Are you 

board stuck inside the house? Well we’ve got a DIY activity for you this week that is anything but! In the spirit of gaming, this week we will give you some tips and tricks to creating your very own board game that you can play with your family and friends! A camp favorite, the traditional Connect Four board game has 4,531,985,219,092 possible positions, and you’ve got just about the same number of possibilities when it comes to creating your own board game, so let’s get started!

Below you will see a list of suggested materials, but please get creative and use what you have on hand at home! There is no single way to do this craft!

Materials:

- Something to create the game board (poster board, recycled cardboard, paper, etc.)
- Small items for game pieces (bottlecaps, action figures, Hot Wheels, pieces from other games)
- Markers
- Stickers
Let's get **STARTED**!

**Step 1**

Choose a theme to base your game on – a sport, your favorite TV show, camp, outdoors – get creative! Once you’ve chosen your game board theme, think about how the game will work. Here are some questions to consider:

- How many players can play?
- How does the game start?
- How does the game end?
- What is the object of the game?
- How does a player “move” throughout the board?

**Step 2**

Create your game board however you like! Here are some things to consider:

- Where does the board start?
- Where does the board end?
- If you’re making/using cards for your game, is there a place on the board for them?
- How do game pieces move and where do they stay?

**Step 3**

Write out the directions to your game on a piece of paper. Read them aloud to yourself, or someone else, to make sure the directions are clear and others are able to understand them.

**Step 4**

Host a family game night and play your created game!

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