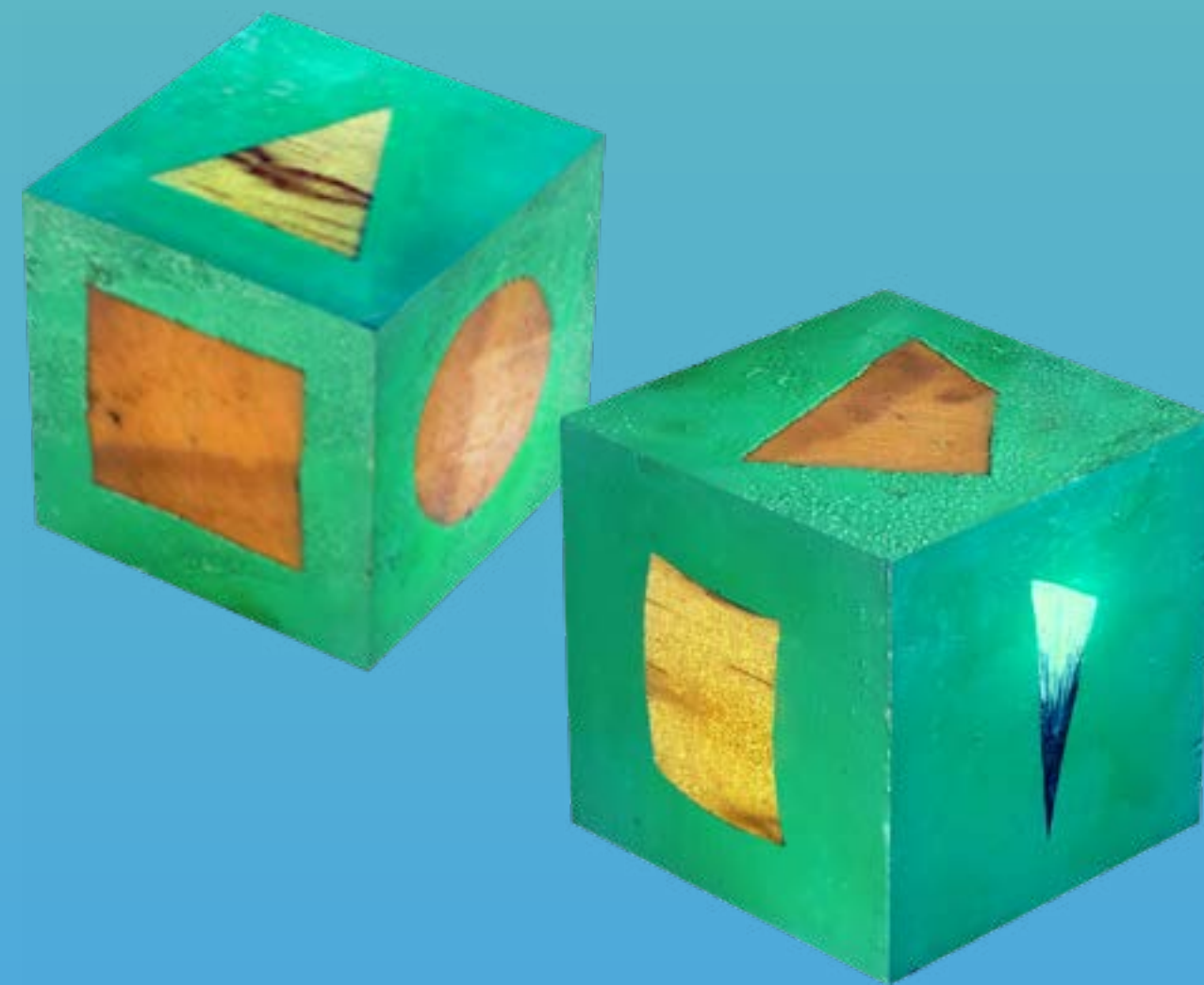


# The Infinity Games

## manual

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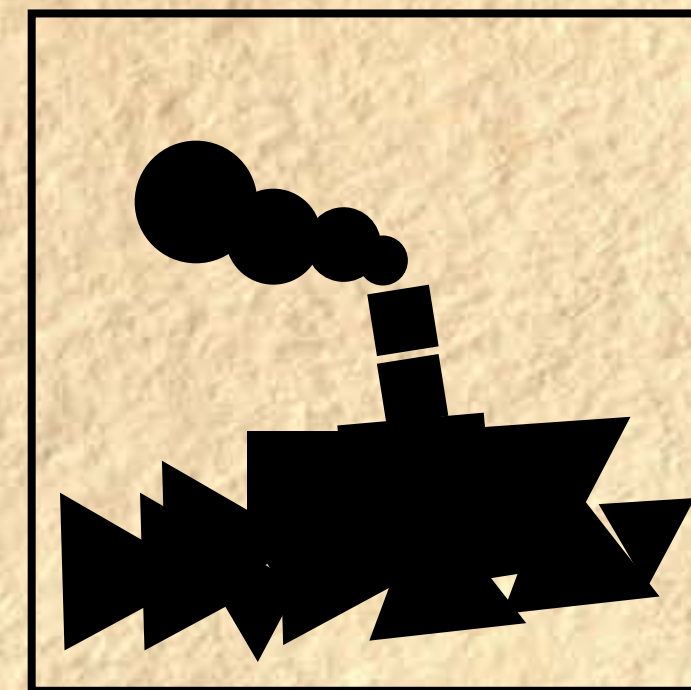
