

WORKSHOP EXTENSION ACTIVITY

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Ages 5-12

CONNECT.

While Tic-Tac-Toe is played around the world, different players know it by different names. British players refer to the game as *Noughts and Crosses*. Canadian players tend to call it *Tit-Tat-Toe* or *Tick-Tat-Toe*. And players in Norway call it *Twiddles and Bears!*

Can you come up with a new name for Tic-Tac-Toe? Try to brainstorm a few!

INVESTIGATE.

Think about all of the board games you've ever played. Are there any that stick out in your mind because they're more fun than the rest? Jot notes below as you think about what makes them so fun.

Board Game Name	Why is it fun to play? (Think about the game board, game pieces, rules, and more!)

INNOVATE.

Can you use your Pumpkin Tic-Tac-Toe game pieces to create a brand-new game that's just as fun (or even more fun!) than the games you brainstormed above? Let's try!

You'll need:

- Your Pumpkin Tic-Tac-Toe
- Modeling clay
- Pencil
- Cardstock
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Colored markers
- Glitter or other decorating materials
- Notebook
- Gift box

1. First, choose a theme for your game. *Fall Festivities* and *On the Farm* are just a couple of ideas to get you started!
2. Then, grab some or all of the game pieces from your Pumpkin Tic-Tac-Toe game. These will be the game pieces in your new game, too! Use the markers, glitter, and glue to decorate the pieces according to the theme you selected. Each game piece should have its own personality!
3. Next, form the modeling clay into a cube to create the die. Use a pencil to poke dots (one through six) into each side.

4. Now, start designing your gameboard! Cut the cardstock into a shape of your choice. Place a *Start* and *Finish* somewhere on the board and design a path (try to make it long and twisty) between the two places.
5. Then, divide the path into smaller sections. These will be the spaces that the players move their game piece along after they roll the die, so there should be lots of them! Once the spaces are divided, decide what will go in each. Will there be instructions to move forward, move backward, or do something silly? Or will they be blank?
6. Put on the finishing touches to make your game your own! Decorate the gameboard to go along with the theme you selected. Be sure to also come up with a name for your game and write it somewhere on the board.
7. Think through the rules of your game and write them in your notebook. Take your time and try to make them as thorough as possible. Be sure to include what players should do when it's their turn *and* how to win!
8. Once your game is finished, use the art supplies to transform the gift box into a storage box for your game. Think about other game boxes you have seen and try to make the box as eye-catching as possible.
9. Finally, invite friends or family to play your game for the very first time! Have a pencil handy and jot notes as you play so you can remember what works and what doesn't work. Don't be afraid to edit the rules—your game is still a work in progress!

Share a picture of your Tic-Tac-Toe pieces being used for a game YOU created using #kidsworkshopexplore.



Now that you're ready to play tic-tac-toe, you have to think carefully about where you are going to make your move! Just like you, **Electricians** are always thinking of ways to evolve and innovate since they are responsible for keeping electrical lines running properly through our homes and communities.

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