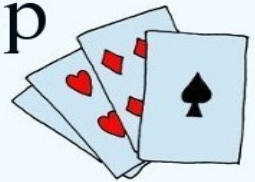
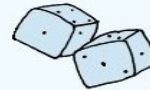


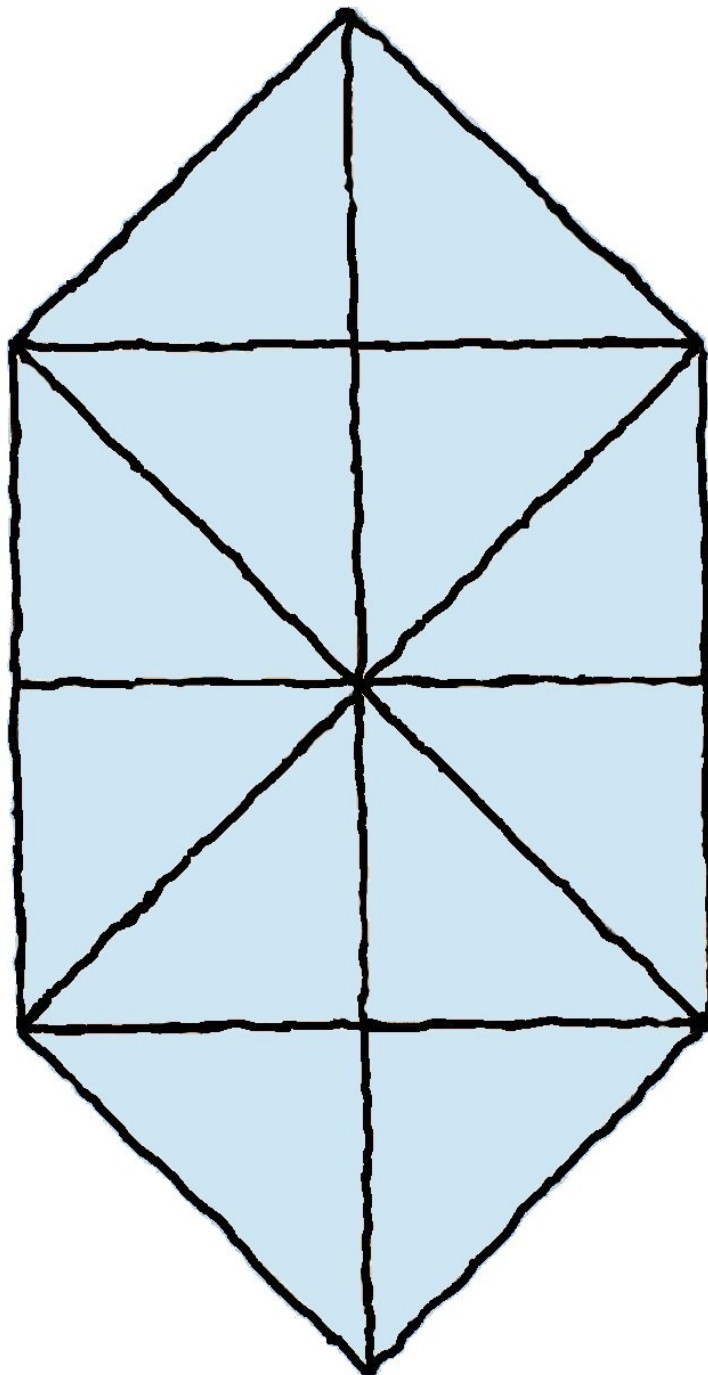
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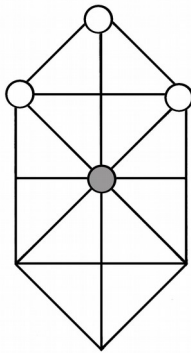
A GAME FOR TWO PLAYERS. PRINT OUT THE PAGE OR DRAW A COPY OF THE BOARD - TAKE A LOOK AT <https://www.thehistoricgamesshop.co.uk/the-historic-games-club.html> FOR IDEAS FOR MAKING OR FINDING YOUR OWN GAMES PIECES, AND HOW TO PLAY IF YOU HAVE NO OPPONENT. RULES ARE ON PAGE 2!

### No. 3. The Hare Game (or Soldiers' Game)



Our third Historic Games Club game is another very simple game, which was popular among medieval people in Europe. Medieval people probably played this game as one hare against three hunters, but in the nineteenth century it became popular with soldiers fighting in wars across Europe, and became known as the Soldiers' Game. This game (or very similar ones) has been known by several other names, including Hare and Hounds, The Devil among Tailors, and the Game of Dwarfs!

The game is for two players. One player will need one playing piece to be the hare, and the other will need three of another colour or shape to be the hunters. Start with the pieces in the position shown here:



A hunter moves first, to an adjacent (next-door) position, along one of the lines. The hunters can only move sideways, forwards (down the board from their starting position), or diagonally forwards. The hare then takes its turn. It can move in any direction – forwards, sideways, diagonally and backwards. The hare wins by getting past the hunters to the top point of the board, while the three hunters win by driving the hare down to the bottom point, without letting it sneak past them!

Sounds simple! You might find that one player (hare or hunters) wins the game quite easily to start with, but keep playing (and swapping places) to see if you can find strategies for winning (or not losing)! You could also try changing the starting position for the hare; or even drawing out a copy of the board and adding an extra middle section to make the board longer, to see if this makes it easier for one or other of the players.

HAPPY PLAYING!

Let us know how you get on at <https://www.thehistoricgamesshop.co.uk/>