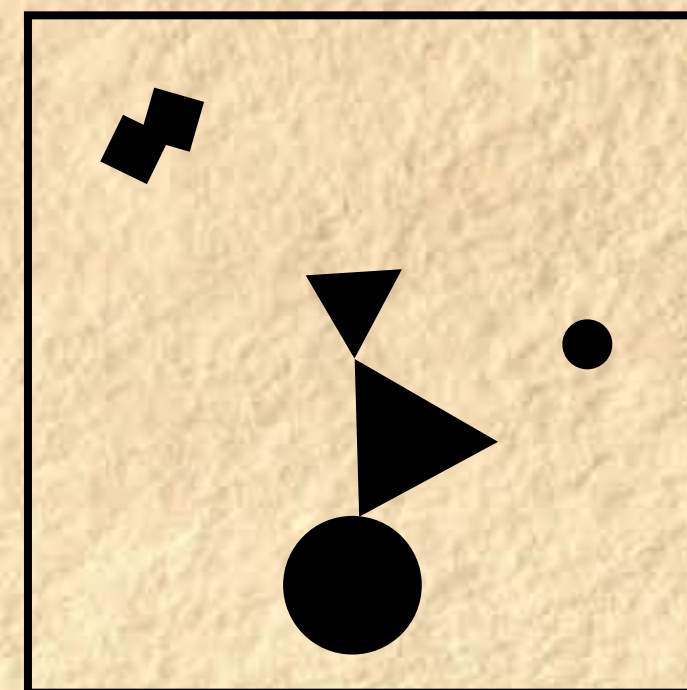
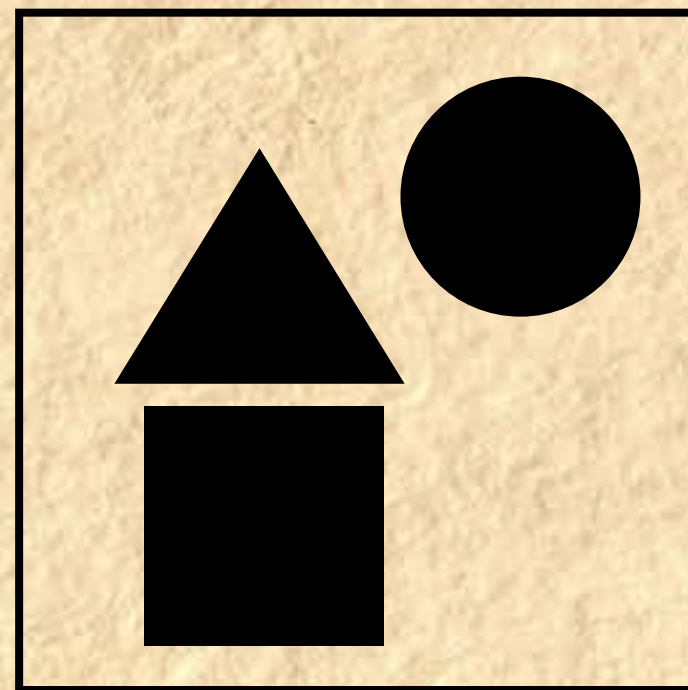
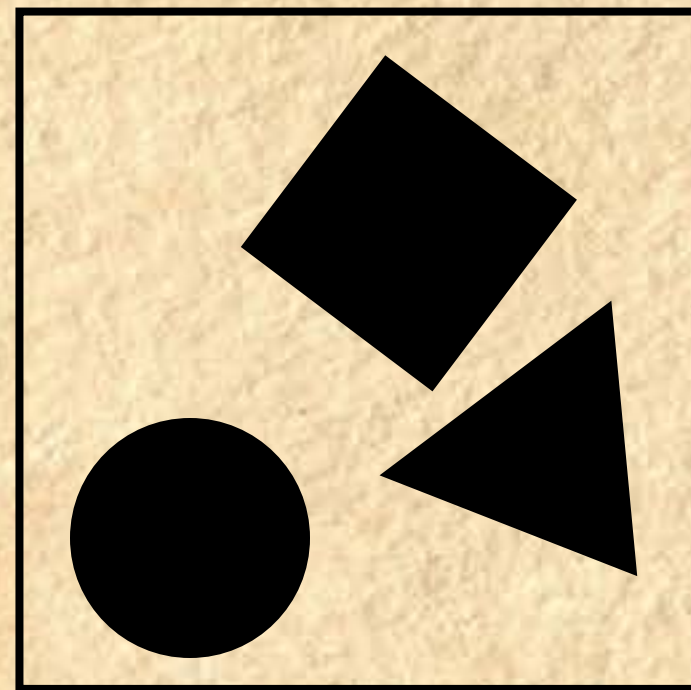
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## THE ARTIST WAY

