

# Congklak

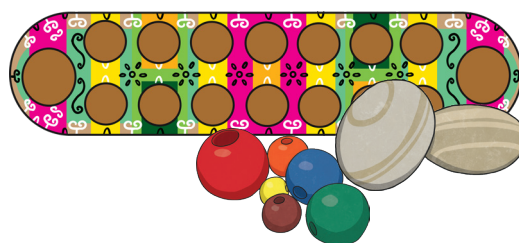
The game of Congklak dates back to ancient Egyptian times and is one of the oldest games in the world. Congklak boards come in many different styles but each has the same fundamental design. Congklak boards are long and narrow with 7 small bowl-like holes along each side (called houses) and 1 larger hole at each end (called storehouses). The game is played with shells or seeds.

Number of players: 2



## You will need:

- Congklak board
- 98 cowry shells, pebbles, beads, seeds or any other small round pieces



## Setting up the board

Players sit on either side of the board. Their 7 houses sit in front and their storehouse sits to the left.

Players start with 7 pieces in each of their 7 houses. The storehouses remain empty.

## Rules of the game

Player 1 takes all the pieces from any house on their side of the board and drops one shell at a time into each house around the board, moving in a clockwise direction. They do not place a piece in their opponent's storehouse, but they do place one in their own.

If the last house the player drops their last piece into:

- a) has **a piece in it** already, the player takes all the pieces from that house and places them in their storehouse, and continues to move around the board.
- b) is **their own storehouse**, the player gets another turn by taking the shells from any house on their side of the board and moving around the board in the same way.

c) is **empty and on their side**, the player takes all the pieces from the opposite house (on the opponent's side), places them into their own storehouse and ends their turn.

d) is **empty and on the opponent's side**, the last piece remains in the house and the player ends their turn.

The next player then takes the shells from a house on their side of the board and moves around the board in the same way.

Play ends when one player runs out of shells on their side of the board.

The player with the most pieces in their storehouse at the end of the game is the winner.

