

STATE FAIR CONTESTS MADE AT HOME



The State Fair of Texas is excited to share with you a few ideas for you to continue the celebration and excitement of the Fair through contests you can host right from the comfort of your own home. Covering three aspects of the Fair, we're providing materials needed for your own creative arts contests, a livestock show, and a tutorial on how to create your own Midway games. Though these are just a few ideas, we're excited to share our love of the Fair with you, and can't wait to see what you come up with on your own! Be sure to tag us in your social media posts using #BigTex or @StateFairofTX.



STATE FAIR MIDWAY GAMES AT HOME



There's nothing quite like roaming the Midway looking at all the lights, eating your favorite Fair food, enjoying some thrilling rides, and winning a huge plush toy while playing some games. Though we cannot play games in person at the Fair this year, we're excited to share a few ideas so you can still get your game fix. Below you'll find a handful of Fair games that can easily be made and enjoyed at home.





RING TOSS

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- **Bottles**

2-liter bottles, wine bottles, beer bottles and any other you can think of.
(The Fair uses 64 oz bottles and beer bottles.)

- **Rings**

Shower curtain rings, wooden rings (which can be found at most hobby stores), or plastic rings from 1" to 3" (you can find these online). The difficulty of the game depends on the size of the ring.
(The Fair uses 1 to 1.5 inch plastic rings, available from Redbone Products.)

GAME SETUP

1. Place your bottles in a complete square. You can use a tabletop or build a squared frame out of wood, bungee, or anything else that can make a square, and set it on the ground.
2. Make a "foul" line of 24 inches around the game. All rings should be thrown from no closer than 24 inches.

HOW TO PLAY

1. Throw one ring at a time.
2. Stay behind the "foul" line you created – players must be at least 24 inches away.
3. Land a ring a bottle and WIN!

PRIZE

This is a challenging game, so the winner gets a big prize of the participant's discretion!





WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- **Bottles**

You can use aluminum cans, plastic bottles, and any other type of can or bottle. that can stack but not break. For reference, the Fair uses plastic bottles, blocks, and metal bottles.

- **Ball**

Any type of ball will do depending on your location – baseballs and softballs are great if you are using outside, while whiffle balls, socks, or stuffed animals are safer to throw indoors.

- **Ledge**

Find a ledge that the bottles can fall off safely.

GAME SETUP

1. Stack at least 3 bottles on top of each other.
2. Have all participants stand at least 6 feet back from the bottles.

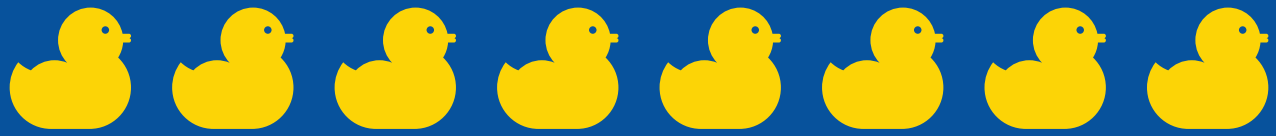
HOW TO PLAY

Knock all 3 bottles off the ledge in one throw and WIN!

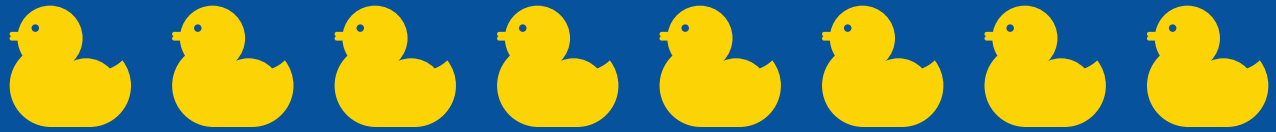
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DUCK POND



WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- **Tub**

Baby pool, wash tub, bathtub, or anything that holds water. For reference, the Fair uses livestock watering tubs.

- **Ducks**

Ducks, fish, ships - pretty much anything that floats. You can get any bath floating products on-line. For reference, the Fair uses what looks like a rubber duck but is actual just plastic.

GAME SETUP

1. Mark the ducks (or whatever you choose) with a marker.
2. Write "S" for Small, "M" for Medium and "L" for large.
3. Generally, you should have 75% small, 20% Medium and 5% Large.

HOW TO PLAY

Pick a duck. Whatever the letter on the bottom shows is the prize size awarded! It's as simple as that.

PRIZE

This is a kids game and you should have three levels of prizes for kids.



BOTTLE UP

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- **Dowel Rod**

Wooden, Medal, Plastic, Fishing Rod etc.
(The Fair uses a 3' wooden dowel rod.)

- **String**

Any kind of string, fishing line etc.
(The Fair uses standard white string.)

- **Ring**

The fair uses a 1 3/4" plastic ring plastic, wood, shower ring etc.
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- **Bottle**

Any type of glass bottle.
(The Fair uses a Corona beer bottle.)

- **Platform**

11" Octagon shaped board set on a 2 x 4.
Setting it at an angle makes it more challenging.

GAME SETUP

1. Use an [eyebolt](#) screwed into one side of the top of the dowel rod.
2. Tie the string at 60 inches to the eye bolt and to the plastic ring.
3. Set a "foul" line at 24 inches away from the bottle platform and place the bottle on its side on top of the platform

HOW TO PLAY

1. Using only one hand, try to stand the bottle up from its side without it falling.
2. The bottle must stand up straight and participants must stay 24 inches back.
3. Set the bottle up straight on the platform and you WIN!

PRIZE

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