

Hello! I am Lucius, an 8-year-old Roman boy. Let's play dice!

I like to play with dice. I often have good luck and win the game. Then I throw one into the well to give thanks to the gods who are on my side! If you want to see what our dice look like, I have included a design so you can make your own Roman die! You can use this to play games just as the Romans did many centuries ago.

MATERIALS:

1. Printed Cube Template

Etruscan Alphabet

- 2. Colored pencils 3. Scissors
- 4. Clear tape or glue stick
- 5. An adult to help!

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Gather your materials! Print out the next page with the blank cube template. 2. Use a black colored pencil to draw the circles representing the numbers on the cube. Each side should be different, from 1 to 6 dots. The dots on opposing sides should always add up to seven. Six should be opposite from one; two should be opposite from five; three should be opposite from four! 3. Color it in!

4. Ask an adult to help with this. Cut out the colored template from the page. Follow the outermost outline. Make sure not to cut off any flaps!

5. Fold all the lines and flaps on the template, making sure that the colored side is facing outwards.

6. Build the cube by folding all the sides in towards the center. Fold in the smaller outer flaps and use clear tape or glue stick to hold it together.

Remember, you can photocopy this template to make it bigger or smaller! You can also illustrate each side of the die to make it extra special, e.g, 1 cat, 2 goats, 3 apples, etc. Play with it or use it as decoration.

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