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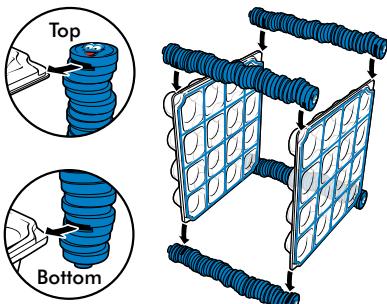


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21 Red Checkers, 21 Yellow Checkers, 4 Pillar Pieces, 2 Trays, 1 Red Checker Launcher and 1 Yellow Checker Launcher

SETUP

Use this setup for all 3 games. Assemble the game as shown.

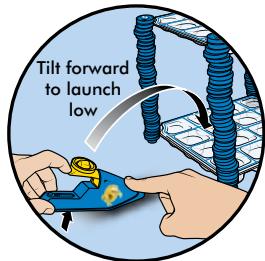
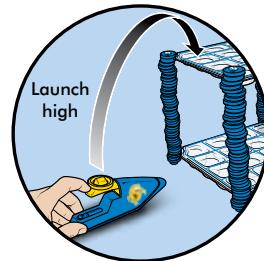


One player takes the red checkers and launcher; the other player takes the yellow checkers and launcher. **Ignore markings on the checkers until Game 3.**

Place the game on a flat surface between players. Players must launch from anywhere on their own side of the game.

LAUNCHIN' CHECKERS

Before starting a game, take a few practice launches (always keep the launchers on the playing surface).



To launch to closer spaces, do not push all the way down on the launcher.

GAME 1 BASIC FRANTIC LAUNCH

OBJECT: Be the first player to get 4-in-a-row in either tray.

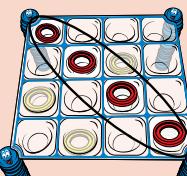
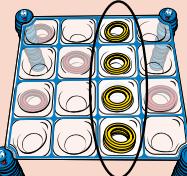
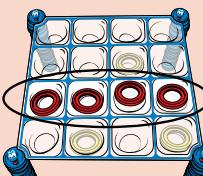
For 2 Players

GAMEPLAY

1. One player yells, "Ready, set, launch!"
2. Both players launch their color checkers **at the same time** into either tray - as fast as possible.
3. The first player to get 4-in-a-row shouts, "CONNECT 4." Both players must then stop.

The 4-in-a-row can go from back to front, side to side or diagonally.

The top checker in a space is the one that counts!



HOW TO WIN: The first player to get 4-in-a-row in either tray wins. If neither player gets 4-in-a-row, rematch!

GAME 2 CHAMPIONSHIP FRANTIC LAUNCH

OBJECT: Be the first player to score at least 5 points.

For 2 Players

GAMEPLAY

Play this game in rounds. Each round is like playing one game of Basic Frantic Launch (Game 1). Points are awarded for each 4-in-a-row.

POINTS

Where is the 4-in-a-row?	Point Value
Top Tray	2
Bottom Tray	1

After each round, the scoring player slides up the scoring marker on his or her launcher based on the points scored.

(Begin each game with the scoring marker on 0.)

ENDING A ROUND

The round ends when... one player gets 4-in-a-row; **OR** both players run out of checkers.

TO START A NEW ROUND

Players collect all of their checkers from the trays (or anywhere else they've landed).

How to win: The first player to score 5 points wins!

GAME 3

ADVANCED POWER LAUNCH

OBJECT: Be the first player to score at least 3 points.

For 2 Players

Play with **any or all** Power Checkers. They each have special powers explained below.

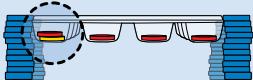
GAMEPLAY

Play this game in rounds. Players **alternate turns**, launching one checker at a time. The youngest player launches first.

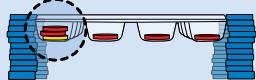
ENDING A ROUND & SCORING

The round ends when: one player gets a 4-in-a-row; **OR** both players run out of checkers to launch.

In Power Launch, majority rules; the player with the most checkers in a space has control of that space. If both players have an equal number of checkers in a space, neither player controls the space.



Not a 4-in-a-row;
red doesn't control this space.



Now red controls the space;
red has 4-in-a-row!

The scoring player slides the scoring marker on his or her launcher up, as follows:

Where is the 4-in-a-row?	Point Value
Top Tray	2
Bottom Tray	1

(Begin each game with the scoring marker on 0.)

TO START A NEW ROUND

Clear the trays; players collect all of their color checkers and start another round. The player who did not launch first in the last round, starts the next round.

TYPES OF CHECKERS

Normal Checkers: Nothing special happens. Play continues as usual.

Power Checkers: If the Power Checker doesn't land in a space, the player's turn is over. If it does, a power is activated:



Go Again: Launch another checker right away (even a Power Checker).



Mega Blast:

Remove **all** checkers from **every** space touching the space where it lands.



Remove a Row:

Remove **all** checkers from the other spaces in the row it lands in - **either** pick the row that goes front to back, **or** the row that goes side to side.



Space Erase:

Pick any one space touching the space where it lands, and remove **all** the checkers from the chosen space!



Place any removed checkers off to the side; they cannot be launched again during this round.

HOW TO WIN: The first player to score 3 points wins!

HEY... WHAT IF...?

- If a checker misses the trays completely, it can be launched again on a future turn (or right away in Game 1 or 2).
- If a player has no checkers left to launch, the other player still launches the rest of his or her checkers.

- If an opponent's checker is in the air when a player says, "CONNECT 4" and it lands on top of the 4-in-a-row, keep playing - no one has won yet! (This could happen in Game 1 or 2.)
- If a checker lands on the tray, but not in a space, leave it there.

- If a Power Checker (used in Game 3)...

- is in a space: it counts towards 4-in-a-row.
- misses the tray: launch it again on a later turn.
- lands on the tray, but not in a space: the power is canceled (if it falls in a space later the power does not activate).
- lands in a space: the power must be used on this turn.

TEAM PLAY

Teammates sit next to each other.

BASIC & CHAMPIONSHIP FRANTIC LAUNCH TEAM PLAY - FOR 2 TEAMS

Launch a checker, then pass the launcher to the next teammate (who launches a checker immediately). It's fast and it's frantic - so flip and pass quickly.

ADVANCED POWER LAUNCH TEAM PLAY - FOR 2 TEAMS

Launch a checker, then pass the launcher to the next teammate (who launches a checker on the team's next turn). Any teammate can decide if/when to use Power Checkers.

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