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HABA Monster Munch Memory Game Instruction Manual

Model: 306555

1. Introduction to HABA Monster Munch

The HABA Monster Munch game is a delightful and challenging memory game designed for young players. It combines elements of memory recall with a touch of strategic risk-taking, making it an engaging experience for children aged 5 and up. Players guide their hungry monsters through a buffet, trying to collect yummy treats while avoiding the yucky ones. This manual provides comprehensive instructions for setting up and playing the game, ensuring a fun and fair experience for all participants.





Image: The HABA Monster Munch game box, showcasing the game's theme with a friendly monster and colorful, monstrous food.

2. Game Components

Before starting, ensure all components are present in your HABA Monster Munch game box:

- **4 Wooden Monsters:** These are the player tokens, each in a distinct color.
- **24 Cardboard Treat Plates:** These represent the food items at the monster buffet.
- **1 Wooden Die:** Used to determine which food color is disliked for a turn.
- **Instruction Manual:** This document.

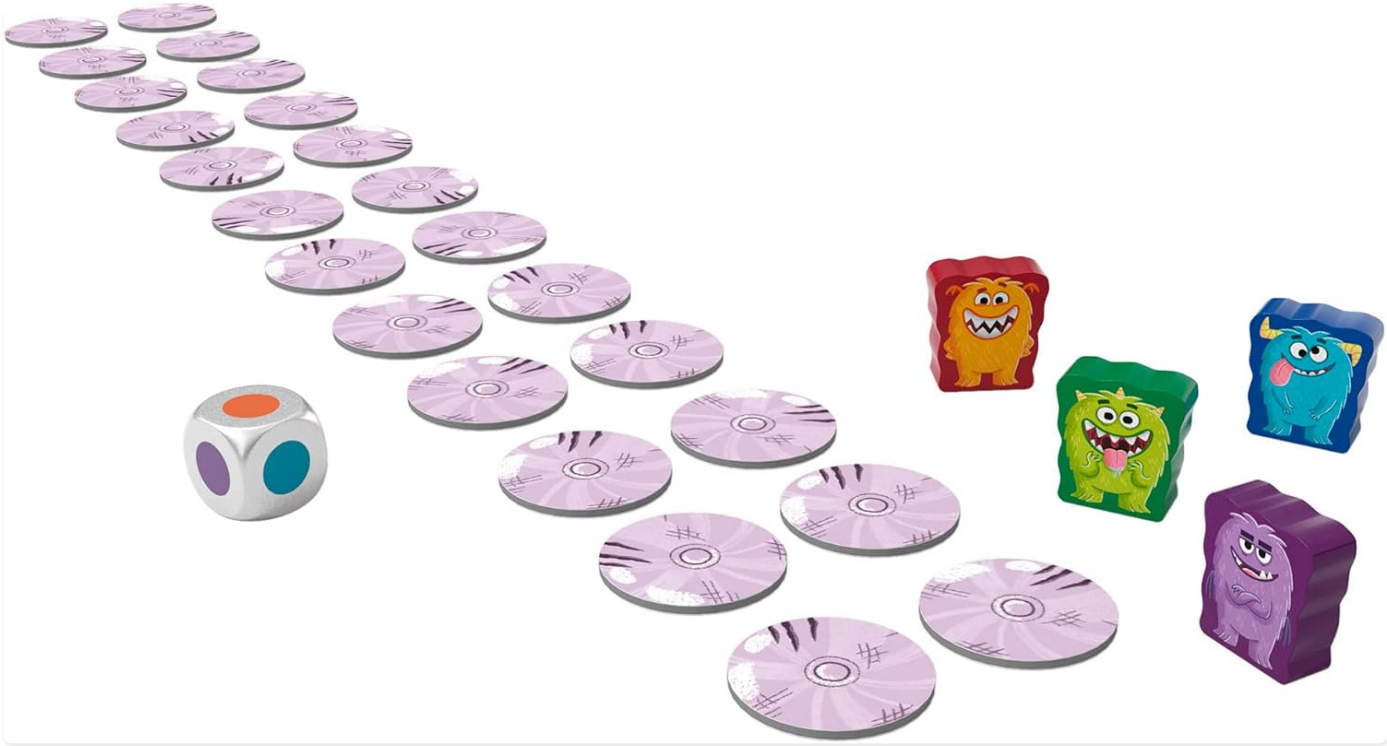


Image: A complete set of game components, including the four colorful wooden monster tokens, the die, and the circular treat plates arranged in a path.

