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Lucky Cake



**A fun and colorful game for 2–5 children
for 3 years of age. Playing time: 5–10 min.**

The game helps to develop interaction, cognitive and haptic communication skills, teaches to follow rules and to recognize and distinguish colors.

Contents:

- 1 birthday cake (the game box)
- 5 three-part candles
- 1 coloured dice
- the rules



Young children enjoy playing out daily life and especially celebrations. The main idea behind the game is a birthday cake with birthday candles – the winner of the game is congratulated with a happy birthday song. The game ends when all children blow out the candles together.

GAMEPLAY RULES

All players receive candle pieces at random in the order they sit (10 pieces are distributed in total). Then, they are given the pieces representing yellow candle flames. The players take turns clockwise.

Who starts the game:

- If 3 or 5 children play the game, each player has the same amount of game pieces. The youngest player rolls the dice first.
- If 2 children play the game, the player with 8 game pieces rolls the dice first.
- If 4 children play the game, the player sitting to the left of the player with 3 game pieces rolls the dice first.

The goal of the game is to assemble the game pieces into candles on the birthday cake by rolling the dice and to become the birthday boy or girl.

The dice is rolled in the order the children sit. Each player rolls the dice once. If a player has a candle piece in the same color as the rolled dice, the piece can be put on the birthday cake on the tile of the same color. Then, the next player rolls the dice. The same colored pieces are put atop each other to assemble a candle. One candle is made up of two pieces of the same color. There are five candles in total.

The candle can be lit up, i.e. the player can finish the assembled candle with a flame piece, upon two conditions:

The candle must be assembled from two candle pieces of the same color

The player must roll out the yellow color symbolizing a flame or candle piece.

If the player fails to roll out the required color, he/she can gift the rolled color to any other player who has a candle piece of a corresponding color and can put it onto the cake. If the player decides not to gift the color to another child, the dice is rolled by the next player.

The first player to assemble the candles and flames on the cake is the winner and can celebrate his/her birthday. The winner of the game has to close his/her eyes while the other players count to 10 (if the children cannot count yet, it is enough that the birthday boy/girl closes his/her eyes). Meanwhile, the other children assemble the remaining candles on the birthday cake.

When all the candles with the candle flames are put on the cake, the children say all together, "Wake up, birthday boy/girl!" Then, everyone sings the happy birthday song ("Happy birthday to you, happy birthday to you, happy birthday dear..., happy birthday to you") and blow out the candles.

The children can change the way they celebrate birthdays based on their own ideas and personal experiences from families or kindergartens. The game can also be enriched with speech-focused elements, for example, each child must wish something to the birthday boy or girl (example: I wish you lots of happiness and a red fire truck...). If the children find it difficult to think of a wish, their parents, older brothers and sisters or teachers can help them.