Thinkfun Everybody Plays



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GUIDE

⚠ WARNING:

CHOKING HAZARD — Small parts not for children under 3 yrs.

AGES 4 and up



ZINGO! 1-2-3 is a fun and interactive number matching game that brings fast-paced excitement and learning to the classic game of Bingo! Players eagerly await their chance to slide the ZINGO! Zinger and reveal new number tiles. The first player to match a tile with an image on his/her card moves one step closer to victory!

ZINGO! 1-2-3 tiles are printed with numbers 0 through 12. The cards have an easy and a hard side, allowing for two levels of game play. The spaces on the easy side feature groups of objects and are printed with the accompanying number words. The spaces on the hard side feature different numbers of items with a plus sign in the middle to help build simple addition skills.

ZINGO! 1-2-3 SKILLS:

Playing ZINGO! 1-2-3 will help children develop these important early math, social and learning skills:

- Counting
- Simple Addition
- Number Sense
- Comparing and Estimating
- Patterns and Matching
- Word Recognition
- Fine Motor Skills and Coordination
- Following Instructions
- Taking Turns
- Winning and Losing

Includes:

72 ZINGO! Number Tiles 6 Two-Sided ZINGO! Cards

0 1 2

3 4 5

<u>6</u> / 8

9 10 11

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Green Side: Counting Red Side: Addition

4 1 ZINGO! Zinger





Reloading ZINGO! Tiles:



Remove cover to reload tiles when Zinger is less than half full.



Reload tiles through cover slots when Zinger is more than half full.

INSTRUCTIONS

Your Goal:

Be the first to cover all the spaces on your ZINGO! 1-2-3 card with matching number tiles!

Setup:

- 1. Remove the top from the ZINGO! Zinger and scramble the 72 tiles.
- 2. Load the tiles back in the Zinger in two equal stacks and replace the top.
- 3. All players should have a clear view of the ZINGO! Zinger before play begins.
- 4. Each player selects a ZINGO! 1-2-3 card. Cards are two-sided to allow for two levels of play. All players should have the same colored side facing up.

Green Side: Each square on this side contains images of various groups of objects with the corresponding number written out.

Red Side: Each square on this side contains two sets of images with a plus sign for addition. This side does not show the corresponding number, so players rely on addition skills to make a match.

TO PLAY

Simple Steps to Play:

- 1. Decide whether one player will serve as Dealer and operate the ZINGO! Zinger, or whether players will pass the Zinger each turn, giving everyone a chance to operate the device during a game. We recommend choosing an adult or older child to be the first Dealer.
- 2. The Dealer slides the ZINGO! Zinger forward and back to reveal two tiles.



3. When a player sees a Number Tile that matches an image on his/her ZINGO! Card, the player calls out the number, takes the tile and covers the printed image on the card.



The Dealer slides any unclaimed tiles back into the Zinger through the slots at the top of the device.

4. If two or more players need the same tile, it goes to the player who calls for it first. In the case of a tie, the Dealer slides the tile back in the ZINGO! Zinger.

- 5. If a player calls for a tile he/she doesn't need, the tile goes to the next player to correctly call it.
- 6. The first player to cover all 9 spaces on the card shouts "ZINGO!" and wins!
- 7. The winner starts the next game as the Dealer.

Game Variations

Try out some exciting new play variations for an added Zing!

Mini-ZINGO! 1-2-3

The first player to match three images in a row—across, up, down or diagonally—is the winner!

Zany ZINGO! 1-2-3

Select a pattern to match; the first player to match the pattern is the winner!









"Four Corners" "Z is

is for ZINGO!"

Multi-Card ZINGO! 1-2-3

Use two or more cards each round. Try playing with one green and one red card. The first player to fill one of his/her cards wins!

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A zany Zinger and fast-paced matching make ZINGO! 1-2-3 a fun way to help your child develop early math, learning and social skills. At around age 3, children begin practicing their number skills through counting and sorting activities. They start to understand and use numerals to represent amounts, and they benefit greatly from functional opportunities to practice their counting and labeling skills. For this reason, the green sides of the ZINGO! 1-2-3 cards feature images and number words. ZINGO! 1-2-3 draws upon a young child's growing interest in number play as well as his/her natural love of matching games to create a funfilled, enriching play experience.