3. Game Setup

Follow these steps to prepare the HABA Monster Munch game for play:

1. **Arrange the Buffet:** Place all 24 cardboard treat plates face down on a flat surface. Arrange them in a winding path or a series of rows, simulating a monster buffet. Ensure there is enough space for monsters to move along this path.
2. **Choose Monsters:** Each player selects one of the four wooden monster tokens.
3. **Starting Position:** All chosen monster tokens begin at the start of the buffet path.
4. **Die Placement:** Place the wooden die within easy reach of all players.

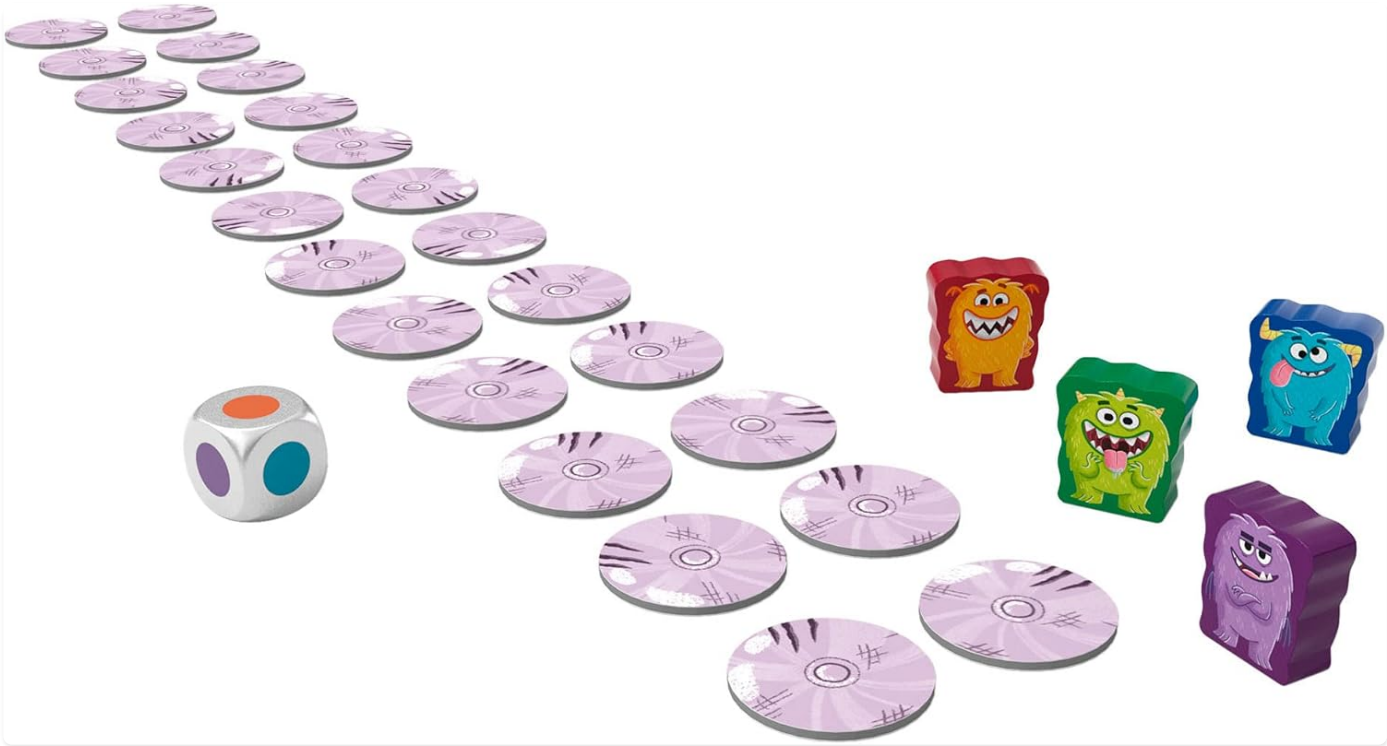


Image: The game board set up with treat plates face down, ready for players to begin their monster's meal.

