



# CLASSIC BIRTHDAY GAMES

Talking to many friends, family and customers it seems after the surreal events of this year, everyone is looking for a simpler, easier life with less waste.

Brolly Sheets turns 14 this year and my kids are also teenagers. That got me thinking about birthday party games. When planning parties games you can spend next to nothing, or hundreds of dollars on one use items that end up in landfill. I think kids have the same amount of fun regardless of the 'fanciness' of the game.

So I decide to write about some of the games I have played with my kids, some I remember as a child and others that the team here at Brolly Sheets fondly reminisced over. If you have any to add, let us know.

Enjoy,  
Diane

# FLOUR PUPPING

This is a great game to play outside, or with a cloth laid down.  
It can get quite messy.

## Supplies Needed:

1. Flour
2. Dollar coin / lolly
3. Small bowl
4. Blunt knife (butter knife)
5. Tray / flat plate



## How To Set Up:

1. Pack the bowl with flour (make sure it is firmly pressed down).
2. Flip bowl over onto tray/plate and slowly remove bowl.
3. It should look a bit like a sand castle made of flour.
4. Add a coin/lolly to the top.

## How To Play:

1. Each person takes a turn cutting a portion of the flour, making sure they do not dislodge the coin/lolly.
2. The player who makes the cut that topples the coin/lolly has to then remove the coin/lolly from the flour with their teeth. No hands allowed. They then get to keep the coin/lolly.

# PEGS IN A BOTTLE

This is a super easy game to set up, and keeps kids well entertained!

## Supplies Needed:

1. Pegs
2. Glass milk bottle or similar  
(needs a narrow neck around  
4cm across)



## How To Set Up:

1. Put the bottle on the floor.
2. Place a chair facing backwards close to the bottle.

## How To Play:

1. Have each child stand/kneel on the chair.
2. Each child drops the pegs into the bottle.
3. Give each child the same amount of pegs to drop.
4. The child with the most pegs in the bottle wins.



# CHOCOLATE GAME

This is a great game to play with a cloth laid down. It can get quite messy.

## Supplies Needed:

1. Cake of chocolate
2. Knife and fork
3. A pair of gloves
4. A hat / scarf / dress ups
5. Two dice



## How To Set Up:

1. Place all of the above on a table in the middle of the room.
2. Put the chocolate on a chopping board / plate.
3. Have all the kids sit around the table.

## How To Play:

1. Each player takes turns to roll the dice, trying to roll a double. (If only one dice, it could be whoever rolls a 6).
2. If they roll a double the player has to put on all the dress up clothing and use the knife and fork to cut up the chocolate.
3. They can eat as much as possible before the next double is rolled. They cannot use their fingers.
4. When the next double is rolled, they need to quickly remove all they have put on and hand to the next player.

# CARDS IN THE HAT

This is a super easy game to set up, and keeps kids well entertained!

## Supplies Needed:

1. Pack of playing cards
2. A hat



## How To Set Up:

1. Place the hat on the floor in the middle of the room.
2. Make a line of string / books etc. for child to stand behind.
3. This game can be harder than it looks, so depending on the age of the child, you may want the line quite close to the hat.

## How To Play:

1. Give each child 8 - 12 cards (depending on how long you want the game to last). If more than 4 children, then after one child has their turn, gather up their cards and give to next child.
2. Each child tries to throw their cards into the hat. The winner is the child with the most cards in the hat.

# PASS THE PARCLE

Disclaimer: There is a new way and an old way to play this game. I like the old way where there is only one prize, it is completely random and kids learn about resilience. There is only one winner. The new way to play is to have a prize in each layer and rig the music so every child gets a prize – everyone wins. It is up to you how to play.

## Supplies Needed:

1. Music that is easy to stop
2. Small 'prize'
3. Layers of newspaper
4. Tape



## How To Set Up:

1. Wrap prize in one layer of paper (cut full page in half).
2. Keep wrapping in layers of paper.
3. If you have 5 kids, you should have at least 10 layers of paper.
4. Set up music ready to pause and play.

## How To Play:

1. Children sit in a circle. As music plays, the children pass the parcle to their neighbour around the circle.
2. When the music stops (someone needs to pause it), the child holding the parcle gets to unwrap that layer.
3. The music player can stop the music to ensure each child gets to unwrap a layer, but only one child wins the prize.

# APPLE BOBBING

This is a super easy game to set up, and keeps kids well entertained!  
It is best played outside or with a cloth down.

## Supplies Needed:

1. Bucket
2. Apples (2-3 per person)
3. Tepid water
4. Tarpaulin / cloth if inside



## How To Set Up:

1. Fill bucket about 3/4 full with tepid water. (If you have two buckets, you could have two players at the same time).
2. Put 5 apples in bucket to start, and top up for new players

## How To Play:

1. No hands are allowed to be used. Mouth/Teeth only.
2. Each child has 2 minutes (use a timer) to pick up and remove apples with their teeth. This may take a few goes.
3. There can be two ways to win, first to successfully pick up and remove an apple from the bucket. Or the one with the most apples removed at the end of the game.

# EGG & SPOON RACE

This is a super easy game to set up, and keeps kids well entertained!  
It is best played outside.

## Supplies Needed:

1. One egg per person
2. One teaspoon per person
3. A 'start & finish line' (you can use masking tape or a ribbon)



## How To Set Up:

1. Place the start and finish line about 10 - 50m apart depending on the age of the group.

## How To Play:

1. Line up all children with a spoon each on the start line.
2. Give every child an egg to balance on their spoon.
3. The first child to the finish line without breaking their egg wins.