






Futebol Fingers



Most people in Brazil are fans of *futebol* (“soccer” in Portuguese). The sport is often called *o jogo bonito*, which means “the beautiful game.” Follow the steps below to make a finger puppet *futebol* game.



MATERIALS

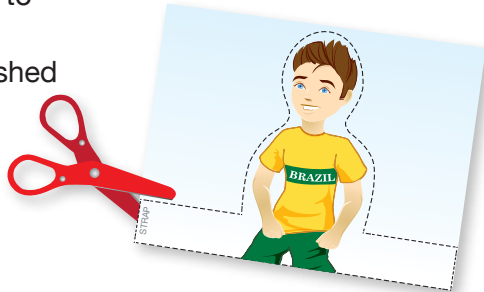
tape  scissors  small ball  puppet cutouts (below)

Fun Fact

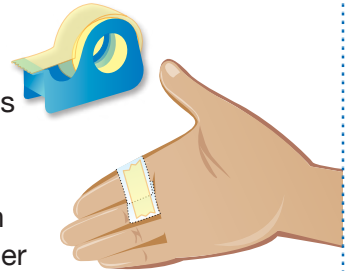
The most common soccer balls have 32 panels made up of 20 hexagonal (six-sided) and 12 pentagonal (five-sided) surfaces.

INSTRUCTIONS

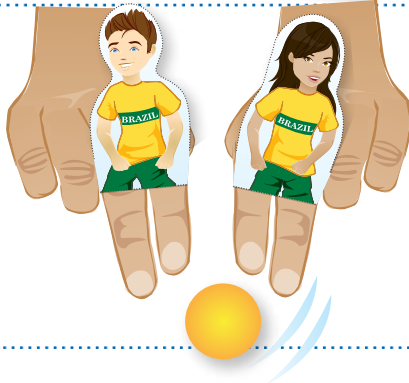
1 Use scissors to carefully cut along the dashed line around each player.



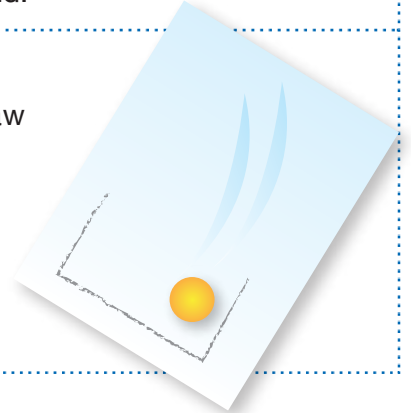
2 Wrap the straps around your pointer and middle fingers until the ends cross on the inside of your fingers. Tape the ends together. Repeat to attach another player to your other hand or a friend’s hand.



3 Find a small ball to “kick” with your fingers. If you don’t have one, crumple a small piece of paper into a ball.



4 Create a goal from items you have or draw a rectangle with one long side open on a piece of paper. See how many times you can kick the ball into the goal!



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