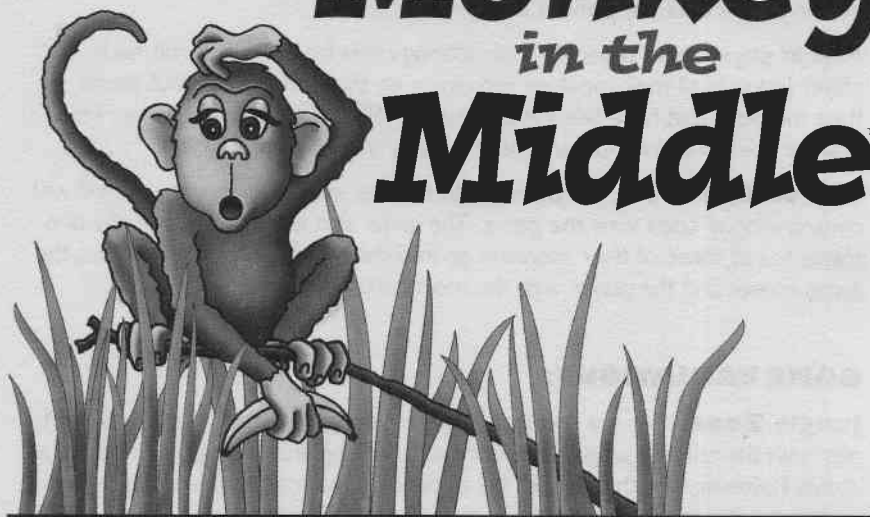


Monkey in the Middle™



Number of Players: 2 to 4 **Ages:** 5 and up

Equipment: Game board, 12 monkey dice, 40 banana scoring chips, and 4 score cards

Object: To be the first player to earn 10 banana scoring chips in order to completely fill your scorecard. Banana chips are earned by rolling your dice and having them land in the yellow Banana Zone near the center of the game board.

Set-Up: Each player takes three monkey dice of the same color and the scorecard corresponding to that color. Place banana scoring chips near the playing area, and place the game board in the box bottom.

Play: Every player takes their three dice and, at the same time, rolls their dice from the edge of the game board towards the center. Each player who has one of their monkeys land in (or even touching) the yellow Banana Zone near the center of the game board collects a banana scoring chip and places it on the number one circle on their score card. If more than one of a player's monkeys lands in the yellow Banana Zone, the player collects a banana for each of their monkeys in the zone. The player places the banana scoring chips on their scorecard in sequential order (1, 2, 3...). Monkeys that land outside the banana area do not collect any banana scoring chips.

Double Banana: If a player's monkey die lands in the Banana Zone, on its bonus side (the side with two monkey faces), that player collects two scoring chips for that die.



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Monkey in the Middle: If a player's monkey goes down the hole in the center of the game board, there is a Monkey in the Middle, and everyone yells out, "Monkey in the Middle!" Any monkey falling in this hole remains there until the game is over.

After all players have collected their scoring chips from the first roll, each player picks up all their monkeys remaining on the game board (but leaves their monkeys that have fallen in the middle). Players then roll their monkeys again at the same time to earn more banana scoring chips.

The Winner: The first player to fill the ten spaces on their scorecard with banana scoring chips wins the game. The game also ends, however, if any one player has all three of their monkeys go into the middle. When this occurs, the game is over, and the player with the most banana chips wins the game.

GAME VARIATIONS:

Jungle Zone: For the youngest players playing this game, you may want to play with the colorful jungle circle/zone as a scoring area. The game is played as above, however, dice that land in the outer circle earn a banana and dice that land in the Banana Zone earn twice the number of bananas.

Monkey Business: Everyone rolls their monkey dice at the same time but now you TRY to get your monkey in the middle hole. Say "Ready, Set, Throw!" and toss the dice. Leave any dice that have fallen in the middle. Repeat until one person has landed all of his/her monkey dice in the hole. The first person to get all of their monkey dice in the hole wins a banana score chip. The first person to fill their banana score pad wins the game.

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