

WORKSHOP EXTENSION ACTIVITY

Built by The Home Depot Kids Workshops

July 2023: Fireworks Bean Bag Toss

Ages 5-12

CONNECT.

Did you know that beanbag toss games can be called a few different names? Some regions call it *bags*, some call it *cornhole*, and others call it a *sack toss*. But no matter its name, each game has the same objective: To toss a fabric sack filled with dried beans or corn into one of the board's holes!

INVESTIGATE.

There are many ways to affect how easy or hard it is to play your beanbag toss game. Stand right in front of it, for example, and you could almost toss the beanbag in with your eyes closed!

Your job, however, will be to add challenges to the game that increase its complexity and make it harder to play.

So, grab your beanbag toss game and toss a beanbag several times, each time thinking about how you could make it more challenging. It may be helpful to divide the changes you could make into two overall categories:

- **Rules:** What rules could you change, add, or take away? If you're stuck, think about how far away the player should stand, how many chances they should get to succeed, what hand they should use to throw, if their eyes should stay open, etc.!
- **Board:** How can you modify the board to make it harder to toss a beanbag into one of the holes? For instance: Could you cover the holes slightly, make the holes smaller, or camouflage the holes?

INNOVATE.

Once you have ideas in mind, make these changes happen!

You'll need:

- Notebook & pencil to document your new rules
- Fabric
- Foam board
- Scissors
- Glue
- Duct tape
- Paints and a paint brush
- Permanent markers
- Any other materials needed to bring your ideas to life

1. Record the new game rules in the notebook. Each time you create a rule, test it so you know it will work when you play.
2. Then use the materials and the ideas you brainstormed in the *Investigate* section to make changes to the board. Like with the rules, make one change at a time and test it out to make sure it works before moving on to the next one. Whenever you make a change to the board, also consider if a rule needs to be added or changed and continue adding to your notebook.
3. When your changes and rules are complete, invite a friend or family member to play a trial run with you. Read through all of the rules together before you play. If anything is missing or doesn't make sense, make changes and document them.
4. Debrief together once you've finished playing. What worked well? What could have been better? What could you change to make it even more fun or more challenging?
5. Make some of the changes you discussed, and then invite others to give your game a try! As the weeks go by, try your best to consistently update and change your game to keep it as challenging and interesting as possible.



Your beanbag toss game is decorated with a fun fireworks theme! Professionals must handle fireworks carefully because they can be a fire hazard. They can cause damage to homes or businesses. The goal of a **fire damage restoration specialist** is to clean and reconstruct an area affected by smoke or fire.

Visit [PathtoPro.com](https://www.PathtoPro.com) for more information on trade careers.

