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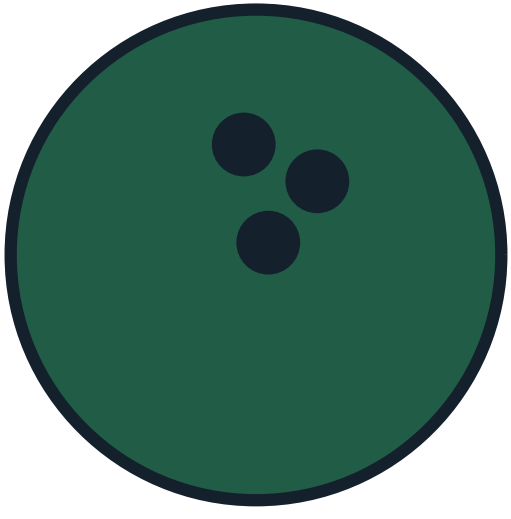
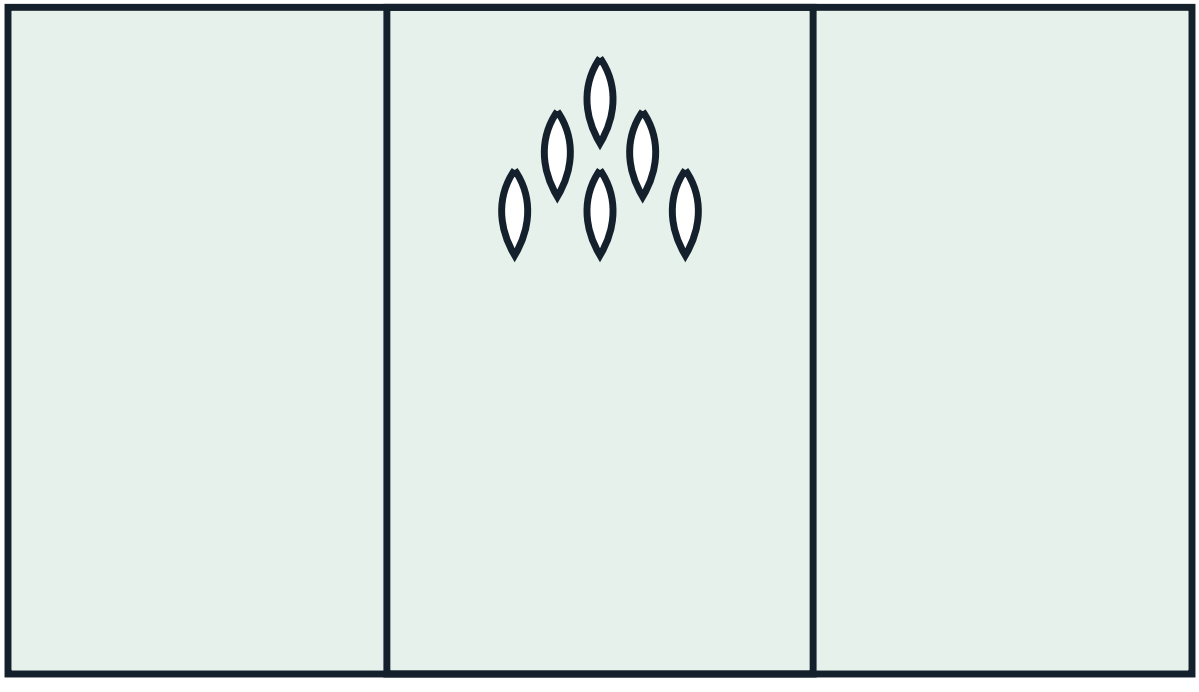
Meet Cornhole!

Toss beanbags at an angled board.



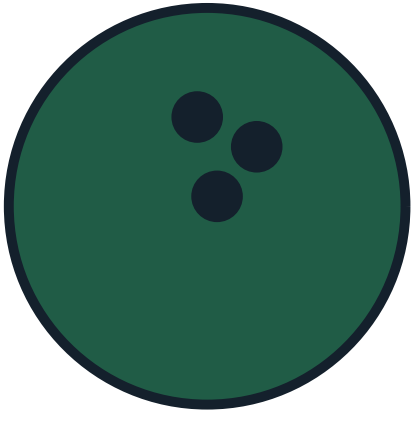
Where It Is Played

A court of two boards 27 feet apart front-to-front, with a 3 by 4 ft pitcher's box on each side of each board and 12 feet of vertical clearance indoors.



The Gear

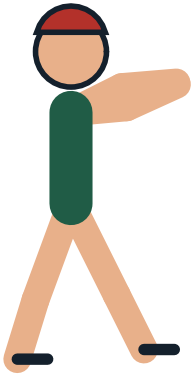
Two wooden boards (2 by 4 ft, 6-inch hole) and two sets of four ACL-approved bags (6x6 inches, 15.5–16.5 oz, resin-filled).





How It Starts

Flip a coin for first throw, take a down-and-back practice round, then alternate bags from the pitcher's box, keeping a foot in the box and behind the foul line on every pitch.



