

LIBRARY CROQUET

WHAT IS IT?

In *Wishing Season*, Lily and Anders liked to play croquet in The Overlap. This activity outlines how to set up an indoor library croquet court.

MATERIALS NEEDED

Croquet mallet:

- For the handle: wrapping paper tubes, back scratchers, balloon sticks, flyswatters, grabber tools, yardsticks, etc.
- For the head: plastic cups, empty plastic water bottles, clean metal cans, candy canisters, etc.
- packing tape, duct tape, super glue, glue gun
- Washi tape, paint, stickers, (optional)

Wickets:

- Books! Books! Books!
- Numbered note cards - one for each wicket.

Croquet balls:

- At least two indoor-safe balls about the size of a large orange.
 - Each player needs their own. If necessary, use stickers or permanent makers to make sure they're distinguishable.

Croquet court:

- Your library



PRIMARY AUDIENCE

Children
Teen

PASSIVE

ACTIVE

X

Note

Since this is a turn-taking game, you could play with a single mallet.



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HOW DO YOU DO IT?

- Decorate the croquet mallet head (optional)
- Affix the head to the handle using tape or glue.
- Decorate the handle with stickers, Washi tape, etc.(optional)
- Create wickets by stacking books to create tunnels large enough for the croquet balls to easily move through. A typical croquet court has 6 wickets, but make as many as you like.
- Unlike an official croquet court, indoor library croquet can weave more like a mini golf course. Place book wickets throughout your children's area, library, or larger community space. Get creative about your pathway. Number each wicket. Decide from where play will begin and either mark that with a stack of books or another clear indicator.
- In croquet, players take turns hitting their ball through a series of wickets in order. Play begins from the same starting spot. For each turn, players are allowed one hit. Depending on how difficult your route is, it can take several attempts to get the ball through the wicket.
- A point is earned each time the ball passed through the next wicket in the series. The first person to accumulate points matching the number of wickets in your court is the winner.



A dollar store grabber and Tootsie Roll canister make a great mallet.

RESOURCES

How to Play Croquet: Rules for Beginners and Fun Variations

<https://www.wikihow.com/Croquet-Rules#:~:text=Basic%20Croquet%20Rules%20Overview,7%20points%20wins%20the%20game>