4. How to Play

The objective of HABA Monster Munch is to be the first player to guide their monster to the end of the buffet and then back to the start, collecting yummy treats along the way.

Game Flow:

1. **Starting Player:** The youngest player typically goes first, and play proceeds clockwise.
2. **Roll the Die:** On your turn, roll the wooden die. The color shown on the die indicates the food color your monster *dislikes* for this turn. You must avoid uncovering a treat plate of this color.
3. **Uncover a Treat:** Choose one face-down treat plate directly in front of your monster or in an adjacent row and flip it over.
    - If the uncovered treat plate matches the disliked color shown on the die, your monster finds it yucky! Cover the plate back up, and your turn ends immediately.
    - If the uncovered treat plate is a different color (a yummy treat!), you have a choice:
        - **Option A: Play it Safe.** Move your monster forward one space to the newly uncovered yummy treat plate. Your turn ends.
        - **Option B: Press Your Luck.** Leave the yummy treat plate face up and choose to uncover another face-down treat plate from the next available row. You can continue to press your luck as long as you keep uncovering yummy treats. If you uncover a yucky treat, your turn ends, and you do not move your monster. If you decide to stop pressing your luck after uncovering one or more yummy treats, move your monster to the last yummy treat plate you uncovered.
4. **Memory Aspect:** All face-up treat plates remain face up until covered by a monster. This allows players to remember the locations of yummy and yucky treats for future turns.
5. **Winning the Game:** The first player to successfully navigate their monster to the end of the buffet path and then back to the starting position wins the game.



Image: An in-progress game of Monster Munch, illustrating monsters on the path and some treat plates revealed.

5. Strategy Tips

- **Memory is Key:** Pay close attention to the colors of the treat plates revealed by all players. Remembering where the "yucky" foods are will help you avoid them on your turn.
- **Calculated Risks:** The "press your luck" mechanic adds excitement. Consider how many yummy treats you've already seen and how far you need to move before deciding to uncover another plate. Sometimes, a small, safe move is better than a risky big one.
- **Observe Opponents:** Watch what other players uncover. Their successes and failures provide valuable information about the hidden treats.

6. Maintenance and Care

To ensure the longevity of your HABA Monster Munch game, please follow these care instructions:

- **Storage:** Always store all game components in the original box when not in use. This prevents loss of small pieces and protects the cardboard plates from bending or damage.
- **Cleaning:** If components become dirty, gently wipe them with a dry, soft cloth. Avoid using abrasive cleaners or excessive moisture, especially on the cardboard treat plates, as this can cause damage.
- **Handling:** Handle wooden and cardboard pieces with care to prevent scratches, dents, or tears.

7. Troubleshooting

If you encounter any issues with your HABA Monster Munch game, consider the following:

- **Missing Components:** In the rare event of a missing game piece, please contact HABA customer support. Refer to the "Warranty & Support" section for contact information.
- **Rule Clarification:** If the rules seem unclear, re-read the "How to Play" section carefully. Sometimes, playing a practice round without keeping score can help clarify the flow. Additional resources may be available on the official HABA website.

8. Product Specifications

Specification	Detail
Product Dimensions	7 x 4.4 x 1.5 inches
Item Weight	6.4 ounces
ASIN	B0B4B79D3F
Item Model Number	306555
Manufacturer Recommended Age	5 years and up
Manufacturer	HABA

9. Warranty and Support

HABA is committed to producing high-quality, durable, and safe toys. For information regarding product warranty, replacement parts, or general inquiries, please visit the official HABA website or contact their customer support directly. You can find more information and contact details on the**HABA Brand Store on Amazon**.

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