How to Play

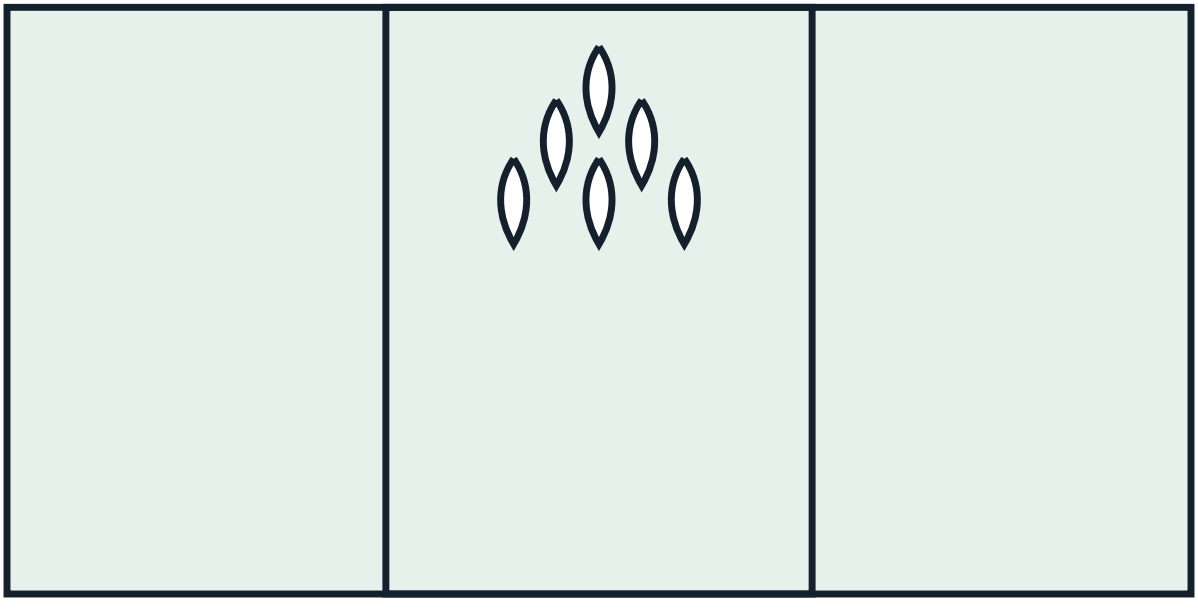
- Format: singles or doubles; players alternate pitching four bags each per round toward the opposite board until all eight bags are pitched.
- Scoring is cancellation scoring: a bag through the hole scores 3 points and a bag resting on the board scores 1 point; only the round winner's net difference is added, and the first player/team past 21 points wins with no bust rule.
- Boards are placed 27 feet apart, front edge to front edge; each board is 2 feet wide by 4 feet long with a 6-inch hole centred 9 inches from the back edge, its top resting 12 inches above the ground.
- Bags must measure 6 by 6 inches, weigh between 15.5 and 16.5 ounces, be filled only with plastic resin, come from the ACL Approved Bag Manufacturer List and not be altered after purchase.

More of the Game

- A pitch may be underhand or overhand, but on release at least part of one foot must be inside the pitcher's box (3 feet wide by 4 feet long beside the board) with no step on or beyond the foul line at the front of the board.
- A bag pitched in violation of the foul-line rule, or a bag that first touches the ground before the board, is a foul bag and is removed before play continues.
- Each game begins with a coin toss (or bag spin) to decide lane, matchups and who throws the first bag; a customary 'down and back' practice round precedes the game.
- In doubles, partners stand directly across from each other in the same lane at opposite boards, not diagonally.

The Shape of a Match

Singles or doubles alternating four-bag rounds at a holed board 27 feet away, using cancellation scoring (3 through the hole, 1 on the board) to 21 points.



More of the Target & precision Family

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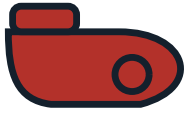
- Snooker and Pool — Cue sports with a pro world tour for snooker.
- Ten-pin Bowling — Roll a ball to knock down pins.
- Disc Golf — Golf played with flying discs and baskets.
- Archery — Target shooting with bows, an Olympic sport.

A Note on the Rules

Cornhole is governed competitively by the American Cornhole League (founded 2016) and the ACO under a standardised code (board and bag specifications, 21-point cancellation scoring) written as the game professionalised in the 2010s. An authored modern codification rather than a sport with a law-change history. No major documented rule change is carried for cornhole.



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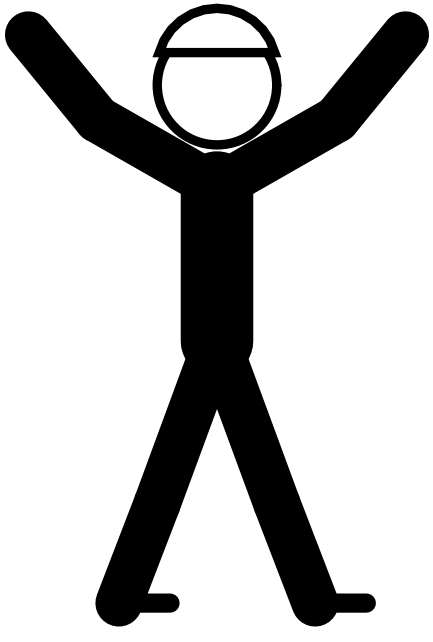

