

# Dragons & Fairies

Exploring Viet Nam Through Folktales

## Play This At Home!

### Play O-Lang (Count and Capture)

This is a popular game played by Vietnamese children during festivals. It is similar to the African game of Mancala.

#### Materials:

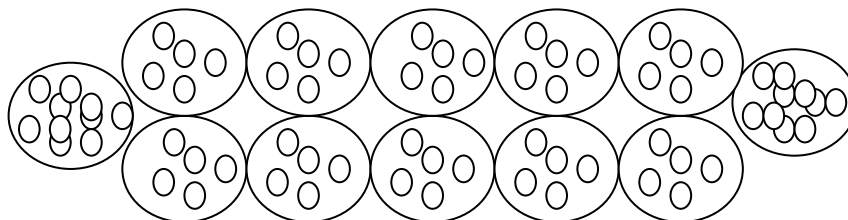
- 12 small paper cups
- 70 beans or counters

#### What to do:

- O-Lang is a two-player game. Players face each other across their cups. Each places 5 cups in a row, with one on each end, called the mandarin.
- Each player starts with 35 counters. The players must put 5 counters in each of the holes in front of them and 10 counters in their mandarin.
- The object of the game is to win as many counters as you can.
  - One player begins by taking all 5 counters from a cup and moving in either direction, dropping one counter in each cup, including in the mandarin. The empty cup is now called a pond. As the game goes on, more ponds will be created.
  - The aim is to have the last counter land in a cup next to a pond. If this happens, the player collects all the counters from the cup on the other side of the pond. In the player lands in a cup with two consecutive ponds, he does not collect any counters. The lucky player will land next to a pond with lots of counters on the other side. Once you win some counters, put them aside, away from the playing area.
  - If the player lands in a cup next to a pond that joins a mandarin, the player "eats the mandarin." This means he takes all the counters from the mandarin.
  - When both mandarins have been "eaten," the game is over and the player with the most counters wins.

#### How to set up your cups:

##### Player One



##### Player Two