

Hungry Hungry Humans

This game is a spin off from the original Hungry Hungry Hippos game that was created back in 1978. Instead of pressing down a lever and having a plastic hippo stretch its neck out and eat toy balls in hopes your hippo eats the most toy balls, you now become the hippo. While competing with other family members or friends the goal is to gather as many balls on to your side of the playing area as possible. Use a number of balls of every shape and size. Use your hands or an object found at home to gather the balls for example: a basket, box. See who can “eat”/ gather the most balls until no more balls are left in the middle of the playing area.

Time to complete: N/A

Age Group: 6 yrs+

Materials:

- Masking tape
- Balls of every shape and size (the more the better)
- Anything that can be used to retrieve to balls from the middle of the playing area (i.e. baskets, boxes etc.)



Instructions:

1. Find a clear space free of breakable objects. Big enough that allows you to take 5 steps in every direction. (Ideally a carpeted area since you will be playing on your knees)
2. Using tape make markings on the ground where each participant will place their knees. These markings should create a circle on the ground.
3. Using tape create a section in the middle of the playing area where the balls are to be placed. This area should only be a few feet away from the previous markings you made for everyone’s knees.
4. Place the balls in the middle of the section created in step 3
5. Advise each participant to kneel on each corresponding floor marking created in step 2 and once the game starts they are to lean forward and extend their arms to gather the balls. Their knees are to remain on the floor marking throughout the duration of the game
6. Ensure everyone has the same tool to gather balls from the middle. If everyone is using a basket then ensure all participants have the same size basket to make things fair
7. Just before the game starts ensure everyone understands that the goal of the game is to gather as many balls on to your side as possible until all balls have been gathered from the middle of the playing surface.