans = give 3 pieces of corn to each player

4 Black Beans = give 4 pieces of corn to each player

5 Black Beans = each player gives you 2 pieces of corn

6 Black Beans = each player gives you 4 pieces of corn

7 Black Beans = each player gives you 10 pieces of corn



If you have 5, 6 or 7 black beans than you can shake again, if not then the next player takes a turn.

Play until one player has all the corn and that person is the winner!

This version of the Lenape Indian game of chance was created by the late Lenape descendant James (Lone Bear) Revey.

