



The Secret: Master the Winning Patterns

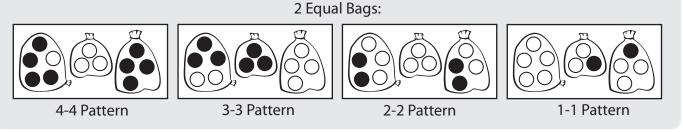
The secret to Swag is to leave the tokens in a winning pattern at the end of your move. Once your opponent moves, you will need to get to a new winning pattern with your next move. The winning number patterns are shown here: **Bags Containing:**





5-4-1 Pattern

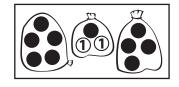
3-2-1 Pattern



Note: The order of the numbers in each pattern DOES NOT matter, only the numbers themselves. This means, for example, 3-2-1 and 1-3-2 are the same.

Mastering the Strategy:

If Player 1 knows the winning patterns, s/he can win every time. But here's the catch... you won't always BE Player 1. If you learn the patterns and use the same winning moves each time, your opponent will figure out the strategy and will use it to beat you next time.

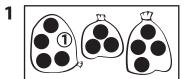


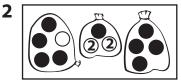
Example: If, as Player 1, you begin every turn by removing 2 tokens from the bag of 3 (leaving a 5-4-1 pattern), you will win, but your opponent may quickly catch on to your strategy.

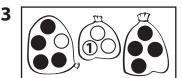
Mastering the Art of Deception:

To become a true Swag expert, you must not only practice the winning patterns, but you must also practice making strategic moves to throw your opponent off track. When you become such a strong player that you can begin by making a wrong move to confuse your opponent, then recover & get back on the winning path in your second or third move, you will be unbeatable.

Example:







Player 1 begins with a "wrong move," removing 1 token from the bag of 5.

Player 2 tries to replicate the correct first move by removing 2 tokens from the bag of 3.

Player 1 sets up a winning pattern (4-4) by removing the final token from the bag of 3.

Practicing these misleading moves will increase your flexibility and confuse your opponent.