

Mary Todd Lincoln House Family Fun

Outdoor Games 3

Quoits

Young Abe Lincoln played this ring-toss game when he was living in Illinois. The official game is played with metal stakes called hobs and rubber or metal rings called quoits. Here's an easier homemade version to try.

You will need

- 75 inches of thick rope
- Masking or electrical tape in two colors
- A sturdy metal stake or stick
- 2 to 4 players

Get ready

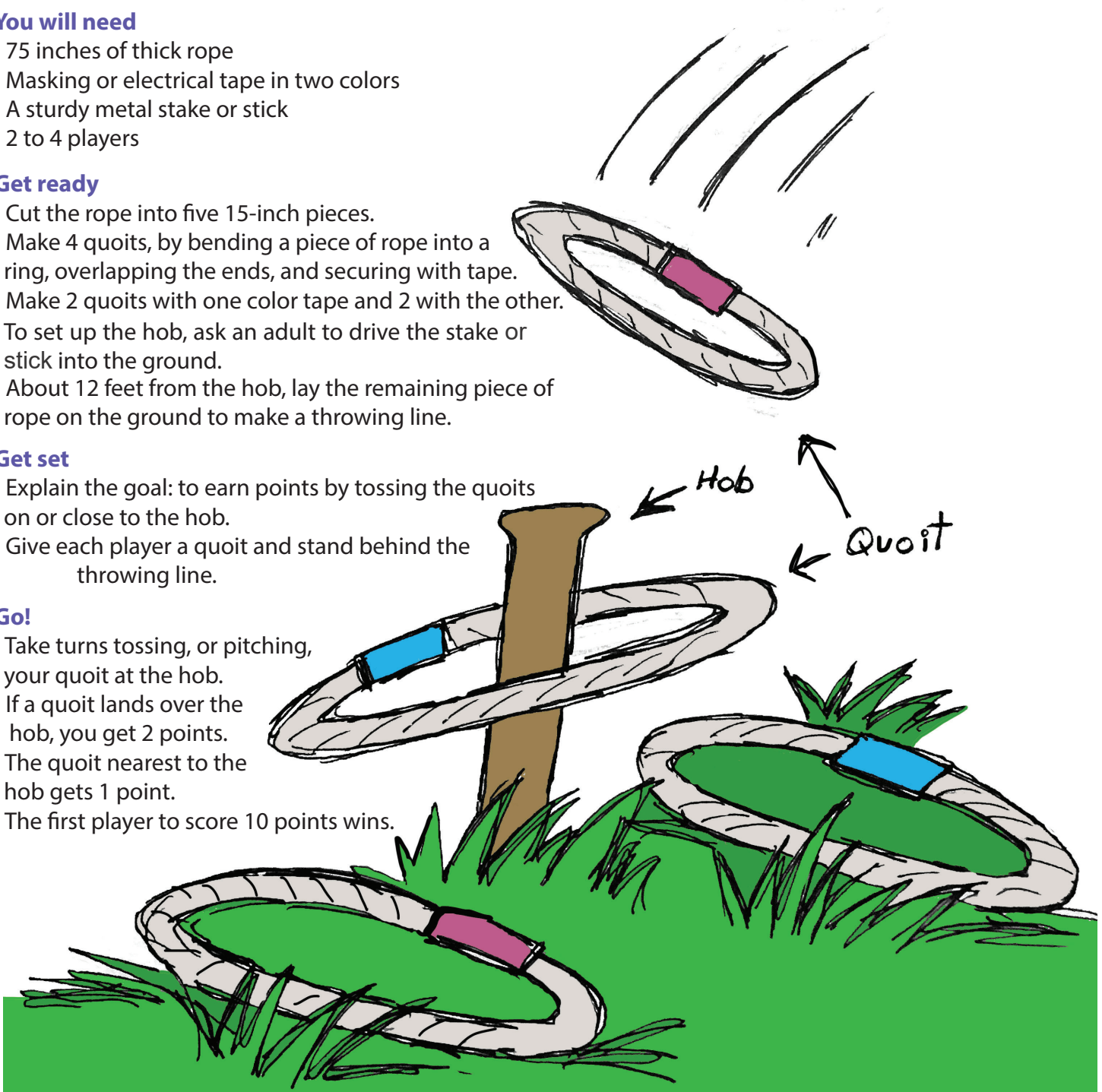
- Cut the rope into five 15-inch pieces.
- Make 4 quoits, by bending a piece of rope into a ring, overlapping the ends, and securing with tape.
- Make 2 quoits with one color tape and 2 with the other.
- To set up the hob, ask an adult to drive the stake or stick into the ground.
- About 12 feet from the hob, lay the remaining piece of rope on the ground to make a throwing line.

Get set

- Explain the goal: to earn points by tossing the quoits on or close to the hob.
- Give each player a quoit and stand behind the throwing line.

Go!

- Take turns tossing, or pitching, your quoit at the hob.
- If a quoit lands over the hob, you get 2 points.
- The quoit nearest to the hob gets 1 point.
- The first player to score 10 points wins.



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Learn official quoits rules from the United States Quoiting Association: www.usqa.org