African Mancala Game

Follow the directions to make an African game called Mancala.

Materials

1. egg carton
2. scissors
3. jellybeans
4. tape
Directions

1. Cut off the top of the egg carton.

2. Cut the top in to two pieces, through the middle on the longest edge, to make two end pockets.

3. Tape each end pocket securely to each end of the bottom of the carton.

4. Fill each egg pocket with four different colours of jellybeans.

5. For instructions on how to play Mancala, see the next page.

6. Now you are ready to play!
How to Play

Setting Up
Place the board between the players, long sides facing them.
Each player owns the six cups closest to them and the mancala on the end to their right.
Give each player 24 jellybeans.
Each player puts four jellybeans in each of the six egg cups on their side of the carton.
The mancalas should be empty.

Playing the Game
The first player chooses one of the cups on their side of the board and takes all the jellybeans out of it.
Starting with the next cup to the right, the first player drops one jellybean into each cup, including in their own mancala.
Jellybeans will land in cups on their opponent's side, as well as their own.
Do not place a jellybean in the opponent's mancala.
The second player then takes a turn, picking up the jellybeans from one of the cups on their side of the board and dropping them into cups in the same anti-clockwise direction.
Play ends when one row of cups is completely empty.

Who wins?
The player with the most jellybeans in their mancala wins.

For extra fun you can also add these rules into play.
If a player drops their last jellybean into an empty cup on their side of the board, they get to collect all the jellybeans from the cup opposite the one they just dropped their last jellybean in to.
These jellybeans also go in their mancala.
If, when dropping jellybeans in cups, you drop a jellybean into your own mancala, and that is the last jellybean in your hand, then you get to go again.