

Ancient Egyptians



On wheels



With a moving mouth – hippopotamus and cat



Mice

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Balls



Spinning tops (first one from Tutankhamun's tomb)



Ceramic hippopotamus

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Dolls



Rag doll stuffed with papyrus



Clay doll



These wooden dolls with beaded hair may have been toys or symbols placed in tombs



This doll ground grain when the string was pulled

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Board Games

Board Games like **Senet** were popular in Ancient Egypt. Game pieces started as simple shapes like discs and cones but became more detailed and were sometimes carved into animal shapes. Dice carved from stone and ivory were typical components of many ancient Egypt games.

Hounds and Jackals, a board game a little like snakes and ladders! Archaeologists think it was played with five pieces per player, one using five hound shaped pieces, the other five jackal-like shaped pieces.

Mehen The game of the snake played on a one-legged table. The board was often carved with the design of a coiled snake which was divided up into squares. Like many other Ancient Egyptian games, the rules are unknown. Many sets have been found buried in tombs dating back to 2000BCE.

Marbles games are very ancient. A white and a black stone marble and three little stones forming an arch seem to have been used in a game which may have been played like a sort of mini-skittles.



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Egyptian dice



Mehen or Snake game



Hounds and jackals

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Playing Senet**



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Instructions for Ancient Egyptian Game

Title:

What you will need:

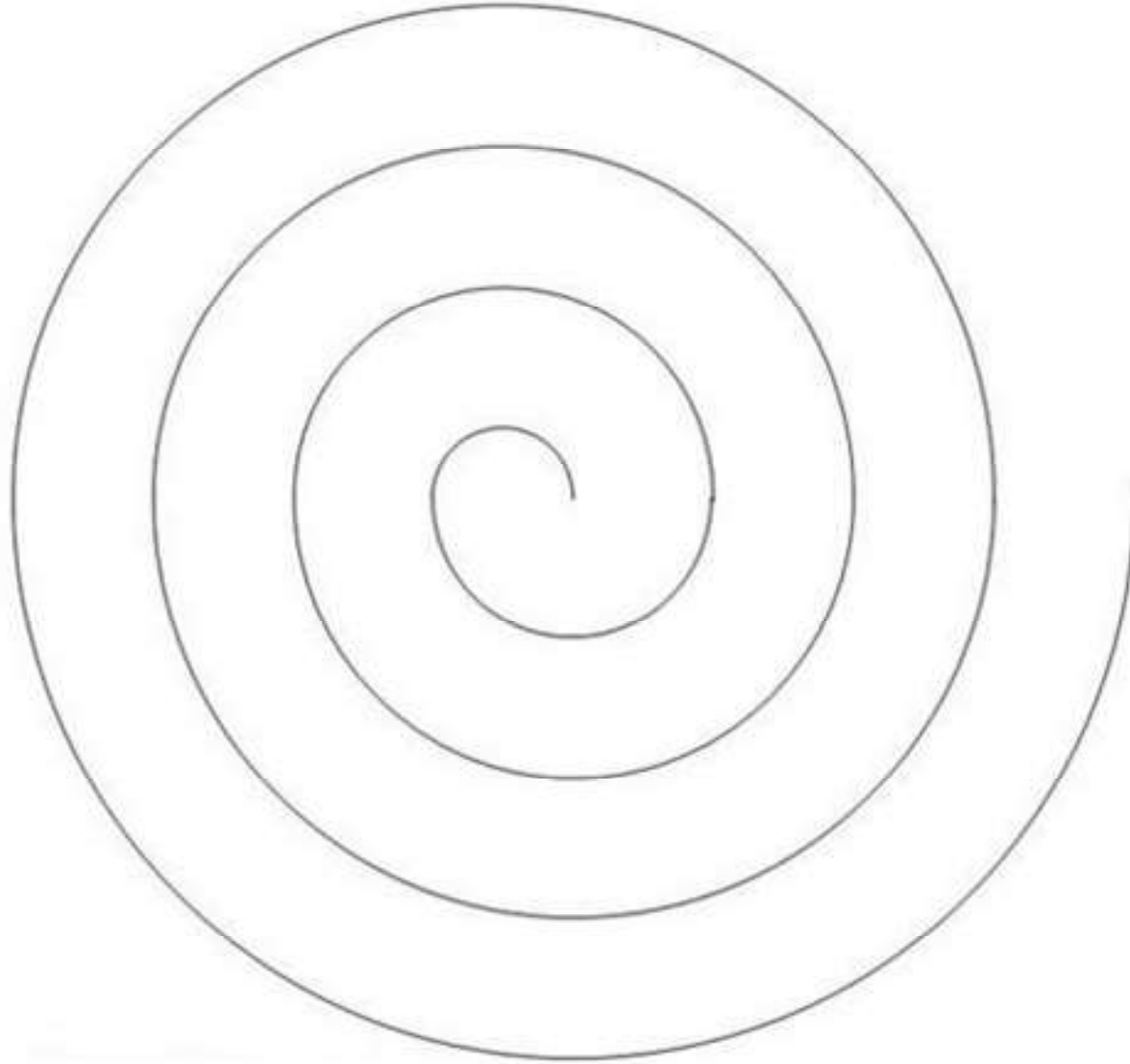
Useful diagram:

Objective of the game:

How to play the game:

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Spiral Template for Mehet Board



Senet Board

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