



Victorian children didn't have computers or television, so they played lots of games. Board games such as Snakes and Ladders, Ludo and Draughts were popular indoor games. Outdoors, Victorian children played with toys like hoops, marbles and skipping ropes, they played chasing games such as Tag, Blind Man's Bluff, and played catch with balls. If they didn't have a proper ball, they made them from old rags, and made bats from pieces of wood. Some of the games that were popular in Victorian times are still played in playgrounds today. Have a go at playing hopscotch with your friends and family.

## HOW TO PLAY HOPSCOTCH

### You will need

- Chalk or masking tape
- A marker – this would traditionally have been a flat stone, but you can use a bean bag

### Instructions

1. Draw the hopscotch board on to the floor with chalk – or you could use masking tape.
2. The object of the game is to throw the marker onto the board and hop over it onto the next square (or set of squares), working your way up and down the board without making a mistake.
3. To begin the game, the first player throws their marker onto square one. They must hop over that square and land on squares two and three with one foot in each. Then they try to hopscotch up to the top of the board – hopping in single squares and landing with two feet in double squares – once they reach the end of the board they must turn and come back down, stopping to pick up the marker on the way back.
4. If no mistakes were made, the same player continues by throwing their marker to square two and repeating the process, always avoiding contact with the square that contains the marker.
5. The next player starts their go when the board is complete or if:
  - A player does not throw the marker in the correct square.
  - A player loses balance and places a hand or second foot down.
  - A player steps on a line, hops on the wrong square or hops on the square containing their marker.
  - A player puts both feet down in a single box.

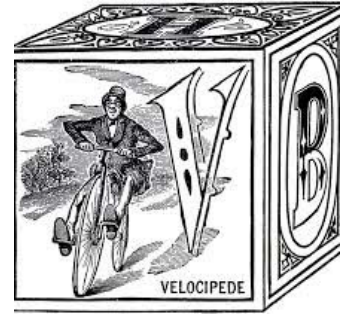


## Fun Fact

The "scotch" in hopscotch refers to the lines used to draw the course.

# Victorian Toy

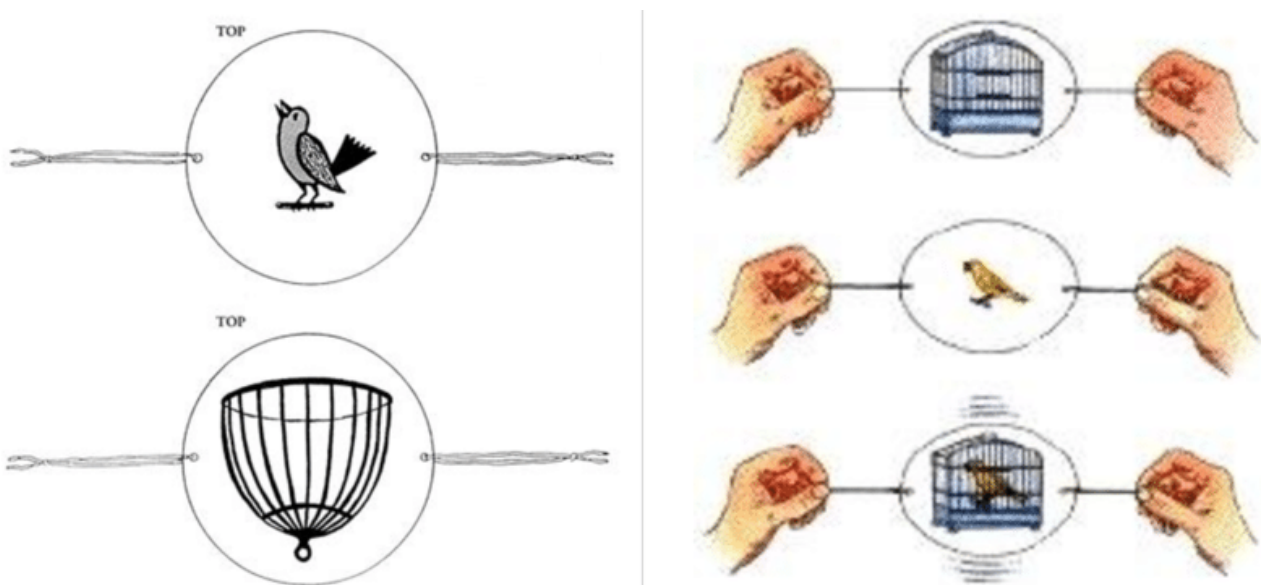
Magic!



