

# Unicorn 3 in a Box

## How to sort your activities

**Rainbow Race:** turquoise backed pieces, unicorn playing pieces, character stands and spinner

**Build a Unicorn:** shaped pieces and spinner

**Unicorn jigsaw puzzle:** purple backed pieces

## Rainbow Race

### To play this game you will need:

4 jigsawed playing boards, 1 spinner, 4 unicorn playing pieces and character stands

### Setting up

- Assemble the jigsawed playing boards and insert the unicorn playing pieces into the character stands.
- Assemble the spinner by separating the plastic arrow from the base and attaching it to the spinner board. Place the spinner in reach of all players.
- Each player chooses a playing board and places a unicorn playing piece on the start space at the bottom of the board.

### How to play

- The youngest player starts by spinning the spinner. **N.B.** If the spinner lands on a white line, spin the arrow again.
- Move your unicorn playing piece along your path the number of spaces indicated by the spinner. Play passes to the next player.
- If you land on a space with an arrow, you must move back to the space the arrow is pointing to. Play passes to the next player.
- The game ends when a player reaches the green meadow at the end of the path. Players do not need to spin the exact number to finish.

### The winner

The winner is the first player to reach Rainbow Meadow.

This game has been designed to encourage counting skills whilst developing hand-eye co-ordination and turn taking skills.



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## Build a Unicorn

### To play this game you will need:

4 five-piece unicorns, 1 spinner

### Setting up

- Spread the unicorn pieces, star side up, in the middle of the table.
- Assemble the spinner by separating the plastic arrow from the base and attaching it to the spinner board. Place the spinner in reach of all players.

### How to play

- Players take turns to spin the spinner. To start building a unicorn they must spin a 1 or play passes to the next player.
- On spinning a 1 players can choose any available coloured piece with one star on it and place it, picture side up, in front of them. Play then passes to the next player.
- Players take turns to collect their unicorn's matching coloured head, tail and legs by matching the numbers on the spinner to the number of stars on the back of the unicorn pieces.
- After the first piece (1) has been collected, unicorn pieces can be collected in any order.

### The winner

The winner is the first person to **Build a Unicorn**.

This game has been designed to develop counting and matching skills whilst encouraging observation.

## Unicorn Jigsaw Puzzle

### For this activity you will need:

25 jigsaw pieces with purple backing

Once the jigsaw puzzle has been completed you can talk to your child about what is happening in the colourful picture.

- Encourage counting - How many unicorns are there in the garden? How many rabbits can you see? How many fairies are flying?
- Discuss position - Who is in the sky? Who is under a unicorn? Who is behind the bush? Who is sitting on the toadstool?
- Use the picture to play I-Spy. I-Spy something orange, something beginning with f, something round.

This jigsaw puzzle has been designed to help develop your child's hand-eye co-ordination and observational skills.