

Sidewalk Chalk Games and Activities

All of the sidewalk chalk games and activities require an assortment of sidewalk chalk and a flat hard surface such as a driveway or sidewalk on which to draw.

Artist Switch

Draw large rectangles on the ground (draw as many as the number of children who will be playing)and give each child sidewalk chalk. Ask them to start drawing a picture in their space. Set a timer for 3 - 5 minutes and when time is up have the children rotate to another rectangle and have them draw on that space. Continue until all the artists have had a chance to color on all the rectangles.

Birthday Party

Draw a birthday cake, cupcakes, candles, presents, confetti, noise makers and a big happy birthday card.

Body Outline Trace

Have the kids lay down in different positions on the concrete and then draw around their shapes. Then let them fill and color the outline with their face, features and clothes. Give them a theme such as beach, formal, summer day, winter day, farmers, etc.

Bounce Out

Draw a large rectangle about 2 feet wide and 10 feet long. Divide the rectangle into 5 equal sections - number the sections 1 - 5. Draw a line about two feet from the #1 section. Two players stand behind the line. One of the players takes a ball and tries to throw it so it bounces in the #5 space. After they throw the ball the other player races to the end of the rectangle and tries to catch the ball before it bounces in the square.

If the first player successfully throws the ball so it bounces in the #5 square without touching a line or getting caught by the other player they get to try and throw the ball to the #4 square. When the first player misses mark which square they were in and then it is the other players turn to try. If the second player during a round catches the ball before it bounces in the square it becomes their turn.

Box Out

This game is simple enough for younger children and can also challenge older kids as they learn to use strategy to win. Draw a very large square about 10 feet x 10 feet. Divide the large square into a grid 10 spaces wide x 10 spaces deep. You can make the initial large square smaller, but the grid spaces need to be big enough for kids to stand inside them. Give each player a piece of chalk and assign them a corner to start.

The first player will move to a connecting square and then cross out the square that they came from with their color chalk. Players take turns moving from one square to the next crossing out boxes as they go. After a box is crossed out no one can step in that box again for the entire

game. If a player is stuck and cannot move they must forfeit their turn. The winner is the one who can move last after all the players are "stuck". Use the same grid over and over by using an X to cross out the squares for the first round, an O for the second round and color in the square for the third game.

Bug Parade

Draw pictures of a bug parade. Draw large ladybugs, grasshoppers and beetles one right after the other like they are parading across the sidewalk.

City Map

Draw a picture of your city using sidewalk chalk. Include your house, streets and landmarks that the kids are familiar with in your town.

Connect the Dots

Draw a simple outline of a familiar object such as a tree, house, flower, etc. using only dots. Let the kids use sidewalk chalk to connect the dots and find out what picture the dots make

Eraser

Have the children color in a large rectangle (4 x 6 feet) with different colors of sidewalk chalk. Then fill small squirt bottles with water and place the nozzle to "stream". Let the kids spray the rectangle with water to create a picture.

Faces

Draw lots of oval shapes on the ground and let children fill in the heads with eyes, noses, hair, mouths, ears, hats, etc.

Farm Animals

Make your own farm by drawing farm animals, red barn, country house, fields and pastures. Add cows, chickens, horses, pigs, rabbits, goats, ducks and all the farm animals you can imagine!

Flower Garden

Draw a huge flower garden with different colors of large flowers, leaves, bugs, worms, etc.

Footprints

Research several animals and find out what their paw prints look like. Using sidewalk chalk draw the footprints / paw prints so that they go up and down the driveway and sidewalks. Some fun animals footprints to draw are elephants, ducks, cats, horses and dinosaurs.

Four Square

Draw a large square (over 10' wide) and divide it into 4 equal squares. Number the squares going clockwise 1, 2, 3 and 4 and then draw a diagonal line in square 1 because it will be the serving line. The player in square 1 serves by bouncing the ball in his square and then hitting the ball into any of the other squares.

Players have to allow the ball to bounce one time in their square before they hit it into another players square. Players can be eliminated from the game by hitting the ball out of bounds, letting the ball bounce more than once in their square, hitting the ball more than once during their turn or holding or catching the ball.

Players that are eliminated leave their space and join the players on the sideline. All remaining players on the court move up to the next highest square and a new player from the sidelines moves to the lowest square (4 is the lowest). The winner is the one who can stay in the #1 square the longest without being eliminated.

Hopscotch

You will need small rocks or buttons for markers. The object of hopscotch is to move from the start square to the end of the hopscotch board and back again. You can only have one foot in one square and you have to jump OVER the square with the rock in it.

TO PLAY: Draw a hopscotch board. The first player takes their rock and throws it on the first square marked with a "1". Then jump over the "1" square to the "2" square and continue hopping down to the end of the hopscotch board.

At the end the player must turn by jumping and turning in the air to land with one foot in the last square(s). They then hop back towards the front of the board - when you get to the square with the rock they must hop in that square with one foot and pick up the rock. Then continue to the front of the board.

