Ball Drop Game
+ Cardboard Tube + Scissors
+ Hole Punch + Straws
+ Wood Beads + Markers

1. Decorate your tube with markers
2. Cut two triangles in the bottom
3. Punch holes throughout tube
4. Trim straws

How to Play:
Place straws through holes. Place beads on top.
Carefully remove straws trying not to let the beads fall.
Collect any beads that fall to the table when straw is removed.
The player with the fewest beads at then end is the winner!

Family Game Night
Gather around together weekly or monthly for a fun family game night. Play a new board game or learn a new card game.

Dots and Boxes Game

How to Play:
Each player takes turn drawing one line. If that line completes a square, the player writes their initial in the box and draws another line. Play continues until all dots have been connected. The player with the most boxes wins!

Game 1

Game 2

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A thaumatrope (THAW-muh-trope) is an optical toy that was popular in the 19th century. A disk with a picture on each side is attached to two pieces of string or stick. When the object is spun quickly, the two pictures appear to blend into one due to the persistence of vision.

Pencil or pen
Paper
Crayons, markers, or colored pencils
Tape
Scissors
Template (optional)

1. Cut out two squares of paper, approximately 2 inches by 2 inches.
2. Think of a simple object or image you could draw that has two parts, like a scoop of ice cream and a cone or a fish and a fishbowl.
3. Draw and color one part of the image on each square (for example, draw the ice cream on one square and the cone on the other square). These two images will be combined in the end, so think about how they will look if they are on top of one another. Where on the squares should you draw each part of the image so they will match up correctly when they are combined?
   Once your images are drawn, colored, and cut out:
4. Tape them securely back to back (with the pictures facing out) at the top of the pencil or pen.
5. You now have a thaumatrope! To use it, hold it upright in front of you between the palms of your hands. Lightly roll the pencil back and forth between your hands so the two images flip back and forth.