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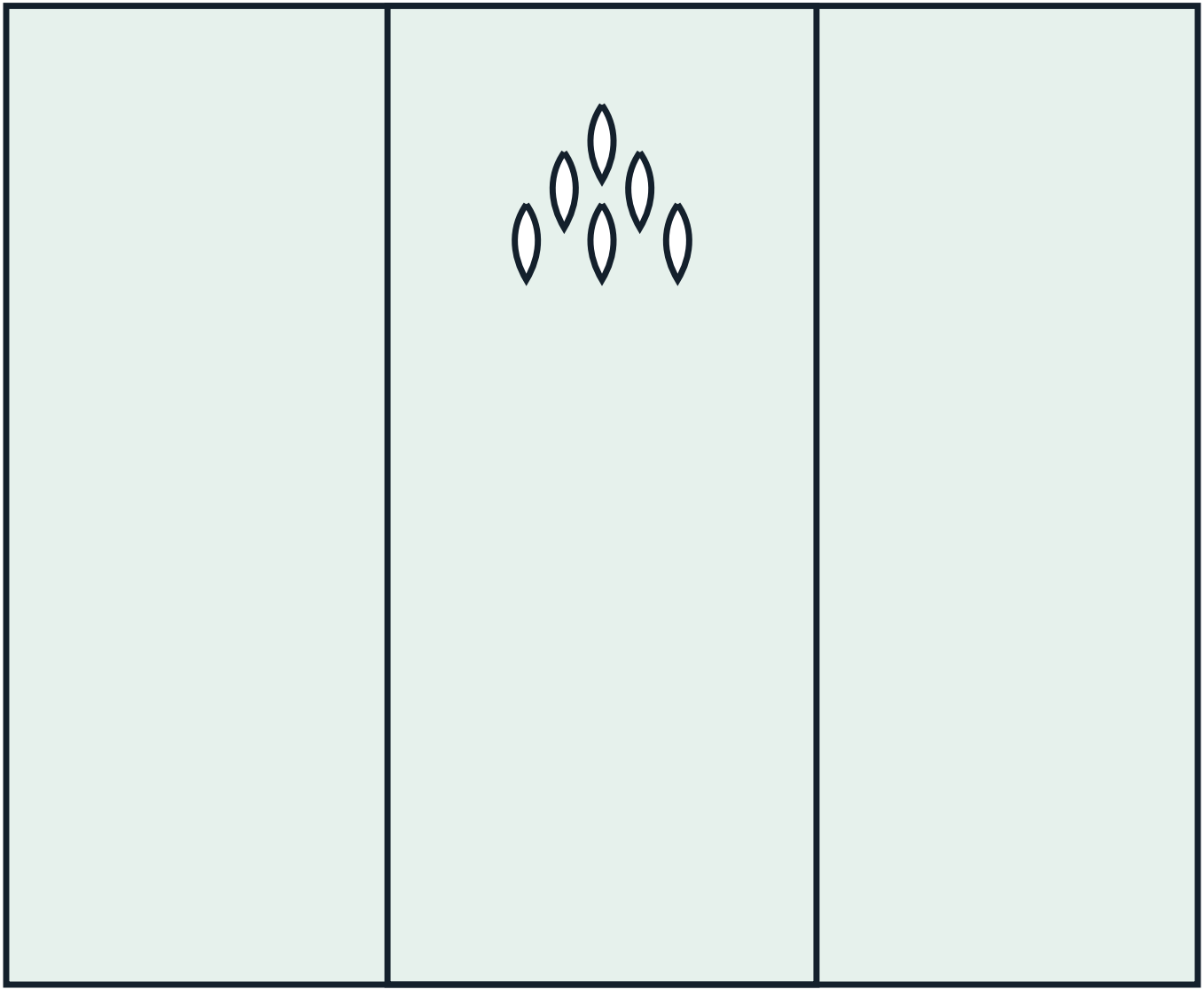

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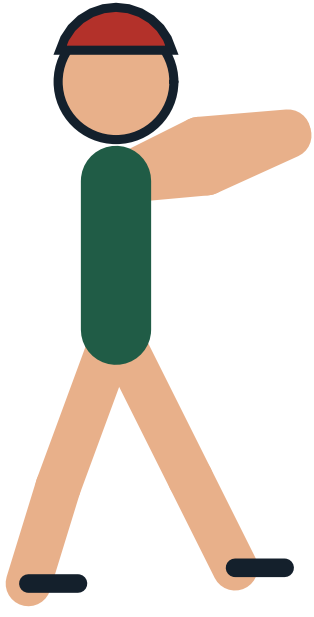