Everytime you play The Infinity Games  
you create a work of art, a unique and lasting memory of your game





## PHILOSOPHY

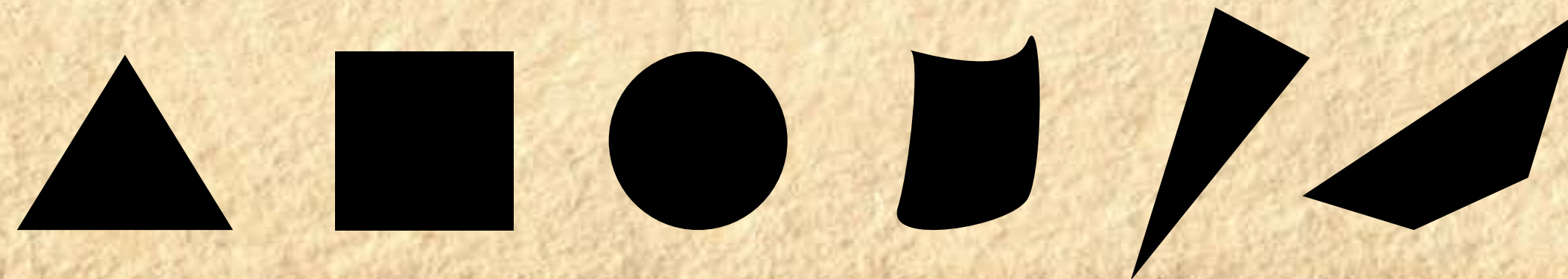
The philosophy underlying The Infinity Games is the idea that everything is connected and constantly changing

## PURPOSE

The Infinity Games stimulates creativity as well as abstract thinking in players of all ages

## PLAY

To play The Infinity Games means to create, learn, share, tell stories, change and reflect