When the Fencibles arrived in New Zealand in 1847 the children had very few toys, much less than you have today. Most children made their own toys from items they found around the house and if they were lucky a family member could make the more lavish toys, such as toy soldiers, Jacobs ladder and marbles. Because children did not have many toys these were treasured and passed down through the family.

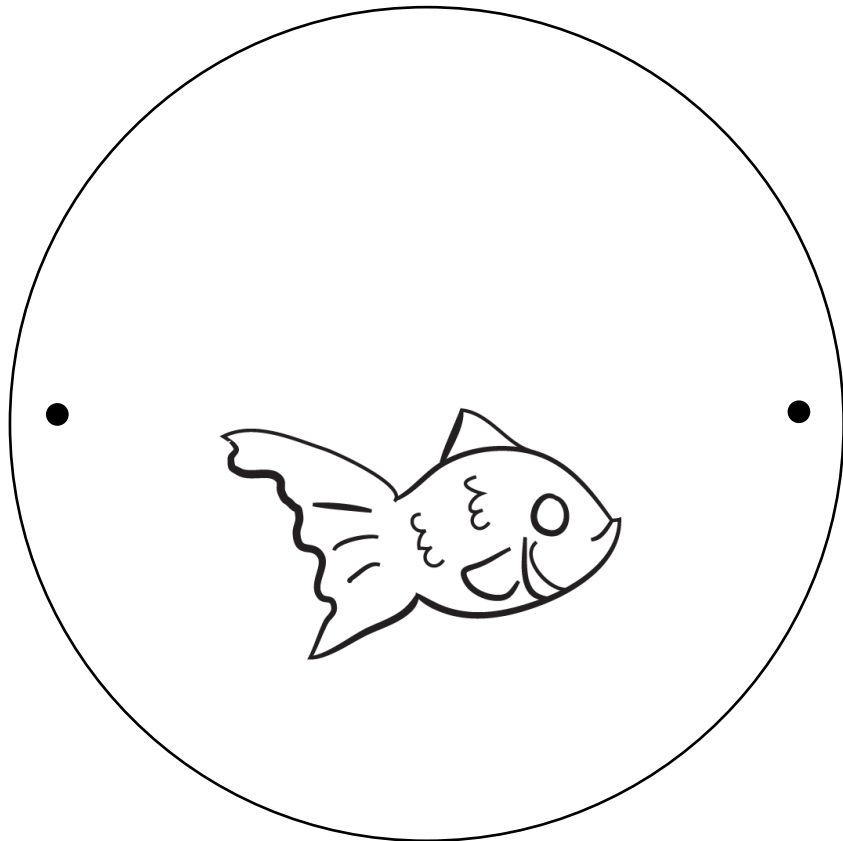
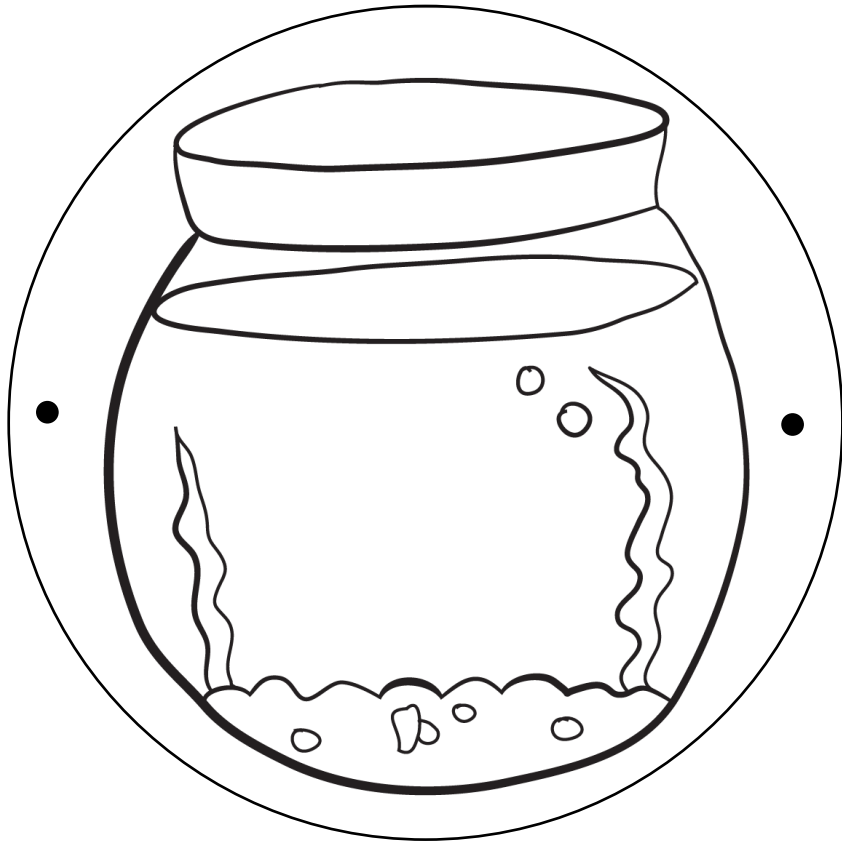
## MAKE A THAUMATROPE

