

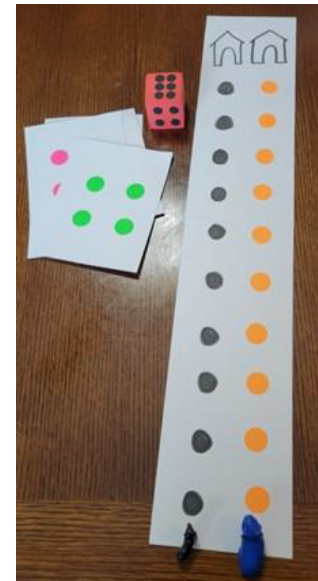
Miss Valerie's Learning at Home Activity Make a Path Game

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How to Make

Materials:

- Heavy paper
- Tape
- Marker
- Dot stickers *optional (available in the office section of most stores)
- Game die *optional (or make cards from heavy paper)
- Two small animal toys (or use any small toys or objects)



Directions:

1. Cut one piece of paper in half lengthwise. Tape together on the back to make one long strip. This also makes it easy to fold for storage.
2. Use dot stickers to make a path 10 dots long (or use marker to make the dots).
3. Make a second path of dots next to the first.
4. Draw a home at the end of the paths.
5. Use small animal toys as game markers.
6. To play, roll a game die to move that number of dots. Or make a set of cards to use. Hint: if your child is beginning counting, make only small numbers of dots.
7. Active variation: use pieces of paper or paper plates to make a life-size path. Have your child jump along the path after rolling the die or drawing a card.

Path games help young children with math concepts such as counting, comparing numbers, recognizing number dot patterns, and one-to-one correspondence. Games also teach social skills like taking turns, and winning and losing appropriately.

