# ACTIVITYSECTION

# **African Djembe Craft**

Djembe means 'to Gather in Peace', and these drums are usually used to spread some peace and happiness among the people. Mainly from West Africa, this drum is shaped like a goblet.

# **Supplies Needed:**

- Plastic cups or yogurt containers
- Sharpie markers
- Beads
- Masking tape
- Yarn
- Balloon
- Elastics



#### **Instructions:**

- 1. Decorate your cups / containers with markers and tape
- 2. Attach the two bottoms of your cup
- 3. Cut the neck of the balloon and stretch your balloon over one cup and attach it with an elastic. Play your drum!



# Mancala Game Board

# **Supplies Needed:**

- Acrylic paint
- Cardboard egg carton
- Glue
- Two paper cups
- Game pieces (rice or pebbles)



#### **Instructions:**

- 1. Cut the lid off the egg carton and turn it upside down. Glue the egg holder part on top of the upside-down lid.
- 2. Paint the game and the two paper cups with bright colors using geometric shapes as found in African art. Decorate the bottom of the paper plate using paint or markers.

#### Games

#### **Mancala Game**

You will need: 2 Players, Mancala Game Board (or egg carton; 2 small bowls), 48 Game Pieces or Stones

Set Up: Place the Mancala Board length-wise between 2 players, place 4 game pieces (stones) in each hole, place the small bowls at each end of the Mancala board (empty at the beginning), the six holes are the playing holes, the large ones at each end are the Mancala.

Objective: To have the most tokens in your Mancala at the end of the game. Steps to play:

- 1. Pick up the stones in any one of your playing cups
- 2. Drop your stones one by one into the sequential playing cups, moving counter clockwise around the board. Include your Mancala but not your opponent's Mancala.
- 3. Take turns moving the pieces around the board. If your last one falls into your Mancala you get another turn.
- 4. If your last stone falls in an empty cup on your side, take all the pieces from the player's cup directly opposite.
- 5. Hoard all the pieces you can on your side of the board.

End of the Game:

Whoever runs out of pieces on their side of the board loses the game

The player with remaining stones puts them in their Mancala

The player with the most stones in their Mancala wins the game

Video Instruction

### **Ampe Game**

#### Instructions:

- The leader and another player jump up at the same time, clap, and thrust one foot forward when they jump up.
- If the leader and the other player have the same foot forward, the leader wins a point.
  If they are different, the other player becomes "it" and plays against the remaining players.
- If the players are in a circle, the leader moves along the inside of the circle, playing against others in turn. If they are in a line, the leader moves on down the line. If only



two players are playing, they keep score until a certain number of points determines a winner.