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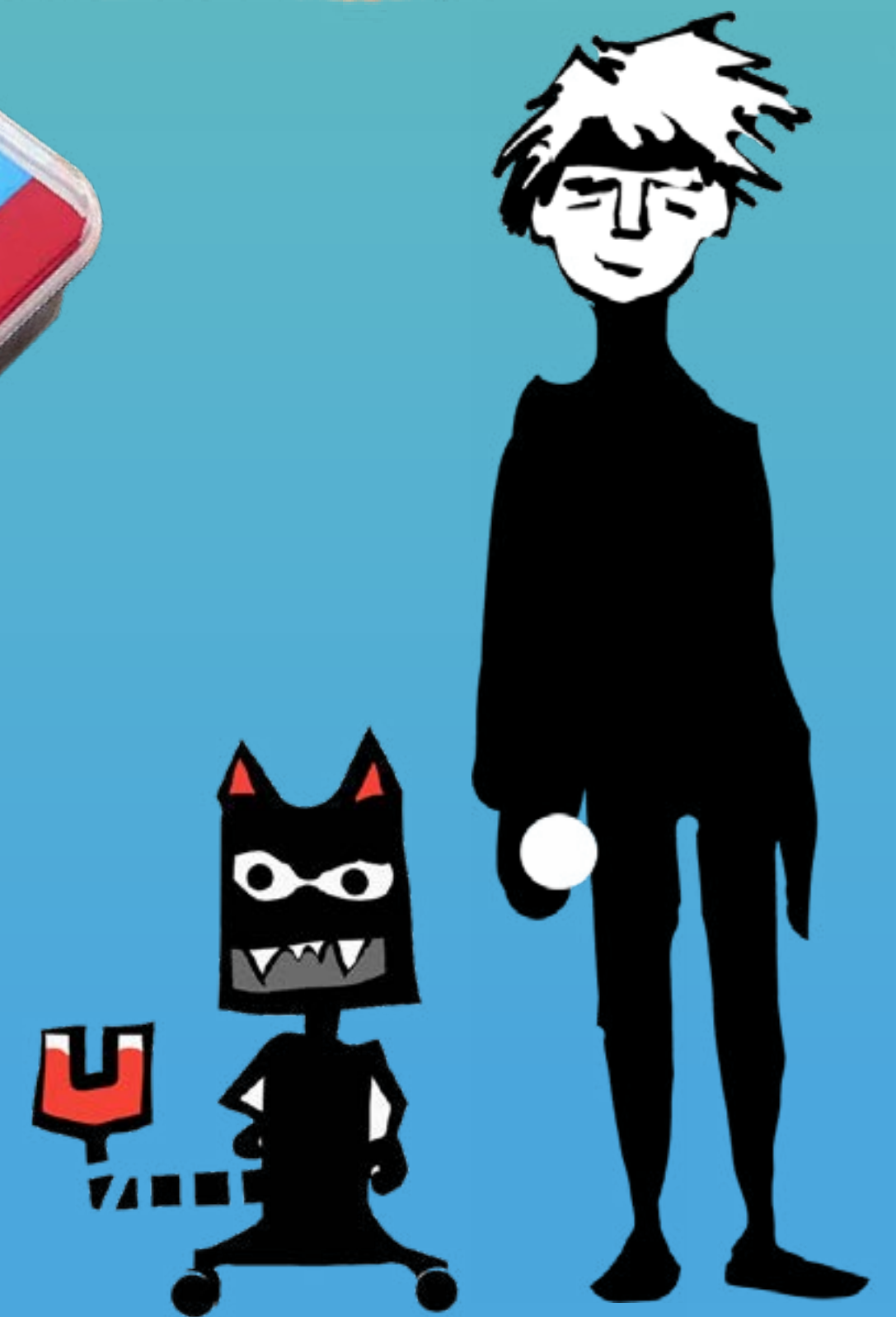
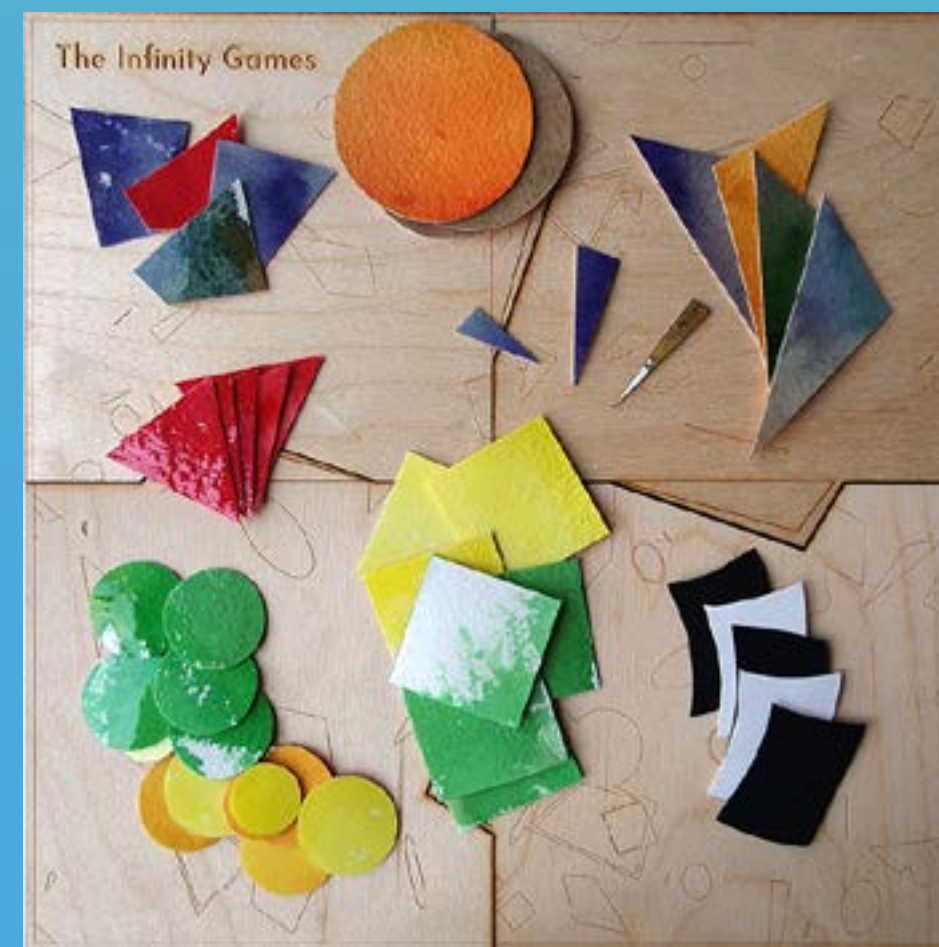




