



Basket Bean Toss

Background:


This game of pure chance was played throughout the Southeastern region, though with some variation throughout the different tribes. Beans, seeds, or even grains of corn were darkened on one side and placed in a shallow basket. All of the objects were placed non-marked side up, then given a quick and gentle toss. When all of the objects landed, points were counted based on the number of objects that flipped to their darkened sides. The Cherokee played with beans or fruit seeds. The Creeks and Choctaws played a similar game with grains of corn.

Materials Needed:


- Woven fiber paper plate holders
- 10 dry large lima beans
- Extra fine point permanent markers


Children will draw the shapes listed below. The beans will be theirs to keep. Many households already have the basket-like paper plate holders for kids to play the game at home. If you do not have one, a large paper plate or flat basket will work.

You will need:

1 bean with  drawn on one side of them,

2 beans with  drawn on one side of them,


3 beans with  drawn on one side of them, and


4 beans with  drawn on one side of them.


Instructions:


Place all of your beans into the basket and turn them over to the blank side. Gently toss beans in the air. Count up your score. Highest score wins!





SCORING

 = 10 points

 = 5 points

 = 2 points

 = 1 point

 = 10 points	 = 5 points	 = 2 points	 = 1 point