As children get older and gain experience practicing early math skills, they are able to understand more complex number concepts such as estimating, combining amounts and using mathematical symbols. Once your child is ready, flip the ZINGO! 1-2-3 cards to the red side and share in the exciting new skill-building challenge of simple image addition!

While thinking skills develop naturally through growth and exploration, it's important that children are provided with frequent and varied opportunities to test their abilities in new ways. Game play is a great way to support the cognitive and social development that will serve a child throughout his/her life.

Tips on how to use ZINGO! to improve your child's thinking skills.

Get to Know the Game: Begin by playing freely with the ZINGO! Zinger, exploring the cards, counting the images in each of the spaces, examining the text and naming the numbers on the tiles. The Zinger is a wonderfully entertaining device, and children never tire of practicing the sliding motion again and again. Giving children a chance to explore the game and become familiar with the numbers and images will ready them for the fun game play to come!

Encourage Number Play: Your child's understanding of numbers is developing rapidly, and playing ZINGO! 1-2-3 is a fantastic opportunity to help him/her practice fundamental math skills! Extend your child's thinking by laying out all the number tiles and asking him/her to sort them or place them in order from largest to smallest. Play a number scavenger hunt game around the house and search for various amounts of items that correspond with the Number Tiles (2 shoes! 12 eggs!). Use your imagination...the possibilities for enriching number play are endless!

Build Memory and Concentration Skills:
At the start of a round, ask players to name the Number Tiles needed to match the images on their ZINGO! 1-2-3 cards. This is a great way to help players lock in their focus while playing. Pausing midway through the game to ask which images

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are still left uncovered helps players know which Number Tiles to pounce on and which tiles other players may be competing for!

Verbalize Playing Strategy: Ask your child to describe the thinking process used to match a tile to an image on the card. Verbalizing the thinking process helps children understand what they are doing and why they are doing it. Does he/she look at different spaces on the card depending on whether a large or small number appears? Does your child have a quick way of identifying a particular number? Young children learn from modeling, so share your matching strategies aloud as well.

Support Early Readers: The green counting sides of the ZINGO! 1-2-3 cards have been designed to show images of various amounts of items along with the printed number name to help players make associations between the two. Pre- and early readers alike feel immensely successful when they are able to read the name of a number, so encourage your child to read each number when making a match and to "read the card" at the end of a round. Playing ZINGO! 1-2-3 helps reinforce this text/number connection, and with practice players find they can identify matches not only by counting but also (and often more quickly) by reading!

Look For Patterns: As players become familiar with the ZINGO! 1-2-3 game play, they may begin to pick up on some helpful patterns. The images 1-6 are designed to mirror the placement of dots on a die or a domino, and recognizing this pattern can be a helpful matching tool. Some players may

notice that certain types of images always correspond with certain amounts (e.g., the hearts are always 12), and others may begin to associate the image of the 3x3 array with the number 9.

Practice Good Sportsmanship: Young players are just beginning to move away from parallel play and are becoming comfortable playing competitive games. Learning to take turns, have patience and be respectful winners and gracious losers takes practice. ZINGO! 1-2-3 helps players experience these highs and lows in a safe, fun environment.

Engage the Whole Family: While ZINGO! 1-2-3 is particularly designed to support the learning needs of young children, it is fun for all ages! The fast-paced game play and two levels make this a great game to share with the whole family. Level the playing field by tweaking the rules slightly—give older siblings two game boards to fill instead of one, play on teams with kids vs. grown-ups...be creative and have fun!

Celebrate Success: Share a funny ritual with your child each time he/she makes a match. This can be a high five, a secret handshake, a wiggle dance or your own special celebration! Laughter abounds when a player wins a round and calls out a triumphant "ZINGO!"

Have Fun! ZINGO! 1-2-3 is a great thinking game for players of all ages. The unique Zinger adds a fantastic element of tactile fun! We hope ZINGO! 1-2-3 will provide hours of learning and laughter for you and your child!

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