DIRECTIONS

1. Cut off the lid of the egg carton and set aside. Remove any additional flaps from the sides of the egg carton.
2. Cut the lid in half, down the middle on the shortest length.
3. Nestle the two pieces of the lid under the egg carton with some space sticking out so they create a container on each side.
4. Tape or glue the lid pieces in place.
5. Gather game pieces. Up to 8 pieces should fit into a single game space.* You will need 48 pieces total to play.

* Small game pieces may be a choking hazard for young children.

OPTIONAL:
5. Paint the finished project. Add personality with designs, symbols, stickers - you decide!

FOR TEACHERS:

VIDEO EXPLAINING CULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE OF BAO (A VARIATION OF THE GAME MANCALA PLAYED IN KENYA):
www.youtube.com/watch?v=LM_wk5v-cX0

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THIS GAME BOARD:
www.exhibitions.psu.edu/s/african-brilliance/page/catalogue-1

Dan people, Liberia, Gameboard, ma kpon, 20th century
Wood, 36 x 5 1/2 x 5 3/4 inches (91.4 x 14 x 14.6 cm)
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SET UP: Place four "stones" in each hole, excluding the mancalas (the large holes on either end). Decide which player goes first.

HOW TO PLAY: During a turn, a player grabs all of the stones out of any one hole on their side. Moving counter-clockwise, the player deposits one of the stones in each hole until the stones run out. If you pass your own mancala hole, deposit one piece in it. If you pass your opponent's mancala hole, skip it. If the last piece you drop is in your own store, you get a free turn. If the last piece you drop is in an empty hole on your side, you capture that piece and any pieces in the hole directly opposite.

The game ends when all six spaces on one side of the Mancala board are empty. The player who still has pieces on his side of the board when the game ends captures all of those pieces. Count all the pieces in each store. The winner is the player with the most pieces.

TRY THIS! On the first turn, play the hole that is five holes away from your mancala. That way, the last stone you place will land in your mancala - then take another turn!