



Marbles

Did you know that the game of marbles was played in Ancient Egypt and Rome? Marbles were also a popular game played in the Victorian period. Marbles were made from a variety of materials include stone, clay and glass.

What you need:

- A bag of different sized marbles (about 13 small and 4 big)
- A stick or stone to draw a circle

How to Play (basic game)

1. Using a stick or stone, draw a circle on the ground approximately three metres in diameter (if on a paved area chalk can be used to make the circle)
2. To decide who is going to play first, draw a line on the ground near the circle. Each player uses one of the larger marbles known as a 'shooter' to shoot their marble at the line. Whoever has the closets marble to the line goes first.
3. Place the thirteen small marbles into the centre of the circle in the shape of an X. The aim of the game is to shoot the smaller marbles out of the ring with the shooter marble.
4. Each player takes a turn shooting from outside the circle at the smaller marbles. If a player successfully knocks a marble out of the circle, they add it to their pile and take another turn. If they miss, the next player takes a turn. The person with the most marbles collected at the end of the game is the winner!

