

# Play the Game

## BAO -- A TRADITIONAL BOARD GAME

In Tanzania, Bao tournaments are held where hundreds of contestants take part to try and win the respected title of “Bao master.”

You can make a simple mancala board from things found around your house.

### WHAT YOU NEED:

- A 12-hole egg carton
- Two small yogurt pots
- Scissors
- 48 playing pieces — marbles, beads, dried beans

### WHAT YOU DO:

1. Cut off the top of the egg carton so you are left with 12 pockets.
2. Put a plastic cup at each end of the carton to store your winnings.
3. Distribute the 48 playing pieces among the 12 pockets and you are ready to play.

### HOW TO PLAY

#### *Setting Up*

Before play begins, the players set up the board. Each player takes 24 stones or seeds and distributes them among the six shallow cups on their side of the board. The two larger cups at the end of each row — called mancalas — should remain empty.

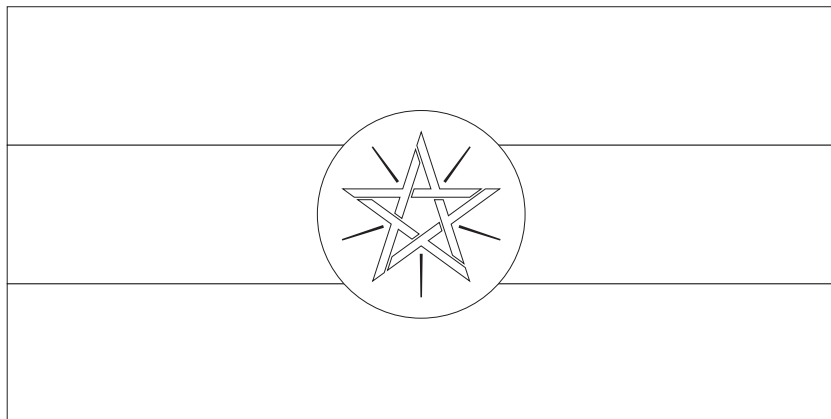
#### *Sowing Seeds*

The first player chooses one of the cups on his side of the board and takes all of the stones out of it. Starting with the next cup to the right, the first player drops one stone into each cup, including his own mancala; however, do not place a stone in the opponent’s mancala. This action leads to players dropping stones into cups on their opponent’s side of the board as well as their own. The second player then takes a turn, picking up the stones from one of the cups on their side of the board and dropping them into cups in a counter-clockwise direction.

#### *Scoring Points*

There are two ways to score points in a game of Mancala. Each stone in a player’s mancala at the end of the game represents a point. So, stones dropped into the mancala during the player’s turn are worth points. Also, if a player drops their last stone into an empty cup on his side of the board, they get to collect all the stones from the cup opposite the one they just dropped their last stone into. These stones also go in their mancala. Play ends when one row of cups is completely empty. The player with the most stones in his or her mancala wins.

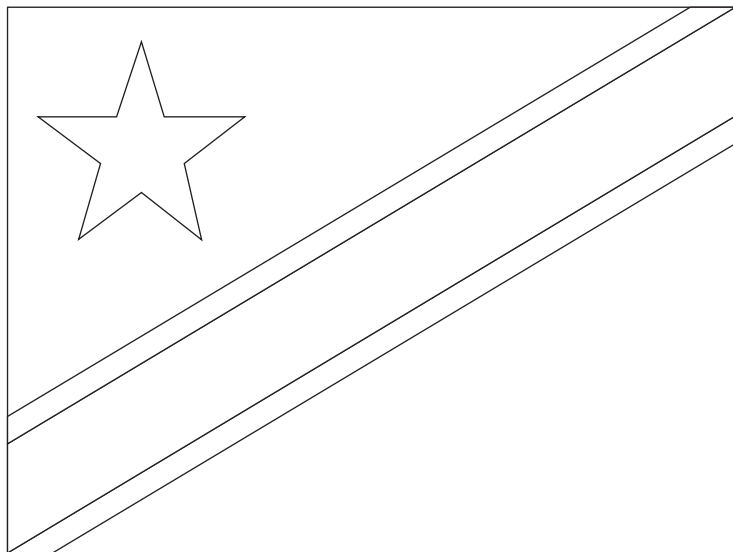
# Color The Flag



## ETHIOPIA

### DIRECTIONS:

The top third is colored green, the middle third is yellow, and the bottom third is red. The circle in the middle is colored blue, with a yellow star.

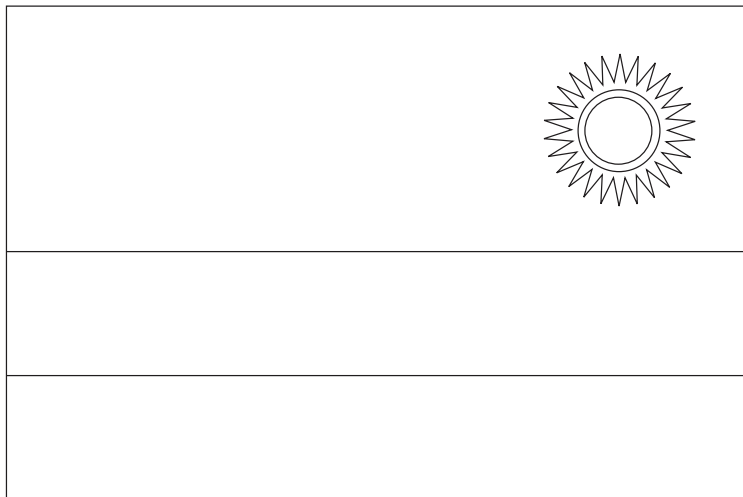


## DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

### DIRECTIONS:

The main part of the flag is colored blue. The wide band running diagonally from bottom left to top right is colored red and the thin stripes on either side of the red band are colored yellow. The star in the top left corner is colored yellow.

