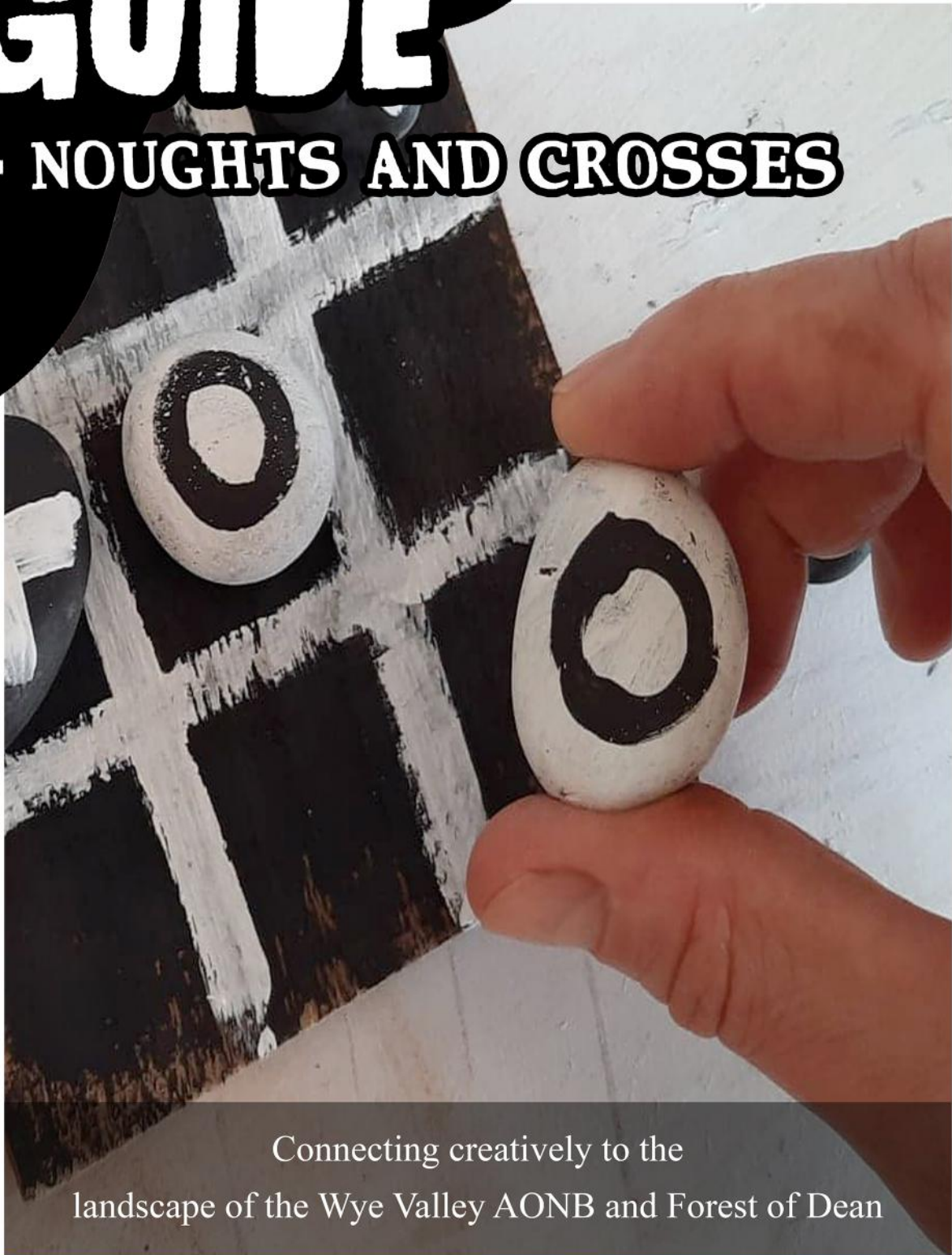


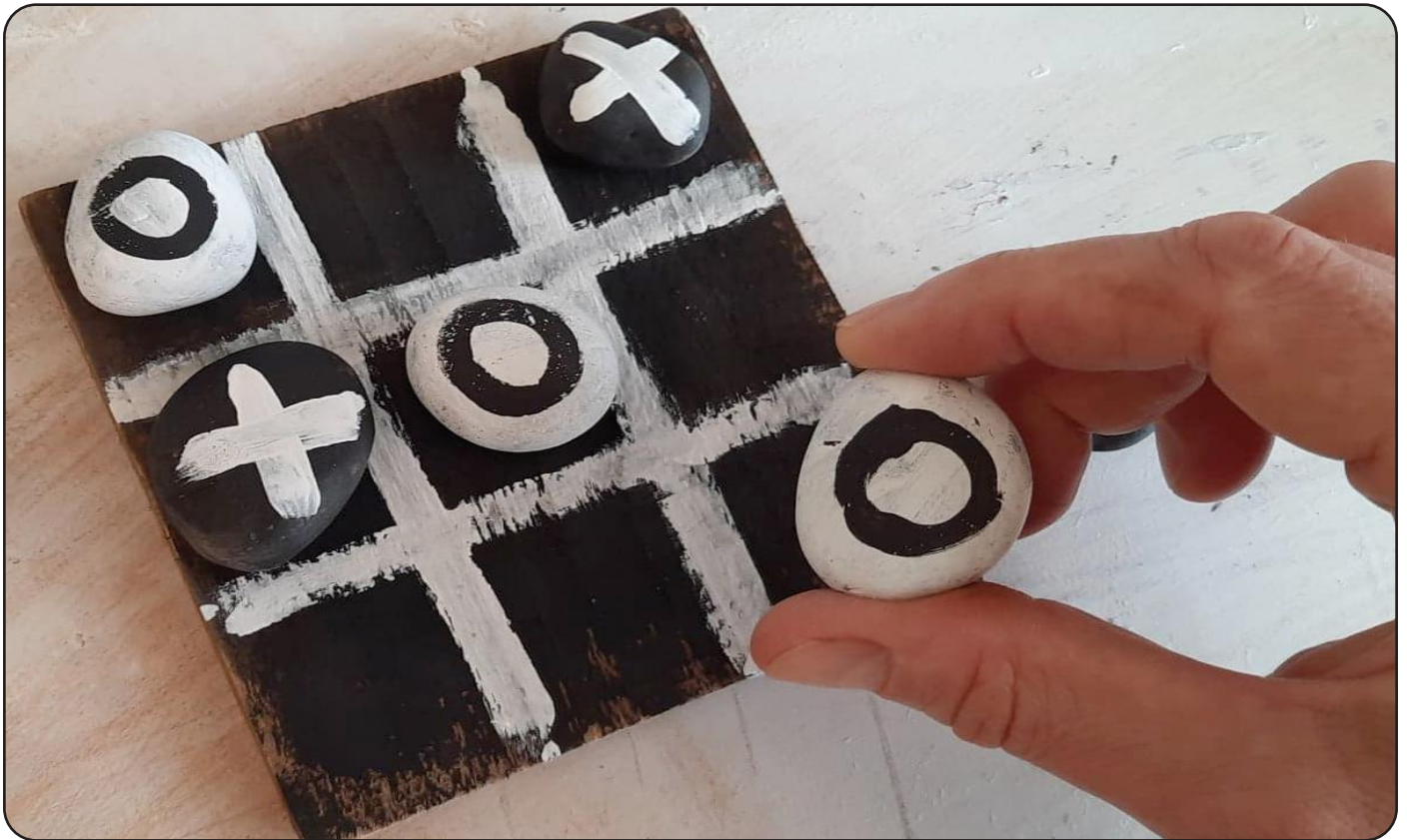
# ACTIVITY GUIDE

## - NOUGHTS AND CROSSES



Connecting creatively to the  
landscape of the Wye Valley AONB and Forest of Dean

## NAUGHTS & CROSSES



Turn back time and enjoy this classic game of noughts and crosses using natural materials. Have a go at making this small, portable and intergenerational game using interesting tactile objects such as wooden boards and small pebbles whilst using practical skills such as sanding and painting.

### Activity rating

Suitable for everyone. Boards will need to be cut to size beforehand to achieve simple squares of roughly 6 inches or maybe use slices of wood or slate.

### Time required for activity

30 mins.

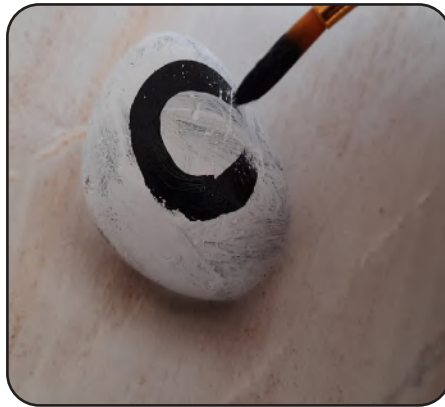
### Preparation time

10 mins to set up table. Boards and pebbles will need to be sourced beforehand.

### Shopping list

- Smooth pebbles
- Wooden board or similar
- Sandpaper for wooden board
- Black and white paint
- Paintbrushes (One suitable for painting board and pebbles and also one thin enough to paint noughts and crosses marks on pebbles)
- Pot of water
- Kitchen roll

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### Step by step instructions

1. Paint 5 pebbles using the white paint and then clean your brush thoroughly before painting the other 5 pebbles with the black paint and put to one side to dry.
2. Take your piece of wood and gently sand the edges or surface area to remove any obvious splinters or rough edges. Having a mask would be a personal choice.
3. Dilute a bit of black paint and cover the surface of the wooden board.
4. Check to see if your pebbles are dry. You could use a hairdryer to speed up this process.
5. With a thin brush, paint the white crosses on the black pebbles and then with black paint, make circles on the white pebbles.
6. With a clean brush and white paint, create the grid lines on the wooden board. Leave to dry for approx, an hour and you're ready to go!

### Top Tips

- The smoother the pebble the better as you can clearly see the noughts and crosses.
- Also try to use similar size pebbles to achieve unity.
- Cover your table to protect them if needed and consider a mask for the sanding process.