

~ Nine Men's Morris Game ~

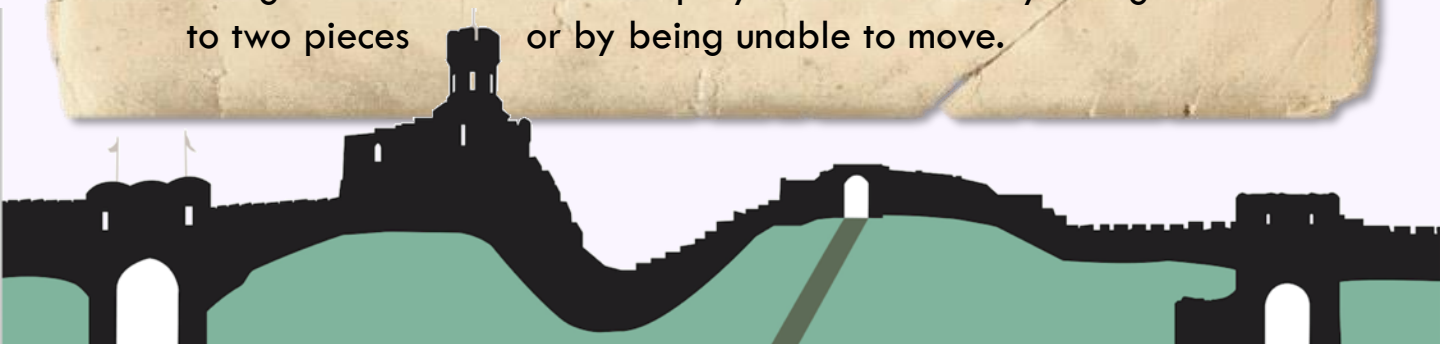
*Have a go at this fun board game from the past!
Make your own with cardboard and counters found at home.*



The aim of the game is to make 'mills'. These are vertical or horizontal lines of three in a row. When you do this you can then remove any of your opponent's pieces. You want to reduce your opponent's pieces to less than three so that they cannot continue to play.

~ How to Play ~

- ❖ The board is empty to start with.
- ❖ Take turns to place pieces anywhere on the board until all 18 pieces have been played.
- ❖ Play then continues by each player moving one piece along a line in any direction to the next available point.
- ❖ Whenever a player achieves a mill, that player immediately removes an opponent's piece from the board (pieces can only be removed that do not form part of a mill.)
- ❖ If all of your opponent's pieces form mills then you are allowed to remove any piece.
- ❖ Both players will often break a mill by moving a piece out of it and then, in a later turn, play the piece back again to make a new mill.
- ❖ Captured pieces are never replayed onto the board again.
- ❖ The game is finished when a player loses either by being reduced to two pieces or by being unable to move.



~ Make your own ~

All you need is 18 counters and a board.

Counters: these could be coins, pieces from another game, playdough, or anything you can find. Just make sure that you can tell which ones are yours and which ones are your opponent's!

Board: You could use cardboard or paper on a flat surface. Draw out the shape below:

