

Activity Idea

Ddakji

Traditional Korean Game For 2+ Players

Recommended age level: 7 - 12

Ddakji is a traditional South Korean game played with folded paper tiles which are also called ddakji. It is an excellent game to play with family or friends. Making the game pieces can also help kids work on fine motor skills. See this fun YouTube video for reference:

<https://tinyurl.com/y7bqnut2>

What you need:

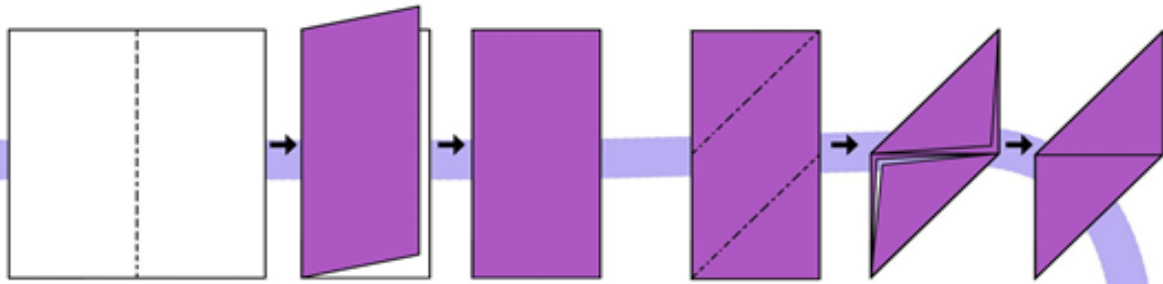
- Paper (any but origami paper preferable)
- Scissors

What to do:

1. If your paper is not square, fold it at the corner so you get a triangular shape. Cut off the excess at the bottom so you end up with a triangle. Unfold so you have a square.
1. Follow the instructions on the second page of this activity sheet or the video linked above to make your ddakji. Each player will need one but it's a good idea to make more.
2. Choose who will be the first throwing player. You can play Rock-Paper-Scissors to decide.
3. Place a ddakji on the floor.
4. The throwing player will try to throw their ddakji so it makes the ddakji on the floor flip over. If they are successful, they get to keep the ddakji. If they aren't, switch players.
5. Keep taking turns until the ddakji turns over.
6. Continue until you are out of ddakji.
7. The player with the most ddakji is the winner.

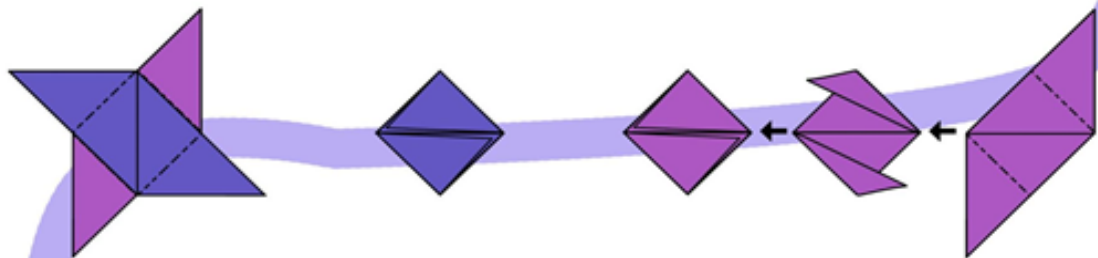
Other resources:

- *All About Korea* by Ann Martin Bowler and Soosoonam Barg on Hoopla <https://tinyurl.com/yc5tdzg3>
- *Games Around the World* by Casey Null Petersen on Hoopla <https://tinyurl.com/y734xkxu>
- *Cool Paper Folding* by Anders Hanson Hoopla <https://tinyurl.com/y9cdj9x2>



1) Any paper will do but if you have origami paper, place the paper white side up. Fold the paper in half

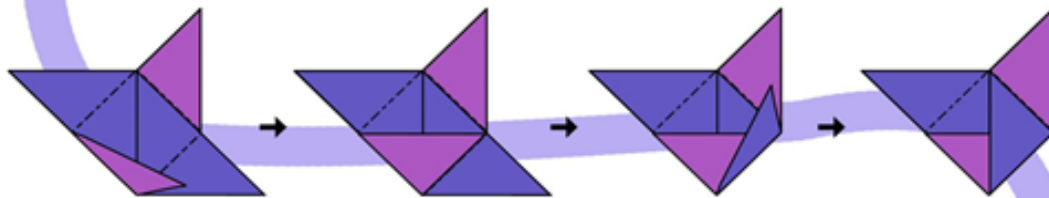
2) Fold the top corner down into a triangle and do the same with the opposite bottom corner.



5) Place on the pieces on top of each other as shown above.

4) Repeat steps 1 - 3 with another piece of paper. Undo step 3 on both pieces.

3) Fold the top and bottom triangular shapes in half.



6) Fold each flap down going in a counterclockwise direction so that each flap overlaps the previous flap. Tuck the last flap under the first flap.

