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HOW TO PLAY

CONGKAK

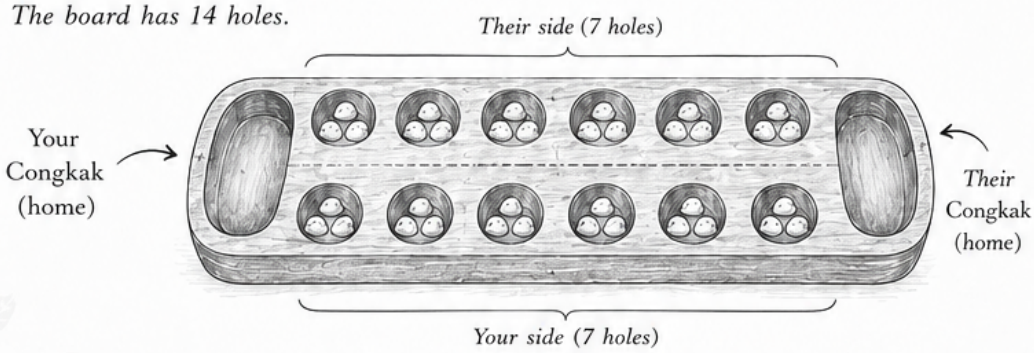
Congkak is a traditional Malaysian game for two players. It is a game of strategy, patience and a little bit of luck!

YOU NEED:

- 1 Congkak board
- 98 congkak seeds (usually shells or beads)
- 2 players

1. The Setup

The board has 14 holes.



= 1 seed

= small hole

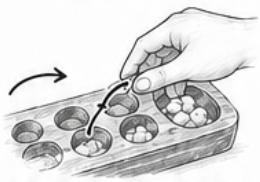
= Congkak (big hole)

Each player has 7 small holes in front of them and a Congkak (big hole) on their right. Fill each small hole with 7 seeds. The game begins!

2. How to Play

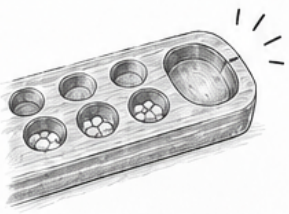
1. Choose any one of your holes that has seeds. Pick up all the seeds in that hole.

2. Sow the seeds one by one into the next holes counter-clockwise.



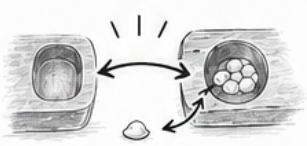
You may sow into your own holes, including your Congkak. You may NOT sow into your opponent's Congkak.

3. If your last seed lands in your Congkak, you get another turn!



4. If your last seed lands in an empty hole on your side, you capture!

Take all the seeds from the opposite hole on their side and put them in your Congkak.



If the last seed lands in any other hole (not your Congkak or an empty hole), your turn ends. Then it's your opponent's turn.

3. How to win

- The game ends when one player's side is empty.
- The other player collects all the remaining seeds on the opponent's side and puts them in their Congkak.
- The player with the most seeds in their Congkak WINS!

TIPS

- ☆ Plan your moves and think ahead.
- ☆ Try to capture more seeds.
- ☆ Don't just aim for extra turns— captures bring more seeds!

HAVE FUN & ENJOY THE GAME!