

Ages 7+
For 2-4 Players



randomly face down in all 10 of the chambers. (Note: Do not put baby ant disks in the Queen's chamber.) There should be at least one—but no more than 3—baby ant disks per chamber. Do not stack them in a pile.

5. Everyone spins the spinner to see who will start first. The player with the highest number will start first.

HOW TO PLAY

1. Spin the spinner.
2. Move the number of spaces indicated on the spinner, in any direction.
3. If you land on an ARROW space, you may choose to pass it by, or follow it to the other end. The spaces at each end of the ARROW count as one space.
4. You do not need an exact count to enter a chamber.
5. When you enter an underground chamber you:
 - Turn over all the baby ant disks in that chamber so you—and everyone else—can see the ants underneath. If there is one or more that match the color of your worker ant, put all of the disks of your color on the table in front of you, turn the rest back face down, and spin again. If none is your color, turn all of the disks back face down, and the player to your right now takes a turn.

EQUIPMENT

1 gameboard, 1 oversized spinner, 4 large plastic “worker ant” playing pieces, 1 sheet of 24 baby ant disks (6 red, 6 blue, 6 yellow, 6 green), directions for multiple levels of playing.

OBJECT

The Queen Ant can't find her babies! They have lost their way in the underground maze of chambers. Be the first worker ant to find all your missing baby ants and return them to the Queen Ant in her home chamber!

SET UP

1. Place the gameboard and spinner in the center of the table.
2. Pop out the 24 baby ant disks from their sheet and discard the waste.
3. Choose a worker ant playing piece and place it on the starting space matching its color.
4. Count out 4 baby ant disks per player to match the color of the worker ants chosen by each player. Set aside all extras. Place all of the baby ant disks face down on the table and mix them up. Next, without looking at them, place the baby ant disks

IMPORTANT NOTES

- A chamber counts as a space if you pass through it to get to another location.
- More than one player may land on the same space, at the same time.

WINNING

1. Once you have collected all 4 of your baby ant disks, return to the Queen Ant's chamber.
2. The Queen Ant's chamber can only be entered by exact count. If you spin a number greater than what is needed, wait for your next turn to try again.
3. If you are the first player to collect all 4 of your baby ant disks and return to the Queen Ant's chamber, you are the winner!

GAMEPLAY VARIATIONS FOR OLDER CHILDREN

MORE ANTS!

Each player must collect 6 ants of their color. All other rules are the same.

STACK THE ANTS

Use all 24 baby ant disks, even if playing with less than 4 players. Chambers that have more than one baby ant disk should have them stacked in neat piles. (Suggestion: Put 3 baby ant disks each in 4 chambers, and 2 in all the rest.) Only look at the top baby ant disk in a pile, and show just that baby ant disk to all of the players. If this baby ant is not of your color, return it to the bottom of the pile. This way, other players know what ant colors are in the chamber, but that color is no longer on top, and must work its way back to the top of the pile! Note: A player must exit a chamber on one turn, then wait until their next turn before re-entering and turning over another baby ant disk.

Some Fun Ant Facts:

 Ants are incredibly strong for their size. An ant is able to pick up objects up to fifty times its own weight and carry it in its mandibles for long distances. That would be like an average-sized human carrying a five-ton boulder across the neighborhood by his teeth! For extra-heavy loads, ants work in teams.

 Ants are also very speedy creatures. If you could run as fast as an ant can for its size, you would be able to sprint twice as fast as the world's fastest human!

 Ants perform many important functions in the world's ecosystems. They are exceptional earth movers. Ants enrich, irrigate and aerate more soil than any other animal in the world, including earthworms. Ants are major recyclers of organic waste. Also, ants are a major food source for many animals like birds, reptiles and amphibians.

 Ants have been around since dinosaurs lived!

 There are currently about 12,000 known species of ants!

 There are as many as ten million billion ants in the world right at this moment!

 Ants can be found on every continent... except Antarctica!

 Ants use their antennae to touch, taste and smell!

 Ants have a better sense of smell than dogs!

 Some queens can live forty years or more!

We are happy to hear your questions or comments about UNCLE MILTON'S ANT FARM GAME.

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