

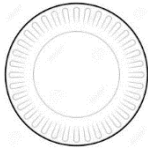



Taludza Gunti – “Basket Play”



Taludza Gunti was a ceremonial game played by adults within Cherokee communities. Players, as part of teams (typically women vs. men), take turns flipping and catching marked beans in a flat basket. It could also be played in a non-religious context as a neighborhood pastime. Such contests took place on Saturday evenings, and the stakes were usually a Sunday meal. Men bet agricultural produce, game, fish, or firewood against women’s cornbread or soup. Score was kept using additional beans or corns.

MATERIALS:

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|  <p>Two or more players</p> |  <p>7 flat sided beans, peach pits, buttons or coins</p> |  <p>Shallow basket or paper plate</p> |  <p>Paper and pencil to keep score</p> |
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RULES FOR THE GAME:

1. Mark your game pieces (beans, pits, etc.) with a line or an “x” on ONE side only. You might also consider using permanent marker or paint to add some color.
2. Decide how many turns each player will take before you start.
3. Players will alternate taking turns but you will need to keep score after each round.
4. Place all 7 game pieces plain side up.
5. Holding each side of your basket or paper plate, carefully toss the beans up and try to catch them with the marked side up.
6. Count the number of beans you caught marked side up. (If any fell out of the basket you get zero points for that turn.) Reset the beans after you’ve added all of your points up.
7. After all the rounds are completed, add up each player’s score. The person with the highest score wins.

Adults, read more about this game in this [article](#) from Expedition.