

PLAY JACKS LIKE AN ALL-TYME CHAMPION

After Rapunzel's surprise upset of the Capital Champion of Cornucopia, there has been a resurgence of the game amongst the common people of Tyme. The damsel (in not much distress) proved that anyone could come from behind and be a Champion!

Caught on her way through Commonwealth Green, Rapunzel revealed how she plays the greatest game in Tyme!

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Game Preparation

The game is played outdoors on a smooth surface or indoors on an uncarpeted floor by two players. *Rapunzel notes that ceilings can keep you from going beyond 14 jacks!* Equipment includes up to 15 jacks and one small ball. The two players sit face to face.

Player One

To decide who goes first, throw the jacks up in the air and try to catch as many as possible with both hands together, thumb to thumb, palms down. Whoever catches the most jacks goes first. *Of course, poor Rapunzel was always Player One as she was forced to play alone in her lonely tower!*

Game Play

Player One gathers all of the jacks in one hand, gives them a gentle toss and scatters them onto the ground, anywhere inside the space encircled by her and her opponent. Following that, she tosses the ball into the air.

The object of the game is to pick up the designated number of jacks with one hand and catch the ball on the first bounce in that same hand. It starts with one jack at a time (onesies), then two jacks (twosies), right on up till the player misses. She continues at that number on her next turn. *Rapunzel famously reached fiftesies!*

Then Player Two goes. The game continues until someone succeeds at picking up the ball and all of the jacks at once on a single bounce.

Keep practicing and one day you could compete beside the fairest of them all at the All-Tyme Championships!

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