



# Dara Rules

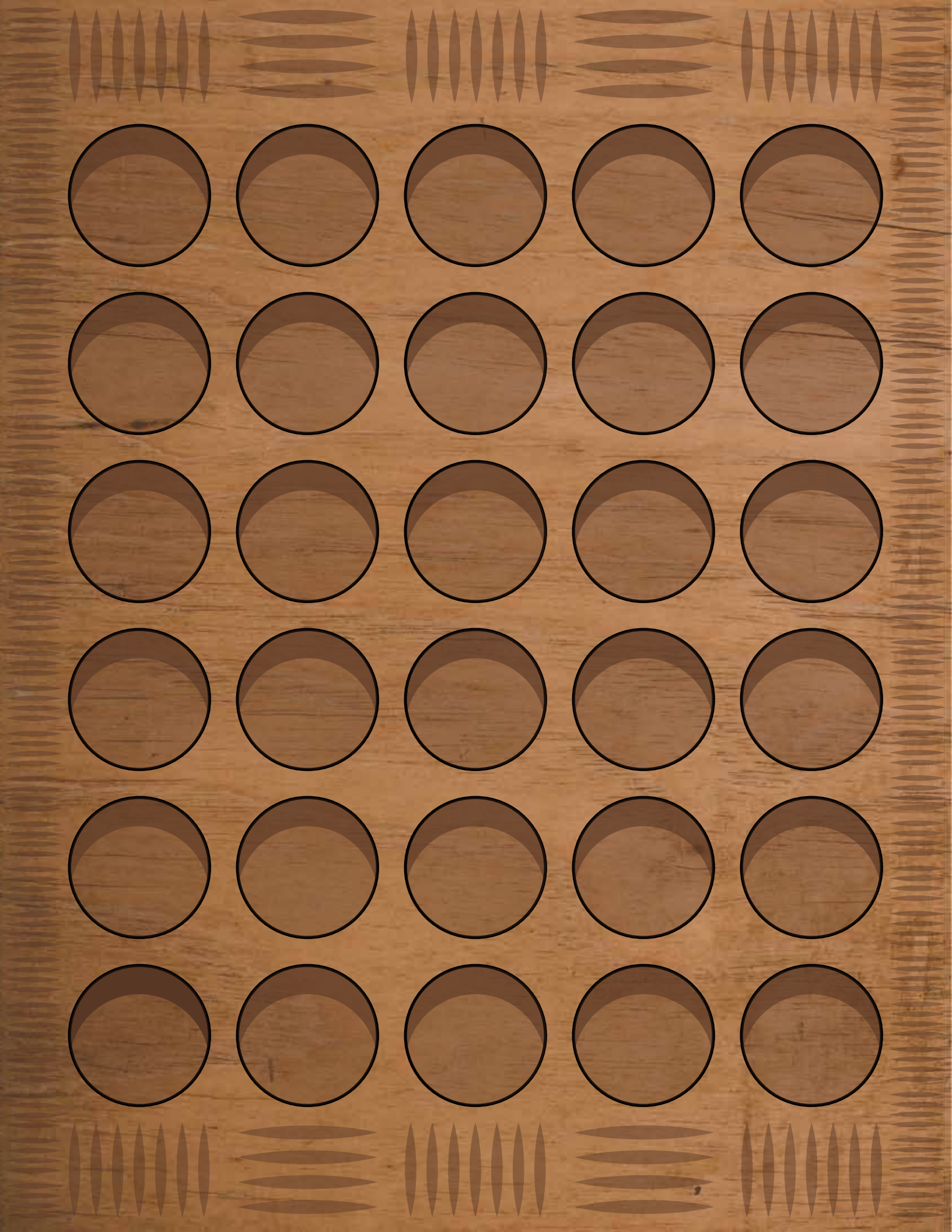
Adapted from [thesprucecrafts.com](http://thesprucecrafts.com) and [boardgamegeek.com](http://boardgamegeek.com)

Dara is a game that's been played in Nigeria for several hundred years. It's a bit similar to tic-tac-toe (noughts and crosses) and is traditionally played by the Dakarkari people.