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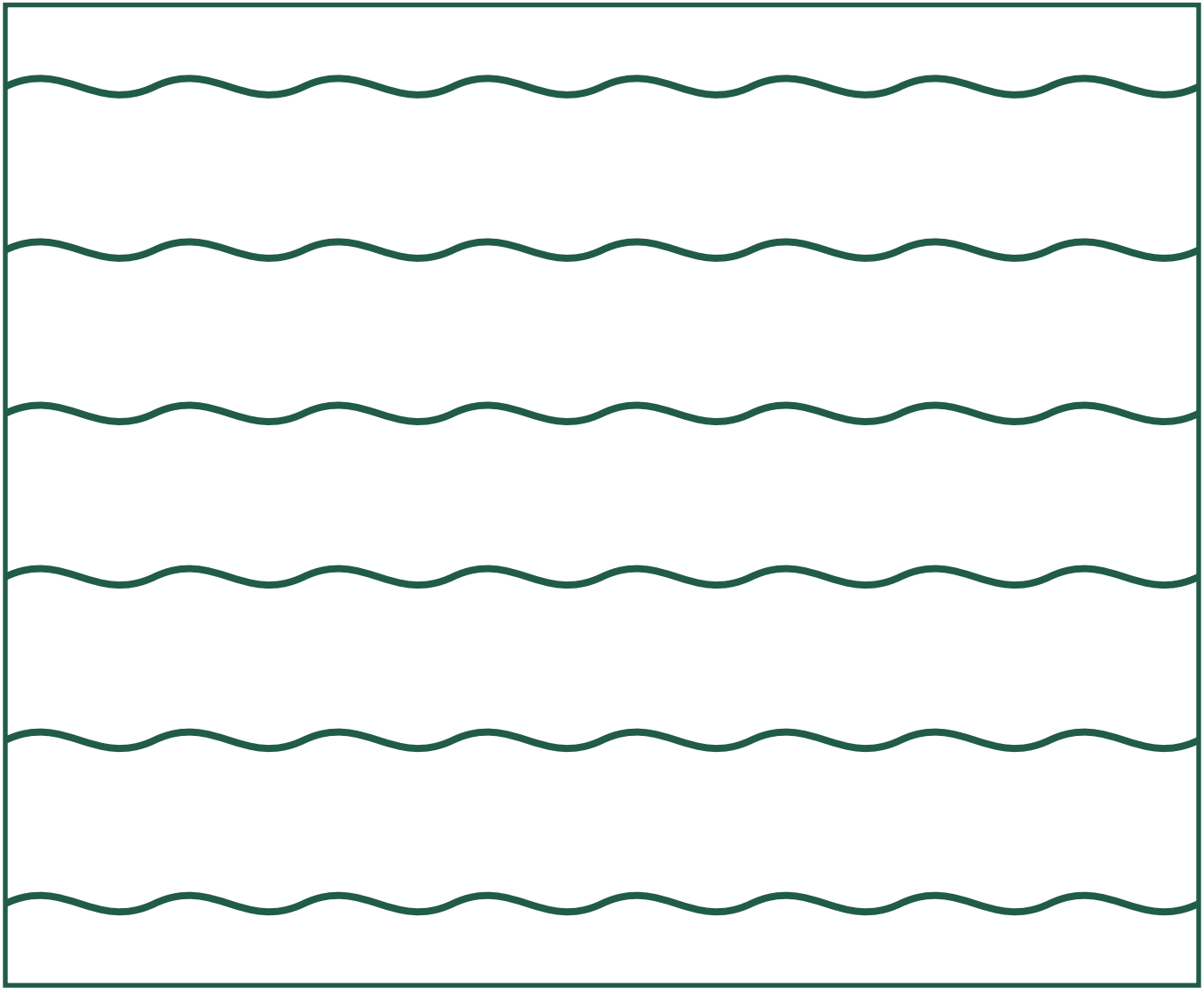
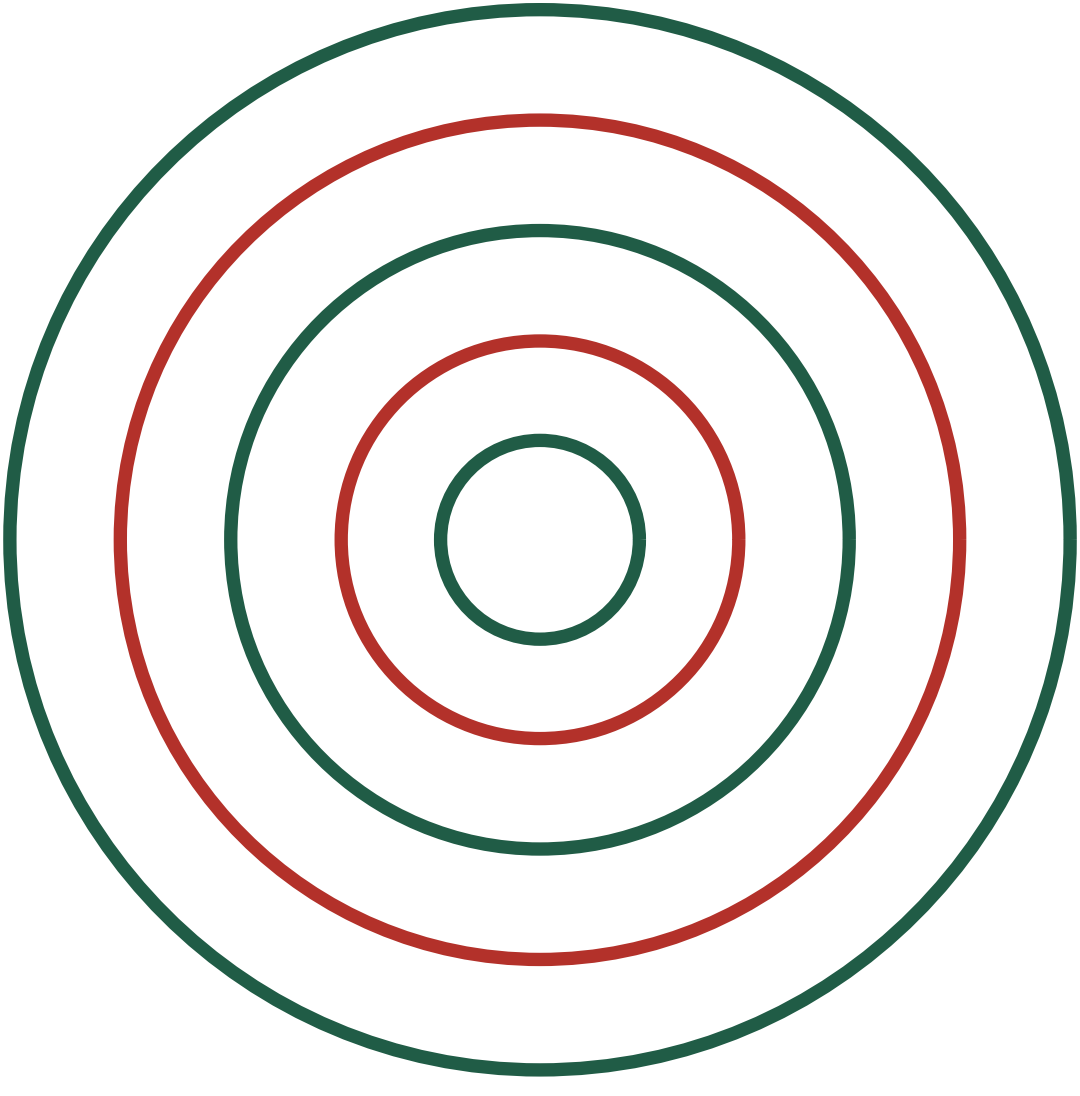


Through the Year



The Target & precision Family

Every sport belongs to a family of games that share its shapes and skills. Here are some of this book's closest relatives — each with a cartoon book and a colouring book of its own.