## Artifacts

The Infinity Games is a philosophy and a game in which life is seen as an infinite and ever changing composition of elements. It is represented by the following artifacts :

**The Infinity Cube, The Composition Game, The Infinity Cards and The Infinity Games Comic Art**





## Life is an ever changing composition



The concept of The Infinity Games embodies Marie Binks philosophy of life.

Life is no more or less than a complex, ever changing composition. We, the players, play life every day, change position, change perspective, relate ourselves to all the other elements of life, and influence them as they influence us.

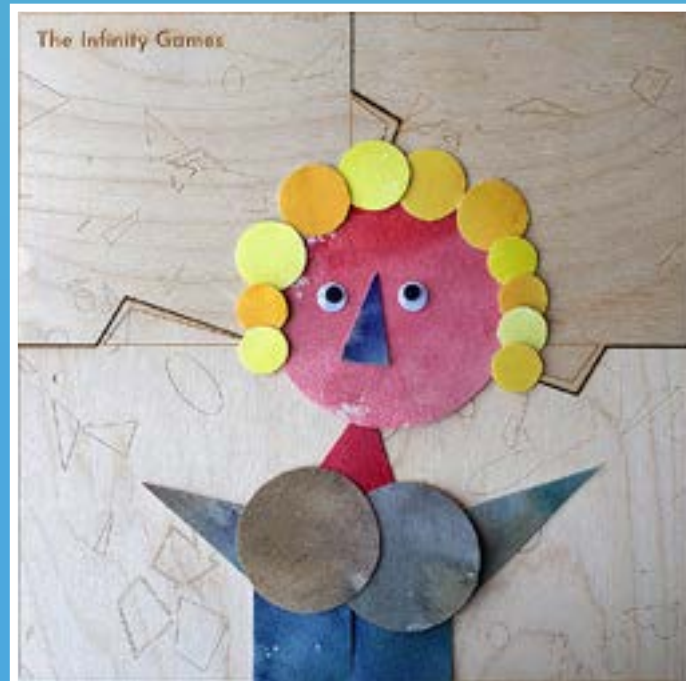
Life is therefore an infinite game that we play with all existing things in the universe, for all things are connected and will constantly change and influence each other. Or, to put it as light as possible: life is play. Infinite play.



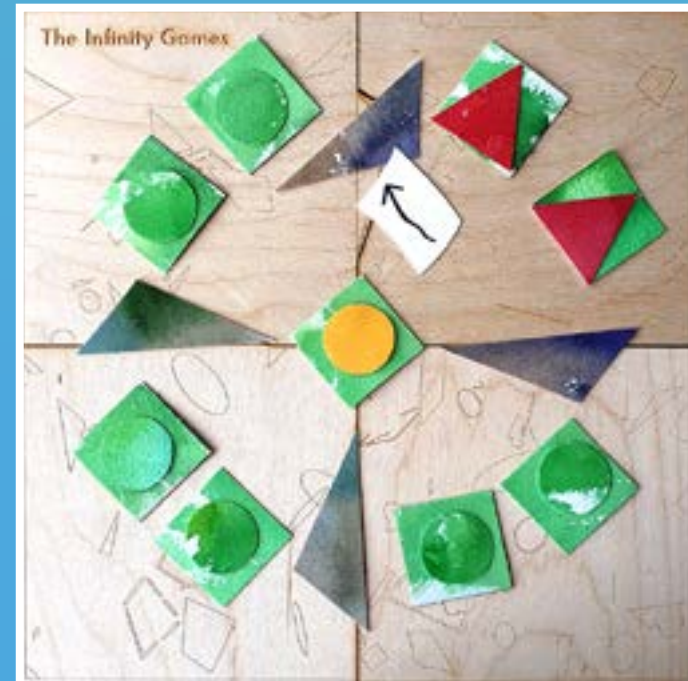
## About the game

While playing The infinity Games you create a unique work of art on a playing board (the canvas) using colourful basic elements like circles, triangles and squares., and by adding elements of your own choosing; objects, images and texts. In every composition you explore a topic that interests you. Your thoughts take on a visible form. This is the Artist way and anyone can do it!

