Shut the Box

PLAYERS 1 to 4 DICE 2 dice and a Shut the Box board TYPE Adding up LEVEL Easy TIME 10 to 20 minutes

THE GOAL

Close tiles that add up to your dice, and finish with the lowest total of open tiles.

SETUP

A Shut the Box board with tiles 1 to 9 all open, and two dice. One to four players. Lowest first roll starts.

THE FIRST ROLL

There is no deal. Each player takes a turn with all nine tiles open.

A TURN

- Roll both dice and add them up.
- Shut one tile, or several tiles, that add up to the total.
- Roll again. Your turn ends when no combination fits.

SPECIAL ROLLS

- When tiles 7, 8 and 9 are shut, roll one die.
- Shut all nine tiles to win at once.

SCORING

- Add up the numbers on the open tiles.
- Lower is better.

WINNING

After everyone has had a turn, the lowest total wins, and shutting the box wins at once.

HOUSE RULES

- **Twelve tiles.** The board has tiles 1 to 12. You roll one die when tiles 7 to 12 are all shut, and the total of all tiles is 78.
- **Match play.** Play to a set number of rounds or to a total score, such as 100, instead of a single turn each.
- **Solo.** Play alone and write down your score each time. A score under 10 is good; zero is rare.

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