

# YOTÉ

Number of participants: 2 player

Duration: 5 minutes

Age Restrictions: Ages 6+

## Brief Description:

Yoté is a popular game from Africa particularly in countries such as Mali and Senegal. It is a traditional game very much like checkers and part of its popularity is its fast moving nature.

## Space Requirements:

Can be done at a table or on the floor.

## Supplies:

Board—can be made in the sand, or on a piece of paper

2 sets of 12 small objects (ie. buttons and stones)

## Activity Instructions:

### Create Your Board:

If you're playing in a sandbox, on a beach, or in a yard, scoop out 5 rows of 6 holes in the sand or soil.

If you're playing on paper, draw 6 rows of 5 circles.

### Gather Your Playing Pieces:

Each player should find 12 playing pieces – you can choose pebbles, sticks, leaves, or anything you can find outside. All of your pieces should look the same, as long as they are not the same as your opponent's.

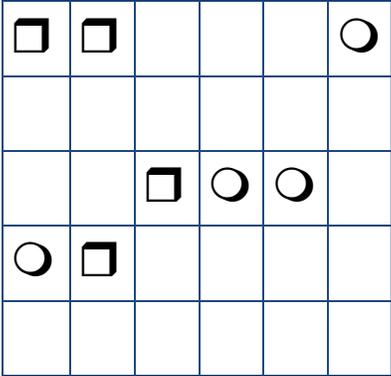
### Play the Game:

Each turn you can do one of two things: place a piece, or move a piece. Only one piece may be played on each turn.

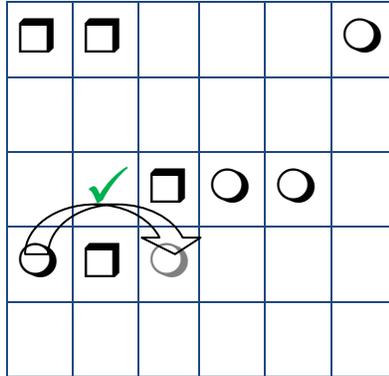
A player can place their piece in any free spot.

A player does not have to place all of his/her pieces on the board before he/she starts to move the pieces already placed on the board. Players can hold some pieces in reserve until later in the game.

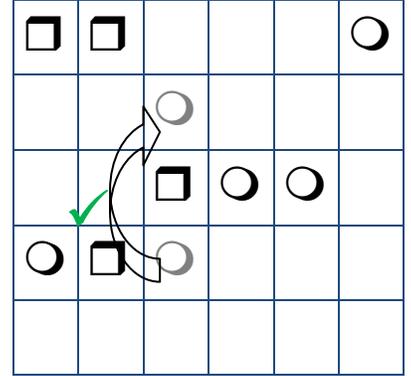
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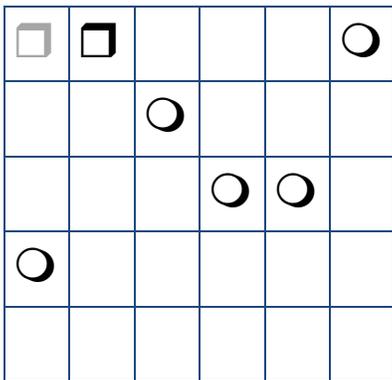
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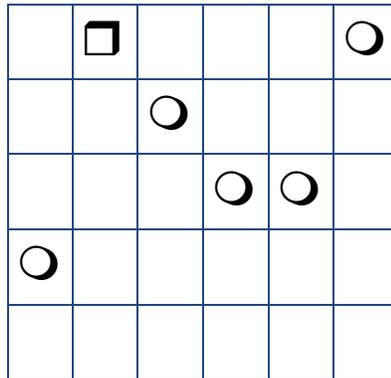
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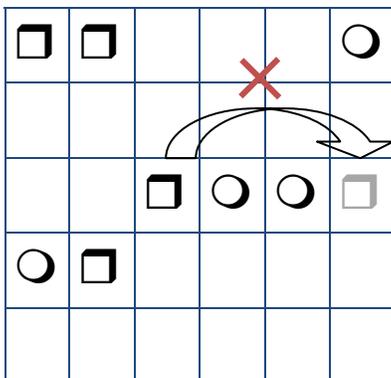
You can continue the move by jumping over the next piece



Once you place your piece, remove the opponent pieces you jumped and one additional piece.



The board after that move would look like this.



This move is not allowed, you cannot jump over two pieces in one jump