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BEST BRAIN-STIRRING BOARD GAMES FOR EVERY AGE

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It all started with a Peppermint Forest. My 4-year-old son returned from school raving about the board game Candyland and begging us to play with him. The concept is rather cute but after four minutes the game had concluded with no real strategy or skill involved. After repeated plays I started seeing chocolate-covered stars and knew it was time to do a little research and expand our board game horizons.



The goal: brain-stirring, not brain-bored.

Best for ages 6-8: Juxtabo

Inspired by the awe she felt upon viewing rows of colorful macarons, Funnybone Toys President Julien Sharp set out to create a game that was visually stunning but necessitated the strategy one would use for checkers or chess. The round, flat 2-color disks of Juxtabo mirror the decadent French confections as players stack and build the patterns featured on drawn cards. The player with the most challenge cards completed wins (though sadly, no actual macaron treats are included so best put them on your shopping list when game play is over).

ABOUT FUNNYBONE TOYS:

While most people love to play games, very few appreciate the “art” that goes into their creation. This is because, for the most part, the art is hidden in the background, secondary to game play. But a new game design company was tired of seeing the art of games taking a back seat to play...so they decided put artwork on equal footing. Funnybone Toys was created in 2011 to provide products that are a true combination of form, function, and beautiful, minimalist design. One of our favorite elements of design is color, so color reigns supreme in every one of our products. We launched Funnybone Muse in 2013, allowing us to offer other items that inspire us, that are outside the toy and game category. Every product that comes out of our design studio will show our company’s commitment to beautiful, minimalist design.