Hopscotch

Make your own personalized hopscotch markers:

Tip. If you’re doing hopscotch during a particular season, decorate your rocks accordingly (ex: pumpkins and spiders for Halloween hopscotch)

Materials:
- flat rock
- acrylic paints
- paintbrush
- imagination

Directions:
Paint your rocks in whatever designs you like—faces, bugs, turtles, flowers, abstract swirls, your initials, etc.

Don’t leave your rocks outside when you aren’t using them. The paint will come off if they sit in puddles for too long.

How to Play Hopscotch:

Player one tosses her rock into the first square. The rock must land completely within the square without touching a line or bouncing out. If the rock lands in the wrong square, the player’s turn is over. Otherwise, the player hops through the hopscotch court beginning on square one.

Side by side squares are straddled, with the left foot landing in the left square, and the right foot landing in the right square. Single squares must be hopped on one foot. Squares labeled "Safe" "Home" or "Rest" may be hopped through in any manner.

When a player reaches the end of the court, she turns around and hops back through the court, moving through the squares in reverse order and stopping to pick up her rock on the way back. Upon successfully completing the sequence, the player continues her turn by tossing her rock into square number two, and repeating the pattern.

If while hopping through the court in either direction, the player steps on a line, misses a square, or loses her balance, her turn ends. The player starts on her next turn where the player last left off.

The first player to complete every numbered square on the hopscotch court wins the game.