DIY Cornhole

Cornhole is believed to have begun with German immigrants coming to the United States mid-West in the 1830s. This game was partly inspired by the game of horseshoes and was described in Heyliger de Windt’s 1883 game called “Parlor Quoits”.

Materials

- Cardboard box
- Fabric (scrap fabric/ fabric from old t-shirts/socks)
- Scissors
- Rubber bands
- Cereal bowl
- Writing utensil
- Dried beans/ rice

Instructions

Cornhole Board

1. Make sure that one side of your cardboard box is taped closed. The other side should be open and the un-taped cardboard flaps cut off.
2. Take your cereal bowl and place it face down in the upper center portion of your box. The right and left sides of the box should be the same distance from the bowl.
3. Trace around the rim of the cereal bowl and cut the circle tracing out of the cardboard. This will be the top of the cornhole board.
4. Now cut the base of the board.
5. At the right side of the base, starting at the same end as the hole, begin to cut a diagonal line. Start small and widen the angle as you get further from the hole.
6. Use this angle cut-out to trace an identical angle on the left side of the box. And cut out the tracing.
7. Trim the excess cardboard off the end of your box, to make a wedge shape.
8. After trimming, the hole should be on the higher angle
Bean Bags

1. Cut your fabric into equal pieces/ squares (about 5 square inches or more)
   If you are using a sock, cut about 5 inches above the toe, fill with beans about 4 inches, and wrap a rubber band around the excess fabric and you’re done!
2. Place uncooked beans/ rice into the center of the fabric until it is well filled with about an inch around the edge.
3. Gather the edge together and wrap a rubber band around it so the beans/rice are secured inside.
4. You are ready to go!

For extra security, you can put the beans into a plastic baggie, and wrap the baggie in fabric.

Corn Hole Game Instructions:

Number of players: 2-4

Other supplies: bean bags

1. Set the corn hole boxes approximately 27 feet apart (they can be closer depending on the age of the players/ size of the boxes)
2. If you are playing with 4 people, there will be two teams. One person from each team stands next to each box, facing their teammate.
3. Teammates will alternate tossing the bean bags. One teammate starts with all of the bags until they are tossed to the other side. Then, the other teammate will take his/her turn.
4. The goal is to get your bean bags into the hole. If you do, your team gets 3 points!
   Bean bags can go into the hole directly, slide in, or be knocked in, in order to get the points.
5. Bags that landed on the box but did not land in the hole count as 1 point.
6. Opponents points cancel each other out. Only one team can score each game.
   For example: If team A scores 5 points and team B scores 3 points. 3 points from each team are not counted. Team A winds up with 2 points and team B winds up with 0 points.
   Also, if the teams get an equal amount of points, they cancel each other out and neither team gets any points for that inning.
7. The game lasts until one of the teams get 21 points.