






PICK-UP STICKS

Number of Players: 2 or more

Object: To pick up as many sticks as possible, without moving any surrounding sticks.

Set Includes:

- 15 red sticks 
- 12 green sticks 
- 8 yellow sticks 
- 5 purple sticks 
- 1 black stick 
- 1 wooden storage case

Set Up:

Slide open the lid of the storage case and remove all 41 sticks.

Basic Game:

Player 1 holds all 41 sticks in his/her hand, and stands them upright on a table. With the other hand out of the way, the sticks are released quickly so they land in a scrambled pattern.

Player 1 tries to pick up a stick without moving any others on the table. If successful in picking up 1 stick, the player keeps this stick and takes another turn.

Player 1's turn ends when he/she makes any of the other sticks move, even slightly!

Players may use 1 stick they have earned as a lifting tool.

Players take turns until they have picked up all 41 sticks.

Hint: When players find that they cannot pick up any sticks successfully, a player may rearrange the setup of the sticks by picking up a low-lying stick and forfeiting a turn.

Winning: The player with the most sticks wins.

Clean Up: Put all 41 sticks into the storage case and slide the lid closed.

Challenging Variations:

1. Only allow the black stick to be used as a lifting tool, and only by the person picking it up successfully.
2. Do not allow players to pick up the black stick until they have 1 stick of the other 4 colors.
3. Play for points:
 - Black = 25 points
 - Purple = 15 points
 - Yellow = 6 points
 - Green = 5 points
 - Red = 4 points