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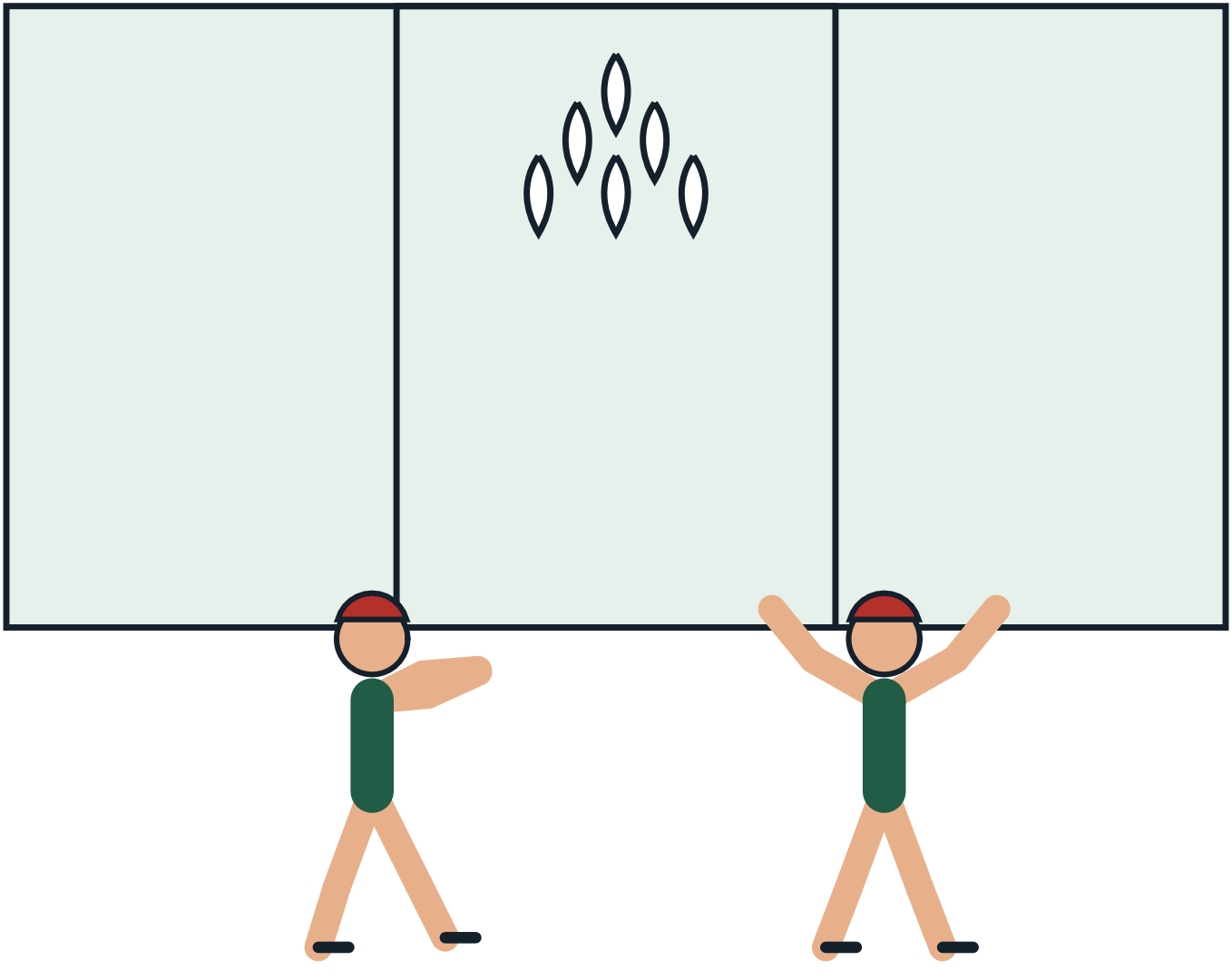
Game Day!



The Sport on Earth Mark

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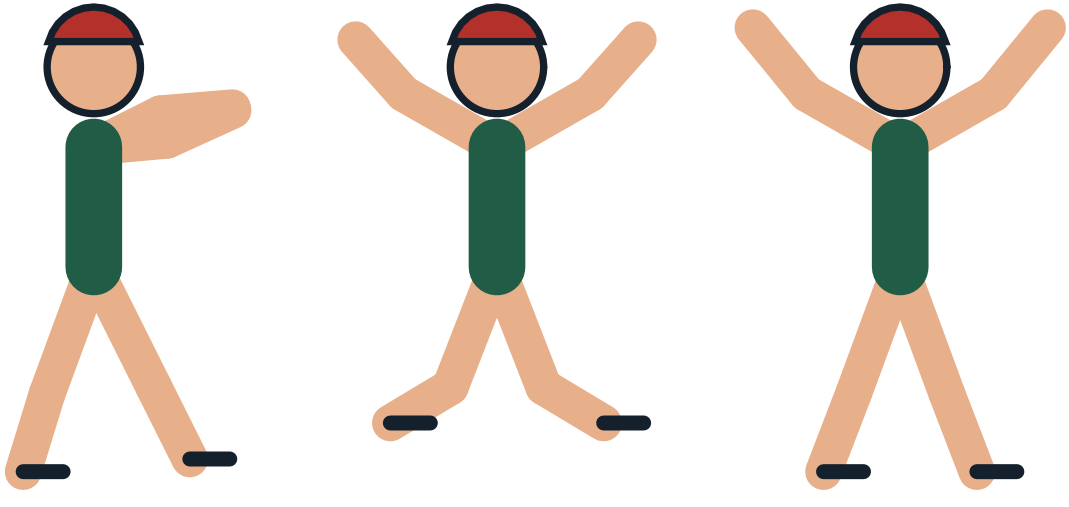
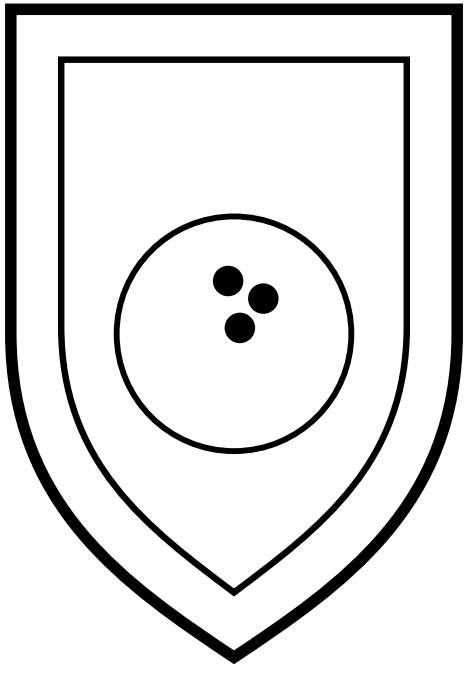
Moves of the Game