If at any time the player hops on a line, misses the target square when throwing the rock or loses their balance their turn is over. If while throwing the rock it lands on a line then the player loses their turn. For older children: once the kids have mastered the hopscotch game add a twist by writing instructions in some of the squares that they must do before they can move on such as: hop three times, spin around twice, switch feet, hop backwards, etc.

Human Board Game

Draw a large game board on the ground using sidewalk chalk and the kids are the playing pieces and move themselves around the board. Start by drawing a giant size oval or rectangle game board. Divide the game board into pieces that are large enough for kids to stand in. In some of the spaces write instructions on what they have to do when they land on that space.

Some fun examples are: Move back 3 spaces, Jump up and down until your next turn, Go ahead 2 spaces, Cluck like a chicken until your next turn, Dance in your square until your next turn, Sing "Happy Birthday", Change places with any player, Go back to Start, Go to any square on the board, etc. You can use regular dice or decorate a large square box with construction paper to use as the die.

Lily pad Jump

Draw different sizes of green lily pads on the concrete making sure the distance between them

are different distances apart. Ask kids to jump across the "pond" by only standing on the lily pads.

Masterpiece

Print out several pictures of different famous art masterpieces that have simple lines and shapes. Give each child a different masterpiece and ask them to make a bigger version of the art with their sidewalk chalk. After they are finished take a picture with the original artwork in the picture. Variation: Chalk out a large rectangle and then divide it into 4, 6 or 8 equal parts. Cut the art picture into as many pieces as you divided the rectangle into and assign each art piece with a part of the rectangle. Have the children draw one part of the masterpiece. When they are done take a picture and see how close they came to the original.

Name

Draw out your name very large on the ground in block letters. (For younger children draw their name out for them.) Then decorate the letters and the background to make your own name masterpiece! Take a picture of the kids laying next to their names.

My View

Have the children draw pictures of what is right in front of them - a picture of their house, car, backyard, street, etc.

Portraits

Have the children draw portraits of each other with their sidewalk chalk. When they are done have them draw frames around their pictures and/or have the object of the portrait lay down next to their portrait and take a picture.

Run

Players make one continuous line with side walk chalk and another player has to follow the line. The first player takes a piece of sidewalk chalk and begins to draw a continuous line with it making circles and squiggles as they go. The second player must try and follow the chalk line by walking or running on the line. Simple, but lots of fun!

Sidewalk Chalk Maze

Draw a large maze on the ground that kids have to maneuver through on their bikes, scooters or on foot.

Sidewalk Chalk Message

Draw a message with large letters to a family member or friend. Make a Mother's or Father's day card, birthday message or just a great way to say I love you. Remember to take a picture for your scrapbook. :)

Sidewalk Chalk Rainbow

Use 7 colors of sidewalk chalk to draw a huge rainbow. Include a pot of gold at the end!

Snail Hopscotch

This game is a lot of fun! Draw a large circle (about 10 - 12 inches) on the ground and then draw a very large spiral board on the concrete starting at the circle and spiraling out to look like a snail's shell. The spirals of the snail shell need to be about 8 - 12" apart. Make 3 or 4 large spirals around the center circle. Divide the spirals into spaces about 12 - 14" apart and number them. The first player hops on one foot from the center circle to the outside and back. If they make it without stepping on a line or losing their balance they can use sidewalk chalk to mark ANY space they want with their initials.

No one is able to jump on that space the rest of the game. The next player must hop on one foot from the center and back but must jump over the space that is marked with initials. If they make it then they may write their initials on any square they choose. This is a simple game, but it gets crazy when kids have to hop all the way across the board to an empty space near the end of the game. The person with the most initialed squares wins.

Stencils

Make or buy stencils of different sizes and shapes. Have the kids place the stencil on the ground and color in the stencil.

Summertime!

Summertime is the best time to use sidewalk chalk so draw a list of all your favorite summer things! Beach balls, the sun, the beach, popcicles, flip flops, pineapples, flamingos, and anything that reminds you of summer fun.

Target

Draw a large circle target on the ground with sidewalk chalk. Divide the circle into sections and give each section a point value. Draw a line about 7 feet from the target and have children throw bean bags or rocks onto the target. Tally up the score and the child with the most points after 6 rounds wins.

Tic Tac Toe

Draw a tic tac toe board with sidewalk chalk on the ground. Draw a line about 2 feet from the board that the kids will have to stand behind. Using beanbags or rocks have the players one at a time throw their markers onto the board trying to make a tic tac toe.

Trace Shapes

Use cardboard shapes you've cut out in different shapes or have the kids trace around objects such as buckets, hoses, chairs, boxes, etc.

Treasure Map

Draw a sidewalk chalk treasure map. Let the kids draw a treasure map of the yard and how to get to a hidden treasure using broken chalk lines on the map. After they draw the map let them hide a small treasure for other children to find.

Under the Sea

Have everyone contribute to an under the sea picture. Include water, sand, underwater plants, fish, sharks, whales, starfish, waves, boats etc.

Yard Map

Have the kids draw a bird's eye view of your backyard with their sidewalk chalk. Include the shape of their house, car, swing set, bushes, sidewalk, etc.

Zoo

Draw all the animals that you would find in a zoo! Include their habitats and fun extras like an entrance gate, concession stands, gift store and more!