



For: 2 to 4 players + AGES: 5+

Contains: 4 princess movers with stands, 32 die-cut mattress pieces, spinner and game board.

ABOUT THE GAME

The Princess & the Pea® game is inspired by the classic fairy tale written by Hans Christian Andersen. In the tale, the Queen is searching for a true Princess that will marry her son, the Prince. One night a young lady comes to the castle claiming to be a Princess, but the Queen wants to know for sure and invites the girl to stay. That night, the Queen secretly places a small, green pea under the girl's mattress (because only a real Princess would be so delicate that she could feel a pea under a mattress). In the morning the girl tells the Queen she spent the entire night adding mattress upon mattress to her bed because something that felt like a rock was disturbing her sleep. The Queen knew she had found a real Princess (for she had felt the pea under piles of mattresses!) and the Prince and Princess were married and lived happily ever after.

OBJECT OF THE GAME

To be the player with the most mattresses in her stack at the end of the game.

SET UP

1. Punch out the princess pieces and insert each one into a plastic base. These are the princess movers.
2. Punch out the 32 mattress pieces and give one to each player. Place your first mattress between yourself and the board; this is the start of your "princess bed". Place the rest of the mattresses aside. They will be used during the game.
3. Place the game board and spinner in the center of the play area where all players can reach them.
4. Each player chooses one princess and places her on the START space (rug) on the board.



HOW TO PLAY

1. The oldest player goes first and spins the spinner. If a number (1,2,3 or 4) comes up, move your princess mover up the board the appropriate number of spaces. Read the phrase on the space and do what is instructed. If the space says to add to your bed, take the appropriate number of mattresses (take any you like) from the stockpile and place them on top of your first mattress or in front of you (you've begun to build your "bed").

If you spin "Take Any Mattress" take any mattress from the stockpile and add it to the top of your stack. This ends your turn. Please note that the color and style of the mattress is unimportant—players can choose the one they like.

After the first player plays, the player to her left goes next.

NOTE: In the unlikely event that players run out of mattresses during gameplay, all players immediately remove one mattress from the bottom of their stack and place it back in stock, so play can continue.

2. Players continue to take turns spinning and moving up the board (it is okay for two princesses to be on the same space at the same time) until one player's princess has reached the crown space at the top of the board. Once one player makes it to this space all other players immediately move their princess movers to that space as well.

WINNING

When all the princesses have moved to the last space (the crown space), game play ends. Count the number of mattresses in your princess's stack. The princess with the highest number wins! If two or more princesses have the same number, both win!



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