

Valentine's Day Fortune Teller

(Cootie Catcher)

Instructions:

1. Print and cut out the fortune teller template.
2. Follow the folding guide to create the fortune teller.
3. Ask the person you're playing with to choose a number from the ones written on the top flaps of the cootie catcher
4. Count it out to reveal new numbers
5. Choose another number and count again
6. Ask the person to choose one final number, and lift the flap to reveal the writing prompt



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Folding instructions

Fold Diagonally: Fold the square paper diagonally in half to form a triangle. Open it back up and fold it diagonally the other way. When you unfold it, you should have two diagonal creases that cross in the center.

Fold the Corners to the Center: With the square flat, take each corner of the paper and fold it toward the center point where the two diagonal creases meet. You should now have a smaller square shape.

Flip and Repeat: Flip the paper over so the folded flaps are facing down. Again, fold each corner to the center point. You'll end up with an even smaller square.

Create Creases for Opening: Fold the smaller square in half horizontally, then unfold it. Then fold it in half vertically and unfold it again. This will create creases that make it easier to manipulate the cootie catcher.

Form the Pockets: With the folds facing up, gently lift the paper and slip your fingers under the four flaps (pockets) created on the back side. Pinch the sides together to form a 3D shape.

Shape It for Use: Once your fingers are in place, you can move the flaps back and forth by pinching and pulling with your fingers. Your cootie catcher is ready!

Example Sequence

- The person picks "4." You spell out "1,2,3,4" while moving the cootie catcher in and out.
- They see the new numbers inside and pick "7." You move the cootie catcher 7 times.
- Finally, they pick "2." You open up the flap for "2" and reveal a writing prompt underneath.