

# PPLD Young Adult Services Tutorial:

## Altoid Tin Games

### Description:

Celebrate International Games Week by making your own custom gamesets! Make portable versions of board games like checkers and backgammon that can fit inside an Altoid tin.



### Supplies:

- Altoid Tin
- Cardboard/Cardstock
- Optional: blank paper
- Scissors
- Glue or Glue Stick
- Pen/Pencil
- Game board (either drawn or [printed](#))
- Ziploc or other small container for game pieces
- Optional: felt/paper to decorate

### Link to Video Tutorial:

<https://youtu.be/ujRRy7PJqcg>

### Instructions:

1. Rinse out your altoid tin or other container and set it aside.
2. Decide what game you want to make!  
You can either print out a template game board from [artistshelpingchildren.org](http://artistshelpingchildren.org) or draw your own custom game board on cardstock. You can print wirelessly or in person at any library (<https://ppld.org/wireless>)!

If you're drawing your own board, just be sure to trace the altoid tin onto the

- paper first to make sure your board game fits inside the tin. The templates are pre-sized if you use those.
3. Cut out the game board and paste it onto cardboard or cardstock (such as a cereal box or package). This will create a sturdier board that won't rip or bend so easily. Once it's dry, cut it out.
  4. If you want the board to be reversible, you can print or draw a second game board, cut it out, and paste it on the back of the cardboard or cardstock.
  5. Make the game pieces! If you're using the template, you can print the page out, glue it on cardstock or thin cardboard, and then cut out the pieces. You could also draw your own pieces or use other materials. Example: two different colored pipe cleaners could be cut to make the X and O pieces for tic tac toe. Customize it based on your game and the materials you have on hand!
  6. Store your game pieces either in a little plastic bag or another small container so that they don't get lost. Now your games are ready to go!
  7. Optionally, you can decorate your altoid tin! In the video, a rectangle of felt is cut out and glued in the base of the tin to hide some marks on the bottom. You could also glue cardstock/patterned paper in there, color it with sharpies, put stickers, ribbons, or washi tape on it, or mod podge pictures on it! Customize your altoid tin however you want to.
  8. Once your tin is decorated and everything has dried, put your game board and game pieces inside the tin and close it. You now have a travel-sized game kit ready to go!