Within The Infinity Games we compare everything that exists to an infinite composition of elements. Every part of life can be conceived as a composition within a composition. Again and again. A composition can be defined as an arrangement of elements within a frame. This frame can take many forms; it can be as big as the universe or as small as the painter's canvas. Create in physical or in digital space. Play alone or with others. Every game you play results in a new composition. You can share the outcome of your game in the gallery of The Infinity Games. The Infinity Cards inspire you to CREATE, LEARN, SHARE, TELL STORIES, CHANGE and REFLECT.



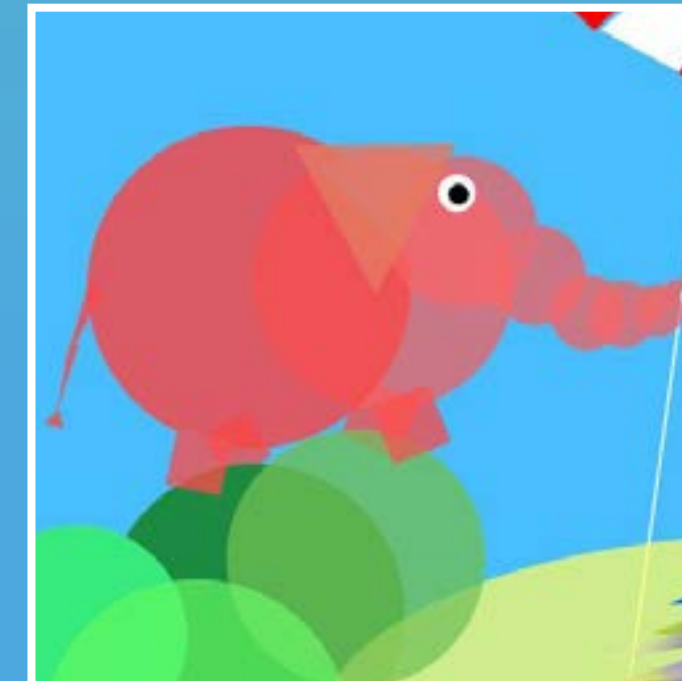
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ECOLOGY



UNIVERSE



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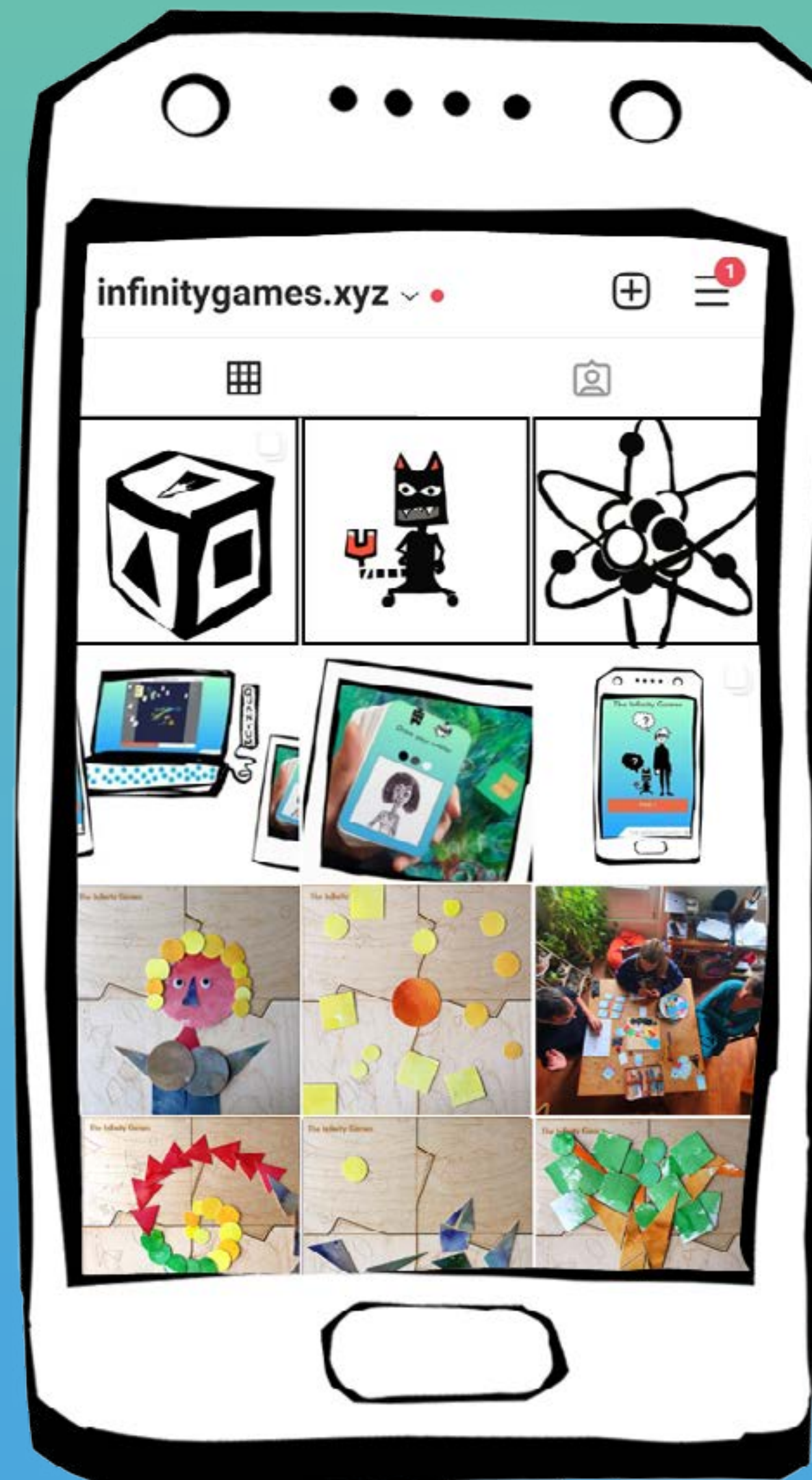
FREE PLAY



