

Pick Up Sticks

This all time favorite game requires skill, patience, concentration and a steady hand. Quick to learn, you'll have a lifetime to master.

Each set contains 28 sticks.

Scoring is as follows:

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Stick</u>	<u>Points per stick</u>	<u>Total</u>
7	Red Stick	2 pts.	14 pts.
7	Blue Stick	3 pts.	21 pts.
7	Green Stick	4 pts.	28 pts.
6	Yellow Stick	5 pts.	30 pts.
1	Natural Stick	7 pts.	7 pts.

Grand Total 100 pts.

To Begin

Grab all the rods in one hand by making a fist around the sticks. Place your fist on a flat surface so that the sticks are all upright and your fist is flat against the play surface. Open your fist and remove your hand quickly, allowing the sticks to fall freely. You want the sticks to fall so that they stay quite close together in a jumble. If you don't like the way they fell, you may try again before you begin play.

To Play

Using only one hand, try to remove one stick at a time. Try to remove as many sticks as possible without causing any other sticks to move. If a stick moves, your turn is over. Add up all your points, not including the stick that caused the movement.

The next player gathers all the sticks together and lets them fall again. Now it is their turn to try.

If you can pick up the natural-colored stick, you may use that help you remove the other sticks.

Before starting, you should agree on the number of rounds or points that you want to play.

Good luck!