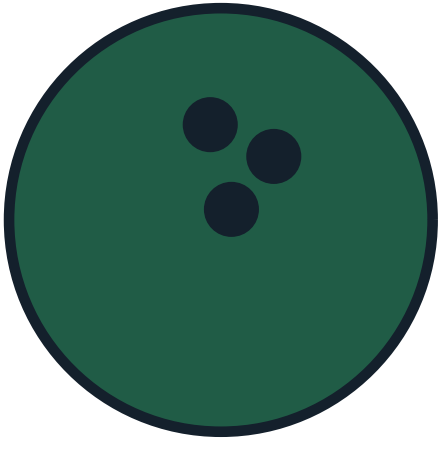


Design a Badge



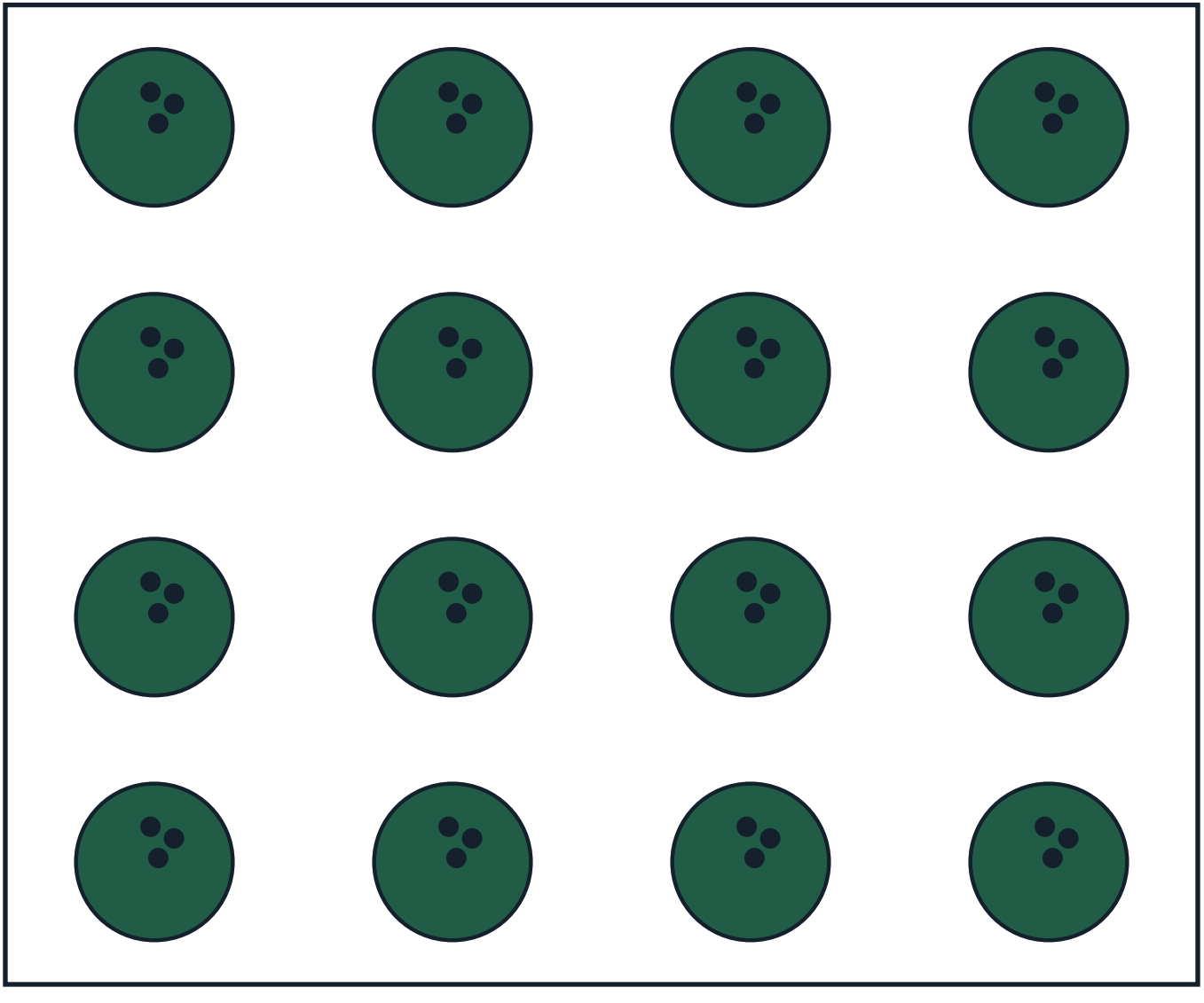
Draw and colour a badge for your own team.

