How To Play Hopscotch

Play Hopscotch. The children of St Cuthbert's School take you through the rules of the playground game ‘Hopscotch’. Been around for centuries, but still a popular game for school children.

Step 1:

To play this game you will need

Some chalk
A stone to use as your marker
An area of ground to draw your grid
One or two friends

Step 2:

Draw the grid

Find a clear area in the playground to draw your hopscotch grid. Make sure you have permission to draw it first. There are lots of different ways to draw the grid. We are going to play with 8 squares. As an example, draw boxes 1, 2, 5 and 8 as single boxes. 3 and 4 and 6 and 7 are drawn in pairs.
Once you've learned the rules, you can make the grid as complicated as you like.

Step 3:

Throw the marker

The first player throws the marker into square 1.

Step 4:

Hop

The same player hops over the 1st square with the stone marker, and then to the end of the grid, hopping on one leg in the single squares and jumping into the squares next to each other. They turn at the end and come back, stopping to pick up the marker.

Step 5:

The next level

Next, the same player throws the marker in the second square, as they go up the grid, they hop over it, and as they come back they pick it up

Step 6:

The rules

If the player throws the marker into the wrong square, it's the next player's turn.
If a player steps on the lines of the grid while hopping, or puts both feet down in a single square, it is the other player's turn.

Step 7:
The winner

The person who gets to the end of the grid first wins the game!

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