The hole saw is perfect for making the cutouts in the upper half of your Mancala board. If you don't have one, use a jigsaw for this job. To cut out scoring bins with a hole saw, make two overlapping hole cuts and trim the waste to leave a smooth side.

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**Mancala**

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 THE NATIONAL GAME of Africa, known as "Mancala," has caught on with Americans.

You can join in the fun by making a Mancala board in your home workshop. All you have to do is follow the details below.

One of the oldest games in the world, Mancala is played by two people. The object is to capture the most counters. Each player places the same number of counters (coins, marbles, etc.) in six holes on his side of the board.

You can start with six counters and use more as you gain proficiency.

To begin the game, the first player picks up all the counters from any one of his six holes and distributes them to his right, placing one in each hole. If the last one lands in his scoring bin, he gets another turn, but otherwise the turn passes to his opponent.

If he has enough counters to go beyond his scoring bin, after dropping one there, he proceeds from right to left along his opponent's side of the board. When he can go around the other end (skipping the other player's scoring bin) and drop the last counter in any empty hole on his own side of the board, he captures all the counters in the hole opposite.

The game of Mancala is over when all the holes on either side of the playing board are empty. The player with the most counters in his scoring bin is the winner. Mancala can be enjoyed by everyone except for the smallest youngster.