The Gear Parade

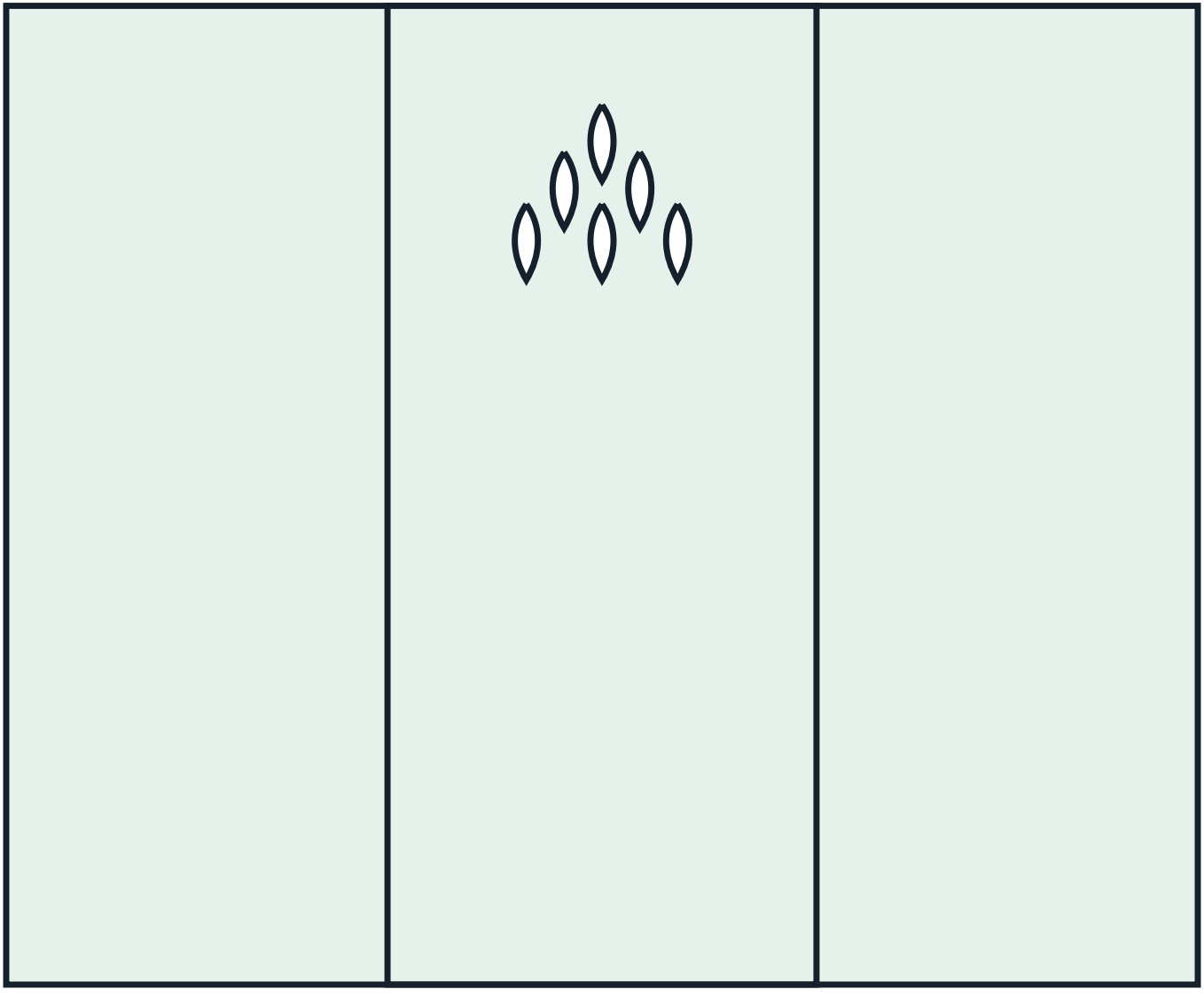




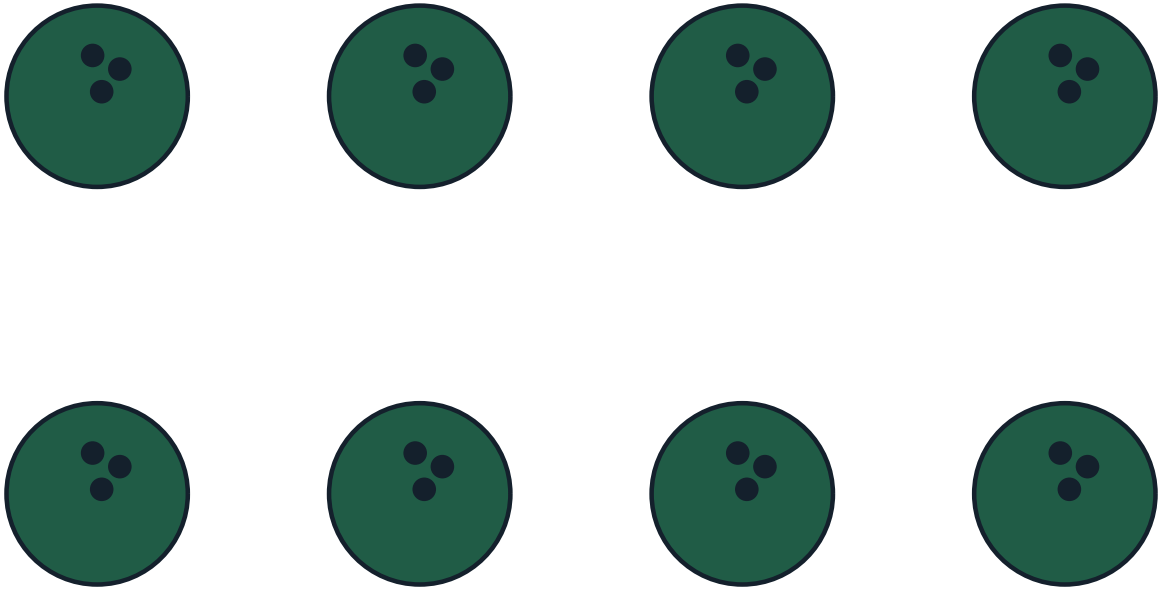
Pattern Play



The Arena From Above



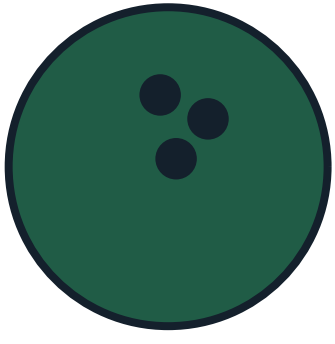
Count the Balls!



