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BANANA PARTY

A banana-crazy game by Stefan Dorra and Manfred Reindl
for 2 – 4 players, aged 5 years and up.

„Out of my way!“ Ben Banana is calling, *the boss of the jungle monkey gang. At breakneck speed he leaps from one liana to the next. All other monkeys cannot stop gazing in amazement and suddenly he is lost from sight. On which limb is he sitting now? If you tweak the proper limbs in the jungle, you may annoy Ben and his gang and pilfer their beloved bananas.*

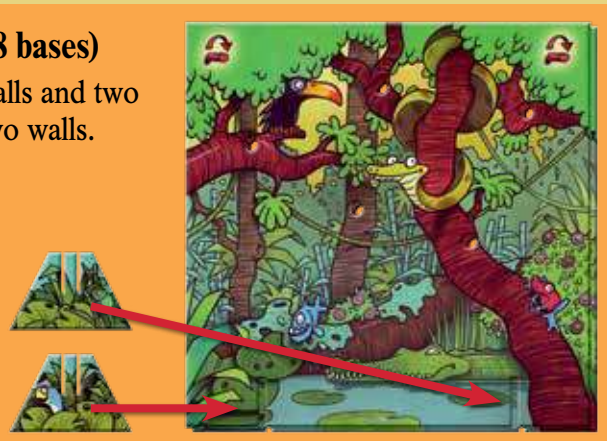
Object of the game

Each player hangs their monkey gang (four monkeys) on any limbs of their choice of the 3-D jungle. When playing the game, the players want to tease the other players' monkeys and drive them away from the limbs of the jungle trees. The players rotate particular limbs of the jungle trees and if a monkey is hanging on such a limb on the other side, it will tumble down. Depending on the number of bananas that monkey was carrying, the player who successfully drove it away gains the same number of bananas from the general supply. The player that collects the most bananas wins the game.

Game components

• 4 jungles (8 walls and 8 bases)

A jungle consists of two walls and two feets. Fix two bases into two walls.



• 16 monkeys

Each player takes one monkey gang (four monkeys with identical backs) and places them in front of themselves.



monkey gang *backside*

• 30 bananas

Keep the bananas at hand as general supply.



• 20 limbs

Put 5 limbs (little wooden sticks) through the holes of each jungle in such a way that each limb's center is in the hole.



• 1 die

Stick one icon label on each side of the die.

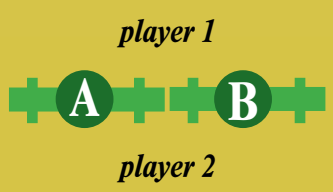


• 1 rules booklet

Setup

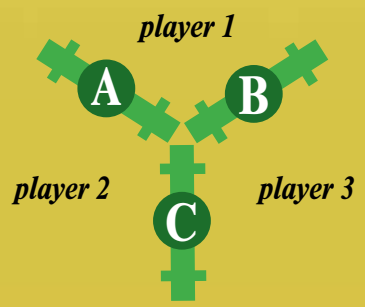
... for 2 players

Set up two jungle (A & B) and place them between the two players ***(plan view):***



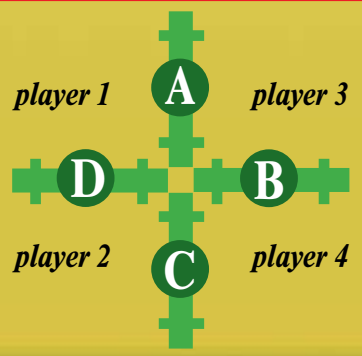
... for 3 players

Set up three jungle (A, B & C) and arrange them the like this ***(plan view):***



... for 4 players

Set up four jungle (A, B, C & D) and arrange them the like this ***(plan view):***



Preparing to play the game

With any number of players, **each player always sits in front of two jungle walls,** which they can only see.

First, each player secretly hangs **two of their monkeys** on each of their two jungle walls.

Note: There may never be more than two monkeys on a jungle wall at any time during the game!



Playing the game

Players take their turns in clockwise direction. The player who has last seen a monkey is the first player and rolls the die.

What are the icons of the die?



Two limbs

The player is allowed to **rotate two limbs** of their choice **on their side of the jungle walls,** thus trying to drive away the other players' monkeys from the trees.

Important:

- *The limbs must always be rotated in clockwise direction only!*
- *Players may rotate a limb from which their own monkey is hanging – it will not tumble down!*



If a monkey **falls down** on the other side of the jungle that player shows this monkey to the active player, who in turn receives the same **number of bananas** from the general supply as the monkey had been carrying. The player places the bananas in front of them.

Also, the owner of the fallen monkey places that monkey in front of them.



Three limbs

The player is allowed to **rotate even three limbs!**



Monkey and limb

Two actions are triggered by this icon:

1. **All players** who currently have monkeys placed before them on the table **hang them on any limb on their sides of the jungle.**

Do not forget: *No more than two monkeys may hang on each side of the jungle wall!*

2. The active player (who had rolled the die) may **rotate** any **one limb.**



Monkey and banana

Two actions are triggered by this icon:

1. **All players** who currently have monkeys placed before them on the table **hang them on any limb on their sides of the jungle.**

Do not forget: *No more than two monkeys may hang on each side of the jungle wall!*

2. The active player (who had rolled the die) receives **one banana** from the general supply.

More rules:

- If **all four of a player's monkeys** have been driven **off from the trees,** they must **hang them back** on the limbs **immediately.** If, for example, the active player has rolled "two limbs" and the fourth monkey of another player falls down when rotating the first limb, that player hangs their four monkeys back on the limbs immediately, and then the active player may rotate a second limb.
- In case a falling monkey pushes another monkey in a way that this monkey tumbles down as well, the player hangs that second monkey back on any limb.

End of the game and winner

The game ends as soon as the last banana is taken from the general supply. All player count the number of their collected bananas and the player with the most bananas is the winner of the game. In case of a tie the tied players share the victory.

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