

Games and Activities

Play hopscotch

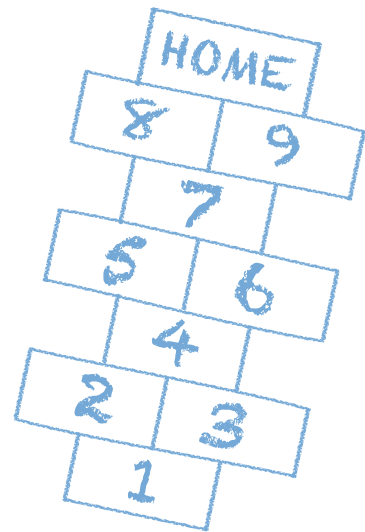
Hopscotch was a favourite game with boaters' children because they could play it on the towpath when the boat was tied up for the night.

You will need

A stick of chalk; a pebble or coin

How to play

- With the chalk, mark out a 'court' on the ground and number the squares. The top square is labelled 'home'
- The first player tosses a pebble into the first square. The marker must land completely in the square without touching a line or bouncing out
- The player hops through the course skipping the square with the marker in it
- Single squares must be hopped on one foot. Double squares must be straddled with the left foot in the left square and the right foot landing in the right square
- When you reach 'home' you turn round and return through the course in the right order i.e. 9, 8, 7 etc. When you reach the square with the marker you must pick it up and continue on the course without touching a line or stepping into another square
- The person who completes the course in the quickest time wins.



TOP TIP

Did you know that the Romans played hopscotch? Today, it is played all over the world.



NEXT STEP

Organise a hopscotch tournament for your Patrol. The winner is the first person to complete the course successfully in the fastest time!

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