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Materials:

A driveway or other smooth, paved surface, and sidewalk chalk

Preparation: Gather needed material





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Instructions:

- 1. Invite your child to play Hopscotch. Siblings and friends may also be invited.
- 2. Together design a variety of different Hopscotch patterns. Suggestions:
 - Traditional Hopscotch: hop, hop, hop, double space rest, hop, hop, double space rest, hop, turn, repeat
 - Caterpillar Hopscotch: create making round caterpillar
 "segments," numbering accordingly
 - Spiral Hopscotch: similar to a labyrinth in design, providing "rest stops" as desired
- 3. Allow children to be creative with the design process.
- Spaces can be numbered according to the child's ability. Beginners hop consecutive numbers 1-10 and later 11-20, etc. More capable children may "hop count" by 2's, 5's, 10's.
- 5. Enjoy!

Suggested Extension:

With your child, view the history of Hopscotch. https://www.wikihow.com/Play-Hopscotch

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