



1 DOWN THE SLIDE

You'll Need:

- An empty paper towel tube
- Tape

Use an empty paper towel tube for a ramp. Mark a spot with a piece of tape on the carpet. Take turns rolling a marble down the ramp to see who can get closer to the target. (Advanced: move the target further away and extend your ramp by inserting one paper towel tube inside another.) Score a point for the closest. First player to reach eleven points wins.

2 STABLING YOUR HORSES

You'll Need:

- Cardboard box
- Scissors
- Marker

Turn the cardboard box upside down and cut 5 entrances to the stable, using one of the 2 long sides of the box for these entrances. The smallest entrance should be about 1 inch wide and 1 1/2 inches tall, and the longest about 2 inches wide and 2 1/2 inches tall. Mark over each entrance the figures 50, 100, and 250. Place the shoe box stable against a wall and measure off a distance of 4 feet in front of it on the floor. Give each player 5 marbles depending upon the number of entrances. Each player rolls or shoots his marbles from the 4 foot marking, shooting all of them at each turn. The game may be continued as long as desired. However, it is well to reach a predetermined score, such as 1000 or 2500 before beginning the game. The player first obtaining this score wins the game.

3 MARBLE TOSS GAME

You'll Need:

- Clean, dry egg carton
- Black crayon
- Five marbles
- Large beach towel (optional)

With the black crayon, write "15" in the bottom of one egg section, "10" in two sections, "5" in three sections, and "1" in the remaining six sections. Either play this game on a rug or carpet or spread out a beach towel on the floor.

Lay the carton on the rug or beach towel, and stand about five feet away. Toss your marbles, one at a time, into the egg carton, and add up your score.

When you think you're getting pretty good, challenge your friend to a game! The highest score wins.

Marbles on Portage

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Fibreglass, plants, light

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