



SHUT *the* BOX

4-Way Play™

Contents:

- 14" x 14" Shut-the-Box wooden game board
- 4 Pairs of Colored Dice

Object of the Game:

Have the lowest total score to win a round. First player to win 10 rounds, wins the game.

Set Up:

- Place the Shut-the-Box game board in the center of all players.
- Each player chooses two dice of the same color.
- All wooden numbers on the board are flipped up to start each round.
- Keep score (number of rounds won) with a piece of paper and pen or pencil.

Rules:

- All players start rolling their dice in the center simultaneously.
- Each player is trying to cover (flip down) all 9 numbers by taking the outcome of the two dice he/she have rolled and seeing if he/she can turn down one or two of the wooden numbers that are still up.

- A player can cover (flip down) a number, or numbers by taking the total of the two dice and dividing into two numbers or keeping as one number. **For example:**
 - If the dice roll yields 4 & 5, then the total of 9 can be divided into 1-8, 2-7, 3-6 or 4-5.
 - Or one number, 9, can be flipped down.
- When a player rolls the dice, but cannot flip down anymore wooden numbers, he/she is finished. When finished, the player should shout "Done" so all can hear.
- If a player can cover (flip down) all 9 wooden numbers, they have "Shut-the-Box." If it is done first, the player automatically wins the round.
- If no one can "Shut-the-Box" and no one is able to roll, the round ends.

Scoring:

All players now score the numbers that were not flipped down by reading the number(s) from left to right. For example, if a player has a 2 and a 7 not flipped down, the score is 27.

Alternative Scoring Method:

The player that had a 2 and a 7 not flipped down adds the two numbers together (2+7) to get a score of 9.

Solitaire Variation:

Roll a pair of dice trying to cover (flip down) all 9 numbers to "Shut-The-Box." If a "Shut-the-Box" is reached, score 1 point. If a "Shut-the-Box" is not reached, the round is over and is scored a zero. Play 10 rounds trying to score a perfect 10!

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