

Inventing a New Game

Step-by-Step Instructions



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Step 1

- Jot down as many ideas as you have for the game. It might be useful to ask other people for their ideas too.
- Think about the sort of games you like to play and why you like playing them. Perhaps you could merge two games together to make a new one.



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Step 2

- Look at your list of ideas and begin to cross out the ones which would not be possible.
- Put a circle around the ideas that really interest you. Keep updating your list until you have one idea left.



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Step 3

- Write down a description of the game as if you are explaining it to a new player.
- Write the rules for the game. Try to keep them fairly simple. It is easy to get in a muddle if the game is too complicated and might put someone off learning to play it.



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Step 4

- Begin to plan the board or playing area. Draw a draft version and don't worry if it isn't perfect. This is the first stage to designing the game and it will need a lot of changes before it is finished.
- Think about how many players can join in.
- What equipment is needed?
- What do you need to make it?



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Step 5

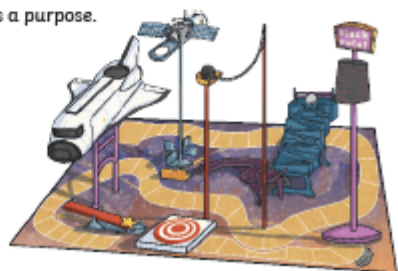
- Invite people to try your game out.
- Evaluate what happens. Does the game finish too quickly? Is there enough to interest the players? Do they have any suggestions to improve the game?



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Remember

- Keep it simple.
- Make sure there is a purpose.
- Make it fun!



Here are some instructions to design and make a board game. It can be as simple, or as complicated as you like, about whatever you like, it's up to you!