



Nine Men's Morris

TWO PLAYERS

MATERIALS

Board game template (see next page)

Nine game pieces for each player. (Try using light and dark pebbles, different colored buttons, or checkers.)

MAKING YOUR GAME

Print the game template on the next page. To make playing easier, place the paper on a table or adhere it to a hard surface like a piece of cardboard to make a game board.

Gather your game pieces.

HOW TO PLAY

The object of the game is to continue forming three pieces in a row (called a mill) as long as possible. A player wins if they can prevent their opponent from continuing to form mills, either by removing all their pieces but two, or by preventing them from being able to move their pieces.

The game is played in two stages.

In stage one, the players take turns placing each of their nine pieces on the board. Pieces may be placed on any of the intersections or corners, marked by a dot. When a player manages to place three pieces in a row on a single line, he or she has formed a mill and may take one of their opponent's pieces off the board.

When all the pieces are played onto the board, stage two begins (assuming one of the players hasn't already won, which is unusual but possible). Players take turns moving one piece along any line to the next dot. Pieces may not jump over other pieces. Players continue to try to form mills, removing an opponent's piece from the board each time they succeed.

When one player can no longer form mills because they don't have enough pieces left or cannot move their pieces, the other player is the winner. If neither player is able to move their pieces into a mill, it's a tie.