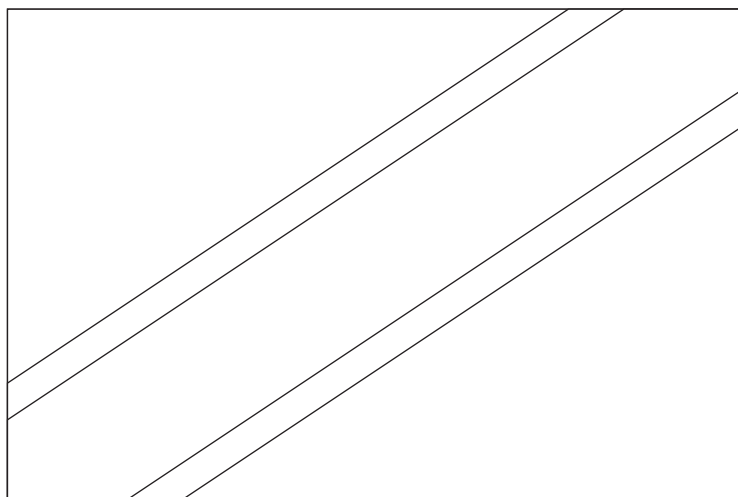
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## RWANDA

### DIRECTIONS:

The top half of the flag is colored blue, the middle stripe is yellow, and the bottom stripe is green. The sun in the top right corner is colored orange.

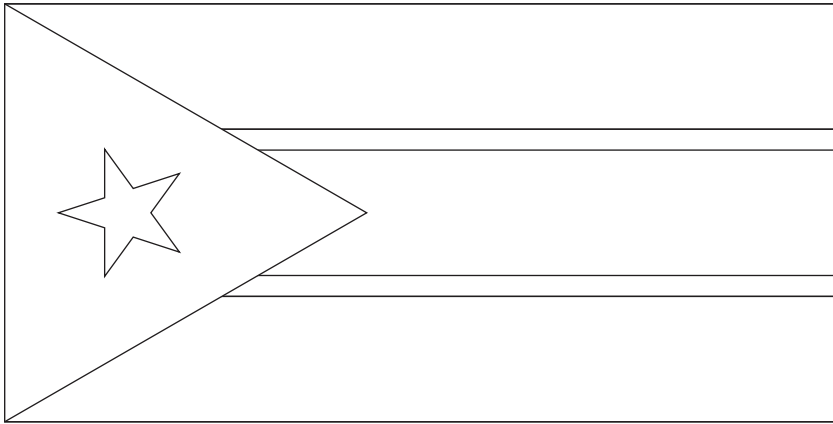


## TANZANIA

### DIRECTIONS:

The triangle at the top left is colored green and the triangle at the bottom right is colored blue. The diagonal stripes are colored, from top to bottom, yellow, black, and yellow.

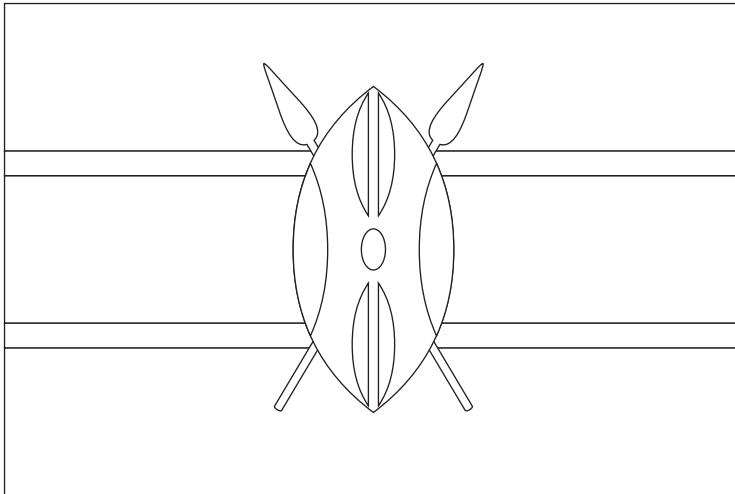
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## **SOUTH SUDAN**

### **DIRECTIONS:**

The triangle on the left is colored blue, with a yellow star. The stripes on the flag are colored, from top to bottom, black, white, red, white, and green.



## **KENYA**

### **DIRECTIONS:**

The top third is colored black, the middle red, and the bottom green. The stripes separating the colors are left white. The shield in the middle is colored red with black semi-circles on the sides. The spears and the decorations in the middle of the shield are left white.