

WORKSHOP EXTENSION ACTIVITY

Built by The Home Depot Kids Workshop

February Valentine's Tic-Tac-Toe

Ages 5-12

CONNECT.

Did you know that some games, including Tic-Tac-Toe, go as far back as ancient Egypt? That's a long time ago! Over the years, some games have stayed the same, other games have changed, and new games have been developed.

What are some of your favorite board games that you play with your family or friends?



INVESTIGATE.

Now consider why you like these games. What makes them fun? Jot your ideas in the chart below.

Favorite Board Games	Why is it my favorite? What makes it fun?

INNOVATE.

Can you create a brand-new game that you'll like just as much as the ones above? Let's give it a try!

You'll need:

- Your Valentine's Tic-Tac-Toe
- Modeling clay
- Pencil
- Card stock
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Colored markers
- Glitter or other decorating materials
- Glue
- Notebook
- Gift box

- Grab the Xs and Os from your Valentine's Tic-Tac-Toe. These will be your game pieces. Use the glitter, glue, and markers to give each piece its own personality, and then set them aside.
- Create a die by molding the modeling clay into a six-sided cube. Use a pencil to poke dots (1-6) in each side.
- Then begin your game board! Cut the cardstock to a size and shape of your choice. Write *Start* at one end of the board and *Finish* at the other, and then draw a winding path between them. Once your path is created, divide it into smaller squares for the game pieces to move along.

- Now that you have completed your game's foundation, it's up to you to make it unique. Add the finishing touches once you have thought about the following questions:
 - Will your game have a theme? How can you decorate the game board?
 - What will players do when it is their turn? Are any other game pieces needed?
 - What elements can you add from your favorite board games to make your game more challenging and/or more fun?
- Once your gameboard is finished, it's time to write the rules. Take your time, and be sure to include how many players are needed, what each player should do when it is their turn, and how to win!
- Then use the art supplies to transform the gift box into a home for your game and its pieces. Create a name for your game and add visuals to the box that encourage others to play!
- Last but not least, invite your friends and family to give your game a try. Don't be afraid to make changes or add to the rules as you play.

