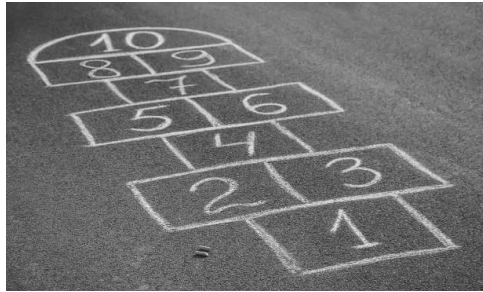


## Games of the 1920s: Hopscotch



Hopscotch is a fun outdoor activity. Popular in the 1920s, hopscotch required few, if any, materials and could be enjoyed by many children at once.

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### *Did you know?*

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Hopscotch may date to Roman times. Some sources state that Roman soldiers had to hop courses up to 100 feet long in full armor. This was meant to build their agility and endurance.

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### *How to Play*

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#### Materials and Set Up

- Chalk or tape (optional)
- A shooter (rock, bottle cap, or something of a similar size)
- Set up the course with at least ten boxes
  - Draw boxes one or two across - make sure the boxes are big enough to fit your feet.
  - On asphalt or concrete, use chalk or tape to draw out course. You can also draw your course with a stick on packed dirt.

#### Game Play

- Stand in the starting position in front of the first square and throw the shooter into square one.
- Skipping over square one, hop the course to the end and back, landing with one foot in each square.
  - Pick up your shooter on your way back down the course.
  - You may put both feet down only where there are two squares next to each other.
- Repeat the first two steps, throwing the shooter into the next numbered square and skipping that square when you hop the course.
  - If your foot touches a line, your turn ends and the next player goes.
  - If your shooter does not land in the next numbered box, your turn ends and the next player goes.
- The first person to finish the course all 10 times is the winner!