

Shapes Up Strategy Tips

- ▶ If you don't want a particular piece stolen, place it in the center of your board, away from the border.
- ▶ Distribute all four colors evenly around your board to make final piece placement easier later in the game.
- ▶ The smaller triangles can be the easiest to place at the end. Steal them from your opponents late in the game.

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For 2 to 4 players



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SHAPES UP

shape up your spatial-thinking skills!

Contents:

- 80 plastic shapes in four colors:
 - 32 large triangles,
 - 32 small triangles,
 - 16 squares
- 4 game boards
- shapes tray
- die
- timer
- instructions



WARNING:

CHOKING HAZARD—Small parts.
Not for children under three (3) years.

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Object of the Game

Be the first to completely cover your board with shapes.

Getting Ready to Play

Give each player a game board.

- ▶ Sort the shapes into piles by shape and size.
- ▶ Thoroughly shuffle each pile of shapes so the colors are all mixed up in each stack.
- ▶ Place the shapes in the tray (there will be two piles of small triangles and two piles of large triangles).



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Players

For 2-player games, use the following shapes:

- ▶ 16 small triangles (4 each of red, blue, yellow, green)
- ▶ 16 large triangles (4 each of red, blue, yellow, green)
- ▶ 8 squares (2 each of red, blue, yellow, green)

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Players

For 3-player games, use the following shapes:

- ▶ 24 small triangles (6 each of red, blue, yellow, green)
- ▶ 24 large triangles (6 each of red, blue, yellow, green)
- ▶ 12 squares (3 each of red, blue, yellow, green)

How to Play Shapes Up

1. Roll the die. Take that shape from the top of the shapes tray.

Die Shapes:



Take a large triangle from either large triangle pile.



Take a square.



Take a small triangle from either small triangle pile.

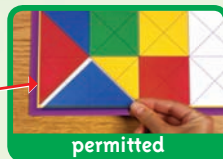


Steal a shape from another player.



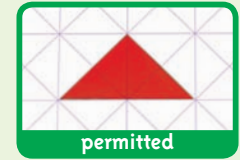
Stealing Shapes

- ▶ You may only steal shapes touching the yellow border of the board.
- ▶ You may steal a shape a player has collected but not yet placed on the board.
- ▶ If other players do not have shapes you can steal, take any shape from the top of the shapes tray.

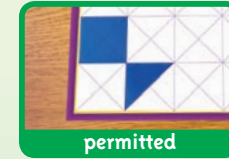


2. Place the shape on your game board.

- ▶ The shape must fit exactly inside the purple outlines on the board. A large shape will cover some of the purple outlines, but it must still be bordered by a purple outline on all of its sides.



- ▶ Shapes cannot extend beyond the yellow border.



- ▶ Shapes that are the same color may only touch tip to tip at the corners. They may not touch side to side.



Can't play a shape?

- ▶ If you are unable to place the shape on your board, place the shape aside. On a later turn you may place that shape *instead of rolling the die*.
- ▶ If you roll a shape that is no longer in the shapes tray, you lose that turn and play passes to the next player.

Need to rearrange your board?

Instead of rolling the die, you may rearrange the shapes on your board. You have only 30 seconds to rearrange the shapes. When the timer runs out, you must stop. If you need to rearrange further, you must do so on your next turn.



Winning the Game

The first player to completely fill the board wins!

