

Maypole

- **WHERE TO PLAY:**
 - Outside on pavement
- **NUMBER OF PLAYERS:**
 - Any number
- **GRADE LEVELS:**
 - K-4th grades
- **EQUIPMENT:**
 - Along pole or post
 - Paper streamers or ribbons
 - Colored tissue paper
 - Tape

- **HOW TO PLAY:**
 - The Maypole still signifies the coming of spring and is often the centerpiece of May Day celebrations around the world.
 - To make a Maypole,
 - Take an old broom, pole or post
 - Hang long pieces of ribbon or streamers from the top
 - The students can tie flowers made from colored tissue paper onto the streamers to beautify the setting.
 - The most popular Maypole activity is to march and dance around the pole.
 - One student holds the pole upright while the other students hold the ends of the streamers and walk around the pole.
 - Maypole music is often included on many folk-dance CD's and tapes.
 - Another Maypole activity is to have the students count off in Ones and Twos.
 - The Ones pass the Twos on the outside, holding the streamers high overhead.
 - The Twos, moving in the opposite direction, pass their streamers over those of the Ones.
 - The Ones and Twos keep alternating until the streamers are woven around the Maypole.
 - When finished, they can unwind them and start over again.