A popular toy during Victorian times was the thaumatrope. The thaumatrope is a disc or card with a picture on each side which is attached to two pieces of string. When the strings are twirled quickly the two discs spin round and animate the pictures! A popular Victorian thaumatrope featured a picture of a bird and a cage. When you spun the thaumatrope, the two images became one and it would appear that the bird was actually in the cage.



## Instructions

1. If you are going to use the fish pictures - cut them out and stick them to some card. If you're designing your own thaumatrope, cut out two circles of card. You could draw round a cup to get a perfect circle.
2. Use a hole punch to punch two holes through each of your circles of card.
3. Now you can add your design. Colour your fish and bowl in. If you are using your own design, draw it on to your circles of card. You need to choose two images that will form an animation - like a fish and a fishbowl, a bird and a cage or a smiley face and an unhappy face.



# Victorian Toy

Don't get in a spin!



## MAKE A SPINNING TOP

Another popular toy during Victorian times was a spinning top. Victorian spinning tops would have been made out of wood but you can make a simple version using some card and a pencil.

### You will need

- A short pencil
- A piece of cardboard
- Scissors
- Coloured pens
- Sticky tack
- Sticky tape

### Instructions

1. Draw a circle on a piece of card, 7cm in diameter. You could draw around a mug to create a perfect circle.
2. Cut the circle out carefully with scissors.
3. Draw a pattern on the card with coloured pens. Patterns that start at the centre of the cardboard and work out to the edge will look really good when the top is spinning.
4. Take your pencil and poke it through the centre of the circle of card so the point sticks out by a couple of centimetres. Push the pencil into some sticky tack to protect the point. Ask an adult to help you with this. Use a little sticky tape to hold the pencil in place.
5. Your spinning top is finished! It will work best on a flat surface, but remember it is a pencil so will leave a mark. Use it outside or on newspaper if you use it indoors.

## Fun Fact

Spinning tops are among the oldest toys ever discovered by archaeologists. A clay top unearthed in Iraq six thousand years ago



## Fact

This is a traditional Maori Spinning top called a Potaka ta (whip tops)





# Victorian Toy

Keep marching!



In the 1850's the Fencible children would have had to make their own toys from whatever material they could find. Old fashioned wooden pegs are something that all mothers would have had.

You will need

- A wooden peg
- Red, blue and black markers.
- Scissors
- Sticky tape
- Glue
- Strip of black card
- White pen

Instruction

1. I have started with my wooden peg and I decided to make my dolly a toy soldier.
2. Using a fine black marker, I have drawn a face onto my peg.
3. I have used sellotape to mark out how far up I want my soldier's boots to go. I then used my thick black marker to colour in my soldier's boots.
4. Using sellotape I have marked off where my soldier's trousers are going to go. My soldier is going to wear a uniform made up of blue trousers and a red jacket with shiny buttons.
5. Once my trousers are done, I then colour in my soldier's red jacket leaving a small strip bare that will be coloured in with black marker as my soldier's belt.
6. Here is my soldier with his clothes on but he needs some details.
7. Using a metallic marker, I have added some buttons to his jacket, I think he is looking more like a soldier now. You can leave your dolly just like this if you like, but I think he needs a hat.
8. I have used a small strip of black paper and some craft glue to make a hat. Once the paper was glued, I popped it onto a marker pen to keep its round shape while the glue dried.
9. Here you can see him trying his hat on.
10. I think my next one will need to be a Fencible lady to keep him company. I hope you give it a try and have fun coming up with your own characters.

