

Love Land Base **FLIGHT Make the Stick Jump**

Background

Teaching:

This is a Blackfoot game for playing outdoors. Players develop hand-eye coordination as they throw handmade balls, bean bags, or rocks at the sticks to knock them over ("make them jump"). This is a game that is helpful for learning to hunt birds or small game. Players will also be practicing their mental addition skills as they keep track of their points.

Activity:

The game is usually played with five sticks, but this can be modified to three or four sticks. Sticks are decorated usually with beads and feathers.

At the start of the game, the sticks are put in the ground point side down, and up to six feet apart, all in a line stretching away from the point from which the players will be throwing.

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The objective will be to knock down the sticks in a row, from lowest to highest points. The first stick gives one point, the second gives two points, and so on.

One cannot knock down the third stick before the second stick is knocked down, or the fourth stick before the third, or the fifth stick before the fourth is knocked down.

Players may play as individuals in competition with one another, or there can be two teams.

Players will agree upon the winning number of points. prior to the start of the competition. Players will also agree

upon the number of rocks they can use before it is the other team's turn to have a go at it.

Materials:

- Tree cutters (students will cut wood pieces)**

Scissors

**Decorating materials such as feathers, ribbon,
string, etc**