Begin with your printed board, pg 2, or draw a 5 x 6 grid on paper. Gather 2 sets of 12 game pieces that look different. For example, 12 black pebbles vs 12 brown pebbles, 12 red pieces of paper vs 12 green pieces of paper, etc. Check out the Rock Pouch Craft on pg 3 to learn how to make an easy pouch to hold your game pieces!

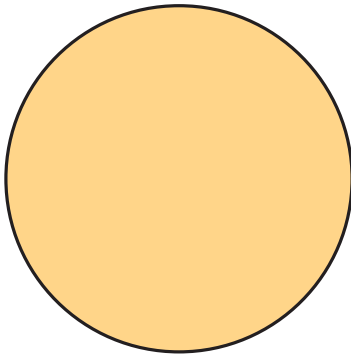
The game begins with the players taking alternating turns placing one of their twelve pieces in an empty space. Once all of the pieces have been placed, the players alternate moving one of their pieces into an adjacent empty space (an empty space next to your original space) . Diagonal movement is not allowed.

When a player moves a piece to cause three of their pieces to be in a row, that player may remove one opposing piece that is not part of a row of three such pieces. Players are not permitted to make a move which results in more than three of their pieces being in a row. A player wins the game when the opposing player is unable to make a a row of three pieces.

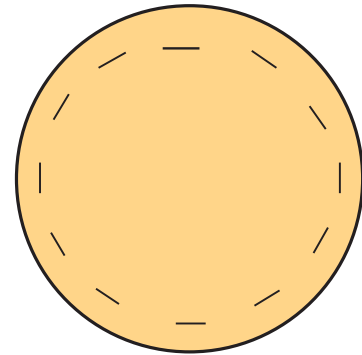


# Rock Pouch Craft

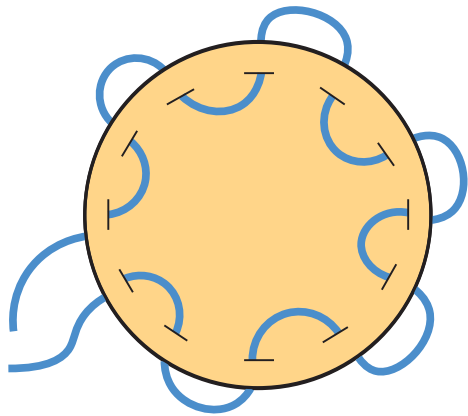
Use this simple rock pouch to hold your rocks or pebbles to play in Dara!



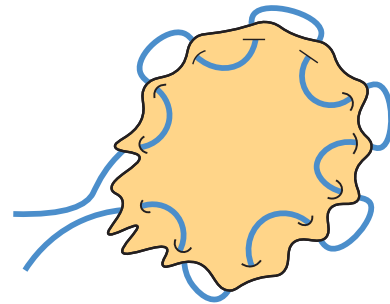
1) Use a 6-10 inch bowl to trace and cut out a circle of fabric (ask your parents if they have an old t-shirt or something no one wears anymore!)



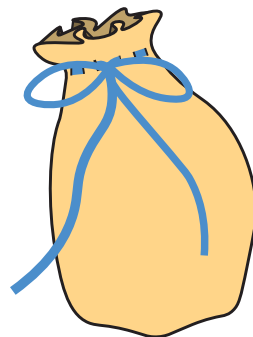
2) Carefully use scissors to cut small slits all along the edge, about 1 inch apart, don't cut too close to the edge!



2) Grab a string, small rope, cord, or shoelace, and weave it through the slits you cut like so.



2) Pull the strings that are hanging out to form the pouch



2) Pop your pebbles in the pouch and tie a bow! You're good to go!