You can share the outcome of your game in the gallery of The Infinity Games







Or TAG your art  
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## Definitions

***The infinity Games*** A philosophy and a game in which life is seen as an infinite and ever changing composition of elements

***The infinity Cube*** A six sided cube or die with six shapes called 'Slices Of Time' symbolizing the 'Flow Of Life'

***Slices Of Time*** Elementary elements / shapes

***Creative slice*** Triangular shape symbolizing creation

***Information slice*** Rectangular shape symbolizing learning

***Mother slice*** Circular shape symbolizing sharing

***Story slice*** A piece of paper symbolizing story telling

***Quantum slice*** A long triangular shape symbolizing change

***Window slice*** A four-sided shape that can change shape and so symbolizes reflection

***Canvas*** A playing board on which you create compositions

***Collections*** Series of objects, shapes or other images

***Composition*** An arrangement of elements within a frame

***The Composition Game*** Playfully creating an artistic composition

***The Infinity Cards*** Packs of playing cards containing various Infinity Games games

***The Infinity Games comic art*** Depicting the world of The Coolies who live within The Infinity Games

***Coolly*** A person that is cool in the coolest possible way you can comprehend and express it. (urban dictionary)

***Often reappearing Coolies:***

***Marie Bink & GLITCH*** An artist and a bot. They are the hosts of The Infinity Games

***Magic Word Wizard*** A voice telling stories while engaging in magic word play



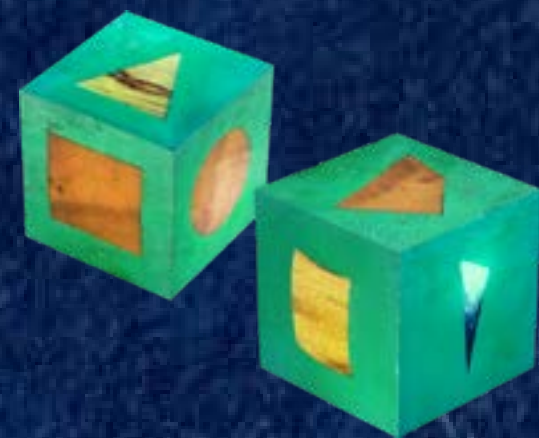
*" In the beginning there was Nothing. Nothing felt alone and said:  
I need Something.*

*For countless years,  
Nothing traveled in the greatest solitude in Infinity in search of Something.  
Just when it thought there was no place left to look, it suddenly stumbled upon a cube.*

*Nothing stiffened.  
It felt terrified after being alone all this time. Nothing panicked  
and couldn't help but throw the cube far away into the realms of Infinity.*

*The Cube started to roll. Thus the Flow Of Life began.  
A beautiful world was created out of Nothing. "*

*Magic Word wizard*





## How to play?

There are three ways of playing:

**The Composition Game** | Create a composition based on a subject (quick start!)

**The Card Game** | Create a composition based on a subject using a deck of cards with questions and assignments

**Free Play** | Create a composition by intuition, come up with your own ideas or use elements of the games above

There's an analogue and a digital version of the game available. You can combine them as well.

