

20 Cool Board Games You Might Not Know About

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We've been writing about cool board games for two decades, with the goal to find new games that you might not have heard of. We tested 80 this year, and while we didn't set out to pick brainy games, our faves demand more than a little strategy.

KIDS

AnagraMania Jr. (2 to 6 players, ages 8 and older; \$29.97; AnagraMania.com, KarmelGames.com)

Infinifield (2 to 4 players, ages 6 and older; \$19.99; Infinifield.com)

Topitop (2 players, ages 5 and older; \$19.95; BlueOrangeGames.com)

Pipeline (2 to 4 players, ages 6 and older; \$24.99; UniversityGames.com)

Squint Junior (3 to 8 players, ages 6 and older; \$16.99; otb-games.com)

FAMILIES

In a Pickle (2 to 6 players, ages 10 and older; \$14.99; Gamewright.com, AreYouGame.com)

AnagraMania Intermediate (2 to 6 players, ages 8 and older; \$29.97; AnagraMania.com)

Granny Apples (2 to 6 players, ages 8 and older; \$11.99; Gamewright.com)

Do You Sudoku? (2 players or teams; ages 8 and older; \$20.98; UniversityGames.com)

Go Mental FUNDamental (3 to 6 players; ages 8 and older; \$24.99; HLGames.com)

ADULTS

Pizza Box Football

All the strategy of real football in a quick-play game. The offense chooses from three plays--run, short pass and long pass--and the defense tries to stop it. Fun factor: Just like real football, if the defense guesses correctly, the offense can still gain yards because of how well the offense ran the play.

1 or 2 players, ages 12 and older; \$29.99; PizzaBoxFootball.com

Cirondo (2-4 players, ages 8 and older; about \$51 (29.95 British pounds); Cirondo.com)

Liebrary (3 to 6 players, ages 12 and older; \$48; SimplyFun.com)

Wreck the Nation (2 to 4 players, ages 12 and older; \$29.95; WreckTheNation.com)

Keesdraw (2 to 6 players, ages 8 and older; \$29.95; PywacketGames.com)

DESIGNER GAMES—Games from or influenced by Europe

Ticket to Ride Europe (2 to 5 players, ages 8 and older; \$39.95; DaysOfWonder.com)

Niagara (2 to 5 players, ages 8 and older; \$44.95; RioGrandeGames.com)

Manila (3 to 5 players, ages 10 and older; \$44.95; RioGrandeGames.com)

Lock 'N Load: Band of Heroes (1 to 2 players, teens and older; \$69.99; LocknLoadGame.com)

Castle Keep (2 to 4 players, ages 8 and older; \$11.99; Gamewright.com)

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