



# DIY: Make Your Own Giant Jenga

Enjoy the great outdoors and take your Jenga skills and strategies to the next level with Giant Jenga!

Providing hours of entertainment for the entire family, Giant Jenga is a game of skill and strategy.

### How to play

2+ players

1. Stack the Jenga blocks onto a flat surface in rows of three – changing the direction of the blocks for each layer.
2. Using one hand, take in turns to carefully pull or push a block from any layer of the stack, except the top layer.
3. Place the removed block on top of the tower.
4. Continue to build the tower in rows of three until the tower becomes unstable and falls.

### Mix it up

Mix it up by writing questions or dares on the ends of each block. When the block is removed, the player must answer the question or complete the dare.

### Strategies

1. Remove the easy or safest blocks first.
2. Select loose blocks or blocks that are already poking out of the stack.
3. Take blocks from the top or middle of the stack (or, make it more difficult for the next player by removing them from lower in the tower).
4. Place removed blocks to keep the tower from toppling over (or, place them on the weakest point of the tower to make it more difficult for the next player).

### Playing Tips

1. Take your time. If you go too quick, the blocks can topple over.
2. Push or pull blocks from the middle of the stack.

### How to make 54 Giant Jenga blocks



#### Step 1

Gather your supplies.

#### Porta Tip

We used 70 x 45mm Porta Dressed All Round (DAR) in Pine for this project. Use a larger or smaller DAR if you prefer.



#### Step 2

Measure and cut the DAR into 54 lengths of 210mm.

#### Porta Tip

If you are using a drop saw, use a rubber stopper or make a mark on the saw to indicate where to cut.



#### Step 3

Clean up any rough edges with sandpaper.

#### Porta Tip

Sand with the grain of the timber.



#### Step 4 (Optional)

Paint the ends of the Giant Jenga blocks in different colours. You can also paint the entire block if you prefer.

#### Porta Tip

Use paint from left over projects or buy sample pots of your favourite colours.



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### What you'll need

#### Materials

- 5 x 2.4m lengths of 70 x 45mm Porta Dressed All Round Pine
- Sandpaper, grit 240 (finish with grit 400)
- Different coloured paint (optional)

Items are available at your local timber and hardware supplier.

#### Tools

- Drop saw or handsaw
- Sander or sanding block
- Ruler or square
- Pencil
- Paintbrush (optional)
- Drop sheet (optional)

The timber for this project costs around \$24 each.

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