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# Folkpatterns Card Game

## Instructions

Time: 20-30 minutes

Number of Players: usually played with 2 to 15 players (ages 7 years and up)

Use the suggested game cards by copying them and cutting them apart. You may also use index cards or small pieces of paper to make your own cards and write your own questions, if you'd like some more geared to the local community or to what the class is studying. Use the questions on the suggested game cards as guides for writing your own.

To play the game, have the group form a circle with their desks, or by either sitting around a table or on the floor. Place the cards face down in a pile in the middle of the group. The first player picks a card and chooses a second player to answer the question on the card. After answering the question, the second player picks a card and asks the card's question of a third player. Continue until all the questions are answered and all the players have answered a question. The game has no right or wrong answers and there are no winners or losers. After some of the answers are given, let others share their answers to the same question. By sharing answers to questions, the players will see that there are many similarities, differences, and patterns in the way in which others carry on traditions.

The Folkpatterns Card Game is used with the permission of the authors. It is included in the Folkpatterns Leader's Guide, which can be purchased from the Michigan Traditional Arts Program, Michigan State University. See <https://secure.museum.msu.edu/MTAPStore/main.asp>.

# The FOLK PATTERNS Card Game

<p><b>Sing me a lullaby.</b></p>	<p><b>How do you get rid of a wart?</b></p>
<p><b>Give the group a school cheer.</b></p>	<p><b>Show us a hand clap game.</b></p>
<p><b>Sing a jump rope rhyme.</b></p>	<p><b>How do you celebrate a birthday?</b></p>
<p><b>What do you do for good luck?</b></p>	<p><b>Do you know the story of your name or nickname?</b></p>
<p><b>Have you ever signed an autograph book?</b></p>	<p><b>What do you say when you step on a crack in the sidewalk?</b></p>

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<p><b>How do you eat corn on the cob?</b></p>	<p><b>Do you know any funny songs that go to the tune of "Yankee Doodle?" Sing one for the group.</b></p>
<p><b>Tell the group a joke.</b></p>	<p><b>How do you get well when you have a cold?</b></p>
<p><b>What do you do on Halloween?</b></p>	<p><b>What is your favorite holiday? How does your family celebrate it?</b></p>
<p><b>How do you build a snowman or snowwoman?</b></p>	<p><b>Where is a haunted house in your area? Tell the group about it.</b></p>
<p><b>What do you eat for breakfast on Saturday mornings?</b></p>	<p><b>How can you tell if it will rain?</b></p>

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**Have you ever made  
a scarecrow?  
How did you make it?**

**What is the most unusual  
building in your community?  
Why is it unusual?**

**What nicknames do you  
have for your pets?  
Your family's car?**

**How do you decorate a pie?**