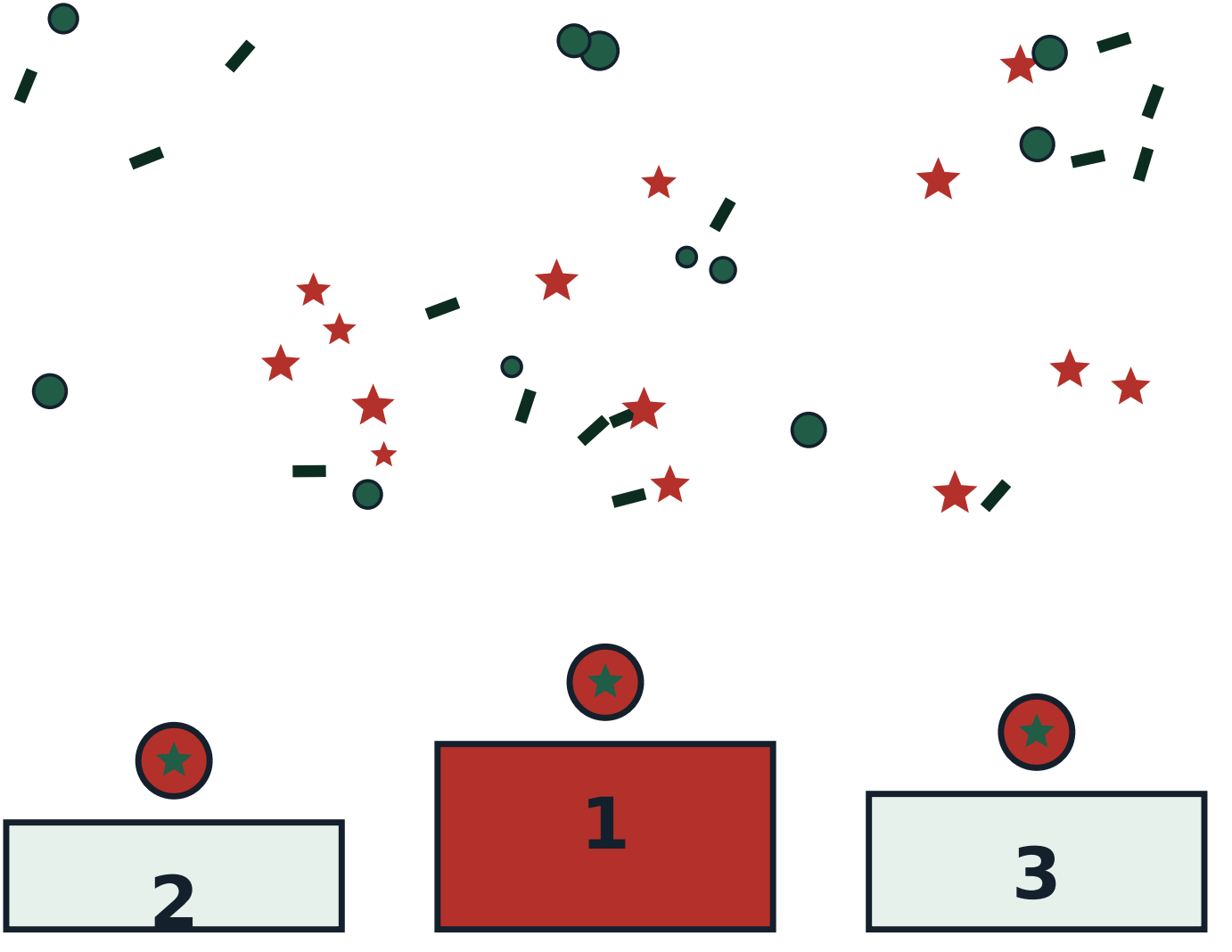
How many can you count? Write the number here: _____

My Favourite Part of Cornhole

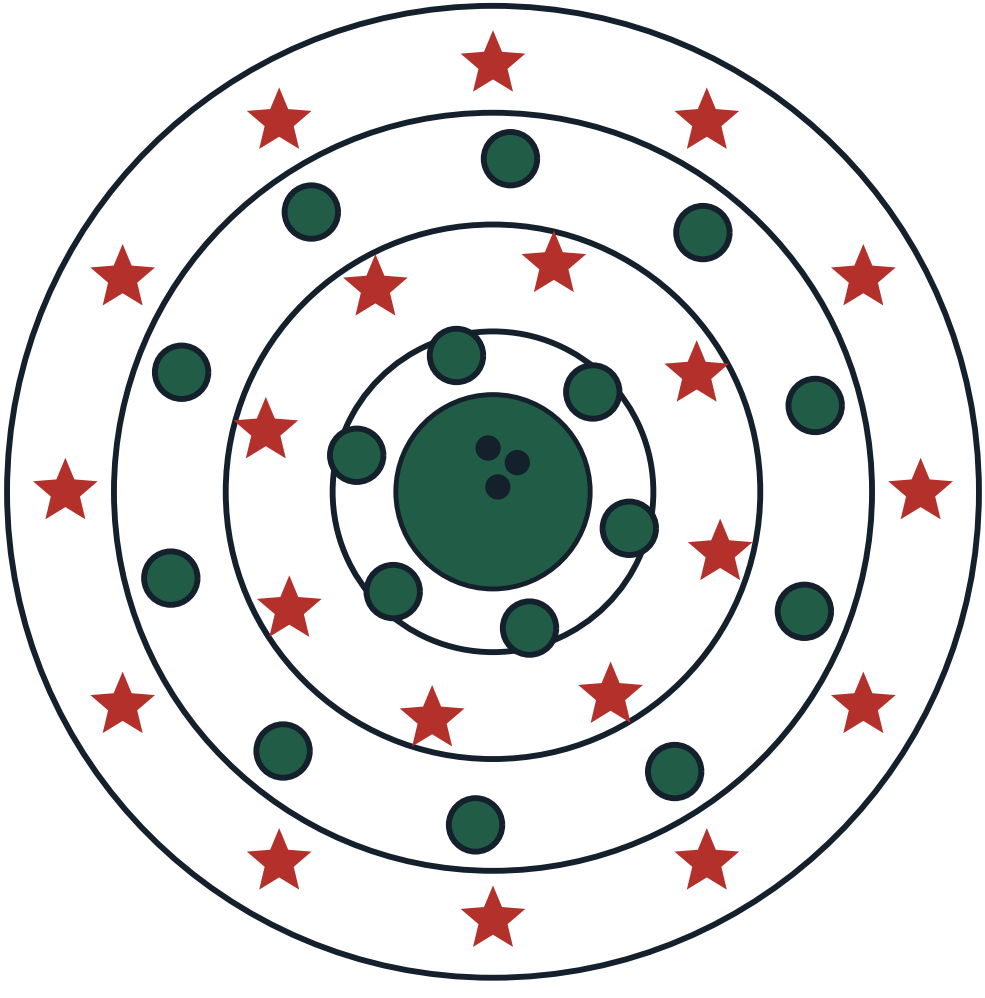
Gear Close-Up



Champions!



The Mandala of the Game



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