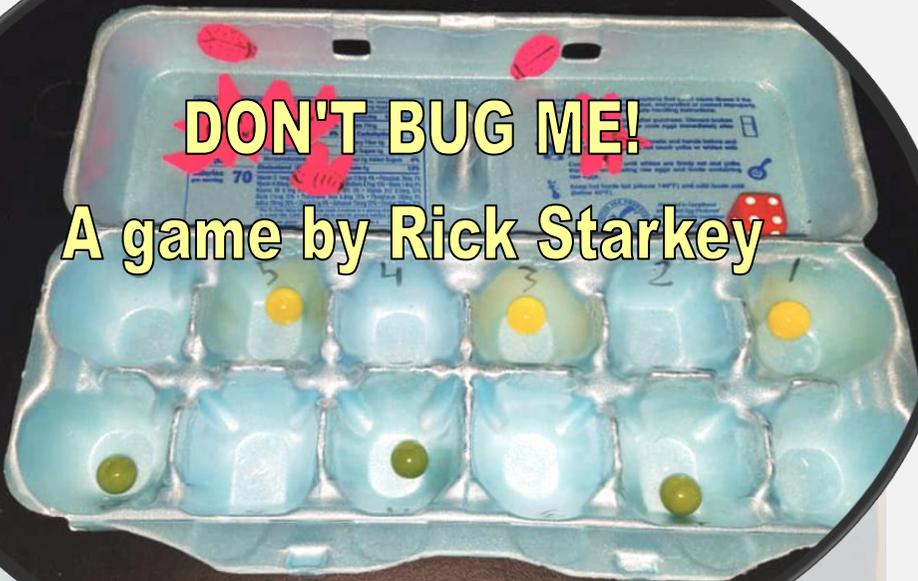


DON'T BUG ME!
A game by Rick Starkey



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Have you ever been bugged by a bug? Every time you shoo it away, it comes back. Try your hand at this fun and easy to make game. It will have you saying, "Don't bug me!"

CONSTRUCTING YOUR GAME

1. Write numbers 1- 6 with a permanent marker on both rows of the inside panels of a clean Styrofoam egg carton.
2. Cut and glue construction paper to decorate the outside and inside top panels.
3. Place one cotton ball in each odd number container in one row—1, 3, and 5. These are player one's bugs.
4. In the other row, place one cotton ball in each even number—2, 4, and 6. These are player two's bugs. (You may substitute marbles, candy eggs, dry beans or coins to represent bugs. Use your imagination!)

To play:

1. Each player rolls one die. The player who rolls the highest number goes first.
2. Roll one die. If you have a bug in the container with the number that you roll, place your bug in the other player's container of that number. If you do not have a bug in the container of the number that you roll, do nothing. Play passes to the other player.
3. To win, be the first player to pass all bugs to the other player and say, "Don't Bug Me!"

For a faster game, set a timer. Whoever has the least bugs wins! For single play, roll the die with your left hand for player one. Roll the die with your right hand for player two.

Game Sample



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