

Traditional Games



Chess, Draughts or Checkers



Chess is a board game played between two players. The current form of the game emerged in Europe during the second half of the 15th century after evolving from a much older game of Indian origin. Today, chess is one of the world's most popular games, played by millions of people worldwide at home, in clubs, online, by correspondence, and in tournaments.

To use the board

You can print out this game on card or print it on paper and then glue it to a piece of card or board. If you want to save it from wear, you can protect it with a light coat of acrylic varnish. If you would like to give the board an appearance of age, you can paint it with a light wash of cold tea or coffee, to stain it before you varnish. Another method is to add a small amount of the acrylic colour "raw sienna" to the varnish itself.

Cutting out the Pieces

Please take care cutting out the pieces. For safety sake, children should only be allowed to do this under adult supervision.

Draughts or checkers

English draughts, known simply as draughts in the United Kingdom and some other countries, and also called American checkers, straight checkers, or simply checkers, is a form of the draughts board game played on an 8x8 board with 12 pieces on each side that may only initially move and capture diagonally forwards. Only when a piece is "kinged" may it move backwards or forwards.



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You can use 12 white and 12 black chess pieces that you have cut out or colour the reverse of the chess pieces the appropriate colour.

The Games

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We hope you enjoy the game!

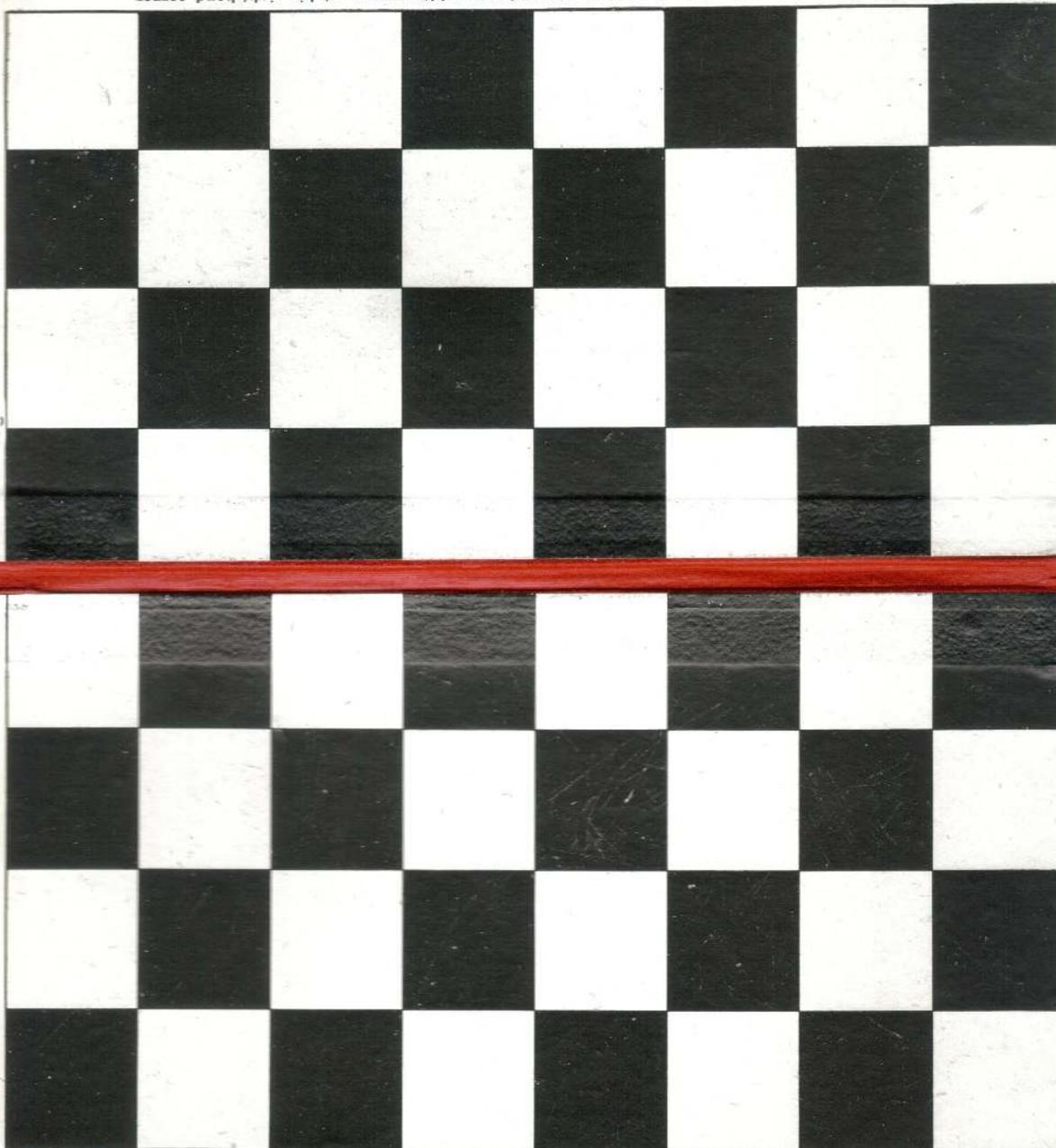
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