

Toys KS1



Making your own Toys – Cup and Ball Game

Playing with a cup and ball was a popular past time for Victorian children. It's a very old game dating back hundreds of years.

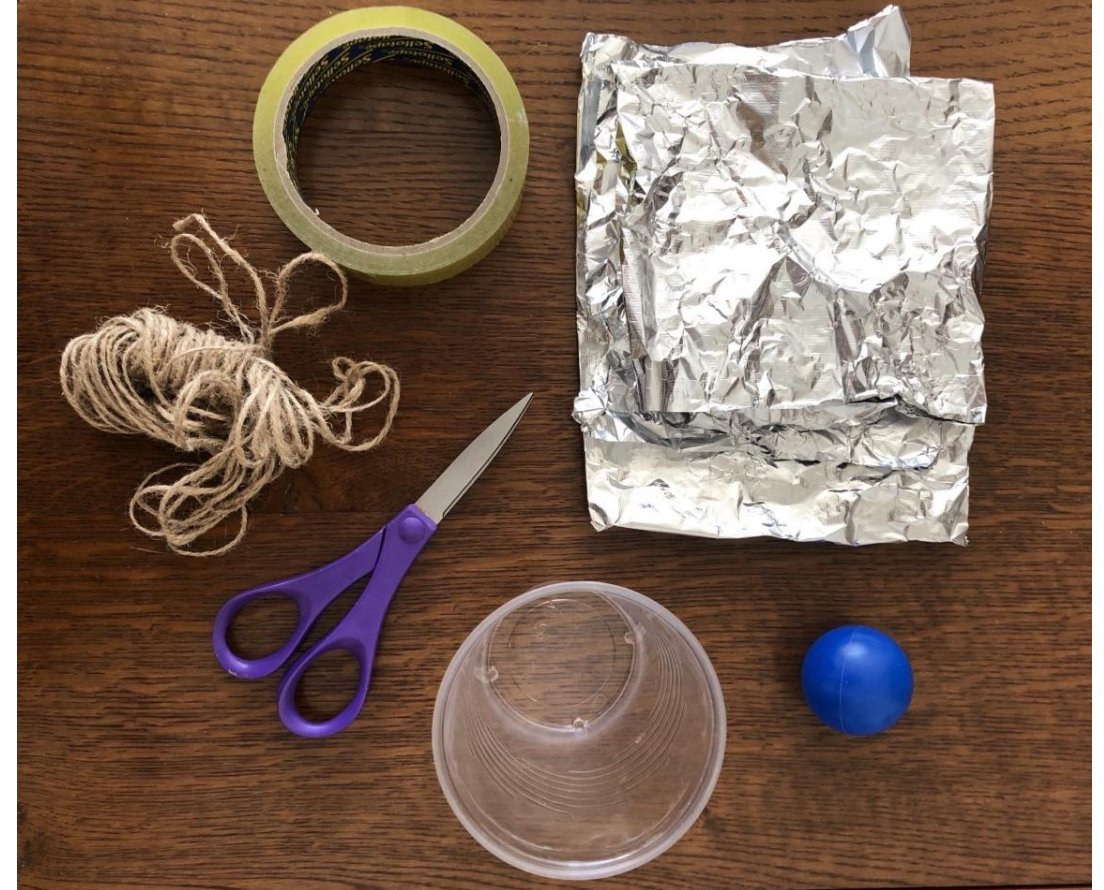


The aim of the game is to hold the cup in one hand, swing the ball and catch it inside the cup. Poorer children, who couldn't afford to buy this toy, would make their own. Why not have a go at making one?



You will need:

- A thin plastic cup or a clean yoghurt pot
- A small light ball e.g. spare ping pong ball or some silver foil to roll up and make one
- Something sharp to make a hole e.g. a pair of scissors
- A piece of string
- Sticky tape
- Optional – decorations for your cup e.g. stickers, pencils and paper



Make a hole in the end of the cup or pot using something sharp such as a pair of scissors. Be careful, you may need to ask a grown up to help you.

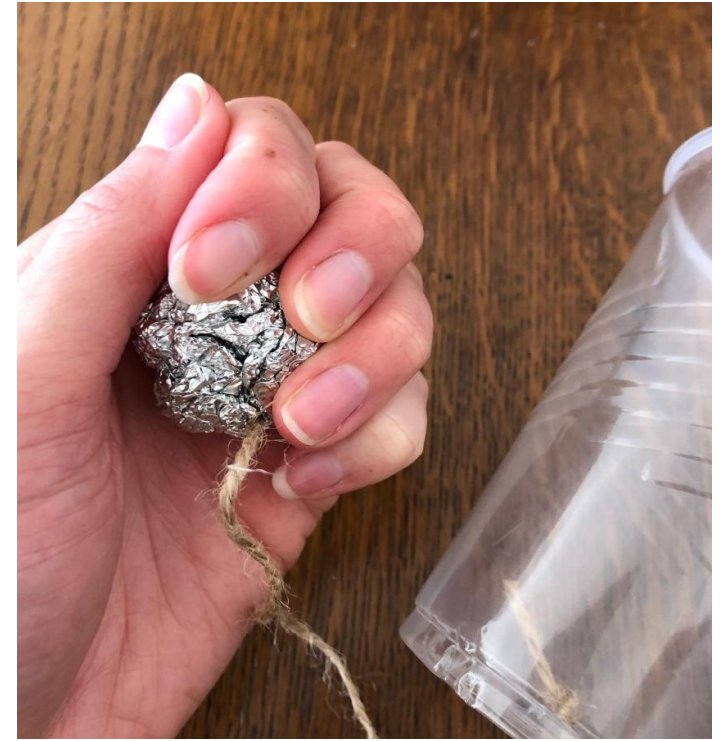


Thread the string through the hole you have made and then tie a knot at the end of the string so the knot sits in the cup. The rest of the string should be hanging outside the cup. You may want to knot it a few times so it is secure.



Option 1

Use sticky tape to attach the small ball you already have to the end of the string.



Option 2

Or make a ball by placing the end of the string into the middle of a piece of foil and secure it by scrunching it up tightly into a ball shape.



You may like to decorate your cup by adding drawings or stickers. If your cup is too shiny try drawing on paper first then cutting your picture out and sticking it on.

Now you are ready to play!

Try swinging the ball and catching it in the cup.

How many times out of 10 can you catch it?

Can you try with your other hand?

Try to beat your score or get someone else to have a go.

