

CROSSES

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Introduction

Two or four players tell a story following simple rules.

As the story unfolds, the players will see an abstract image appear, similar to paintings by Klee.

Before play you will need to find two markers: one yellow and one light blue.

If there are only two players, one draws vertical lines and the other draws horizontal ones.

If there are four players, they will form two teams and each player will sit opposite the other member of the team.

To play you have to prepare a square with 4, 5, or 6 segments on each side, as shown in the drawing. You can also download the play mat from this site.

Rules for the Narration

Every player, during their turn, has to draw a line from one side to the other, following these rules:

1. While they are drawing the line, they have to tell the story of their protagonist.
2. The story is about some positive or negative episodes of the life of a character and how the character reacted to them. The protagonist is different for the two teams.
3. The line must go from a side to the other and must be at an angle and cross other lines if possible.

4. When the line crosses another one of the same color, the protagonist will face a positive event.

5. When the line crosses another one of a different color, the protagonist will face a negative event.

6. If the line crosses a filled area, the player can tell how a new or old character substantially changes the protagonist's life.

7. After drawing the line, the player can fill one of the white areas created by the intersection of the lines.

8. Players can't recolor a filled area.

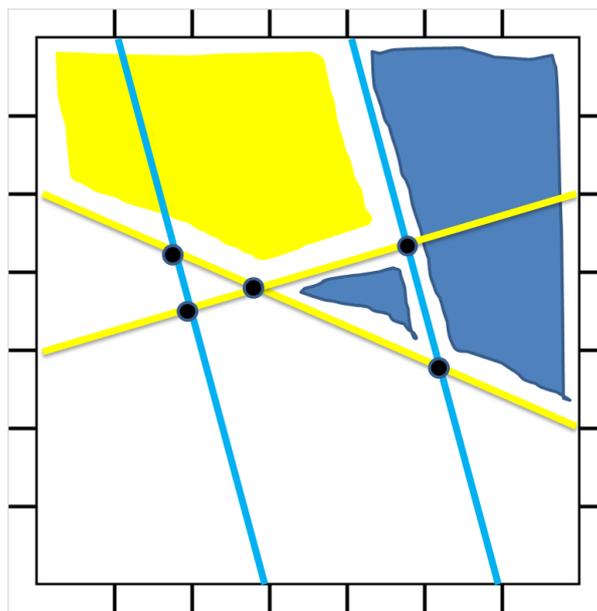
9. When a player finishes a line, another one will start

narrating the story. .

Conclusion

At the end of the narration, the player should have a painting of filled areas and lines. The player, or team, with the highest number of contiguous areas of its color narrates the ends of both stories.

(Note: as you are learning the game you may consider limiting players to four turns each as they think about how to place lines).



Playtime	Around 30 minutes
N. Of Players	2 or 4
Difficulty	Average
Material	1 sheet and 2 colours