What do you need to play?

**A canvas** (a playing board)

**Slices Of Time** (shapes)

In addition:

**An Infinity cube** (a die)

**The Infinity Cards** (different sets of cards that contain different games)





Canvas & Slices Of Time



The Infinity Cards



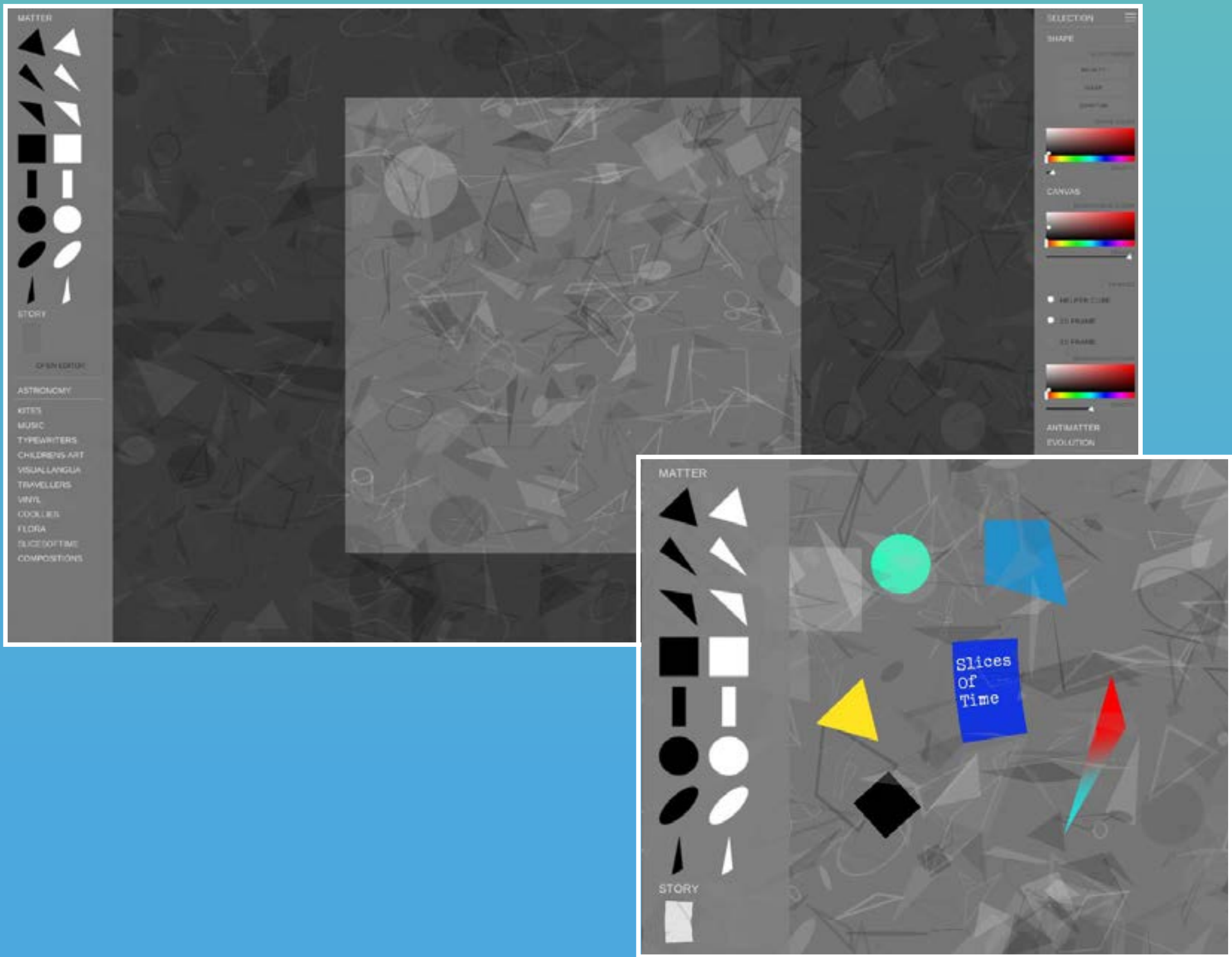
The Infinity cube





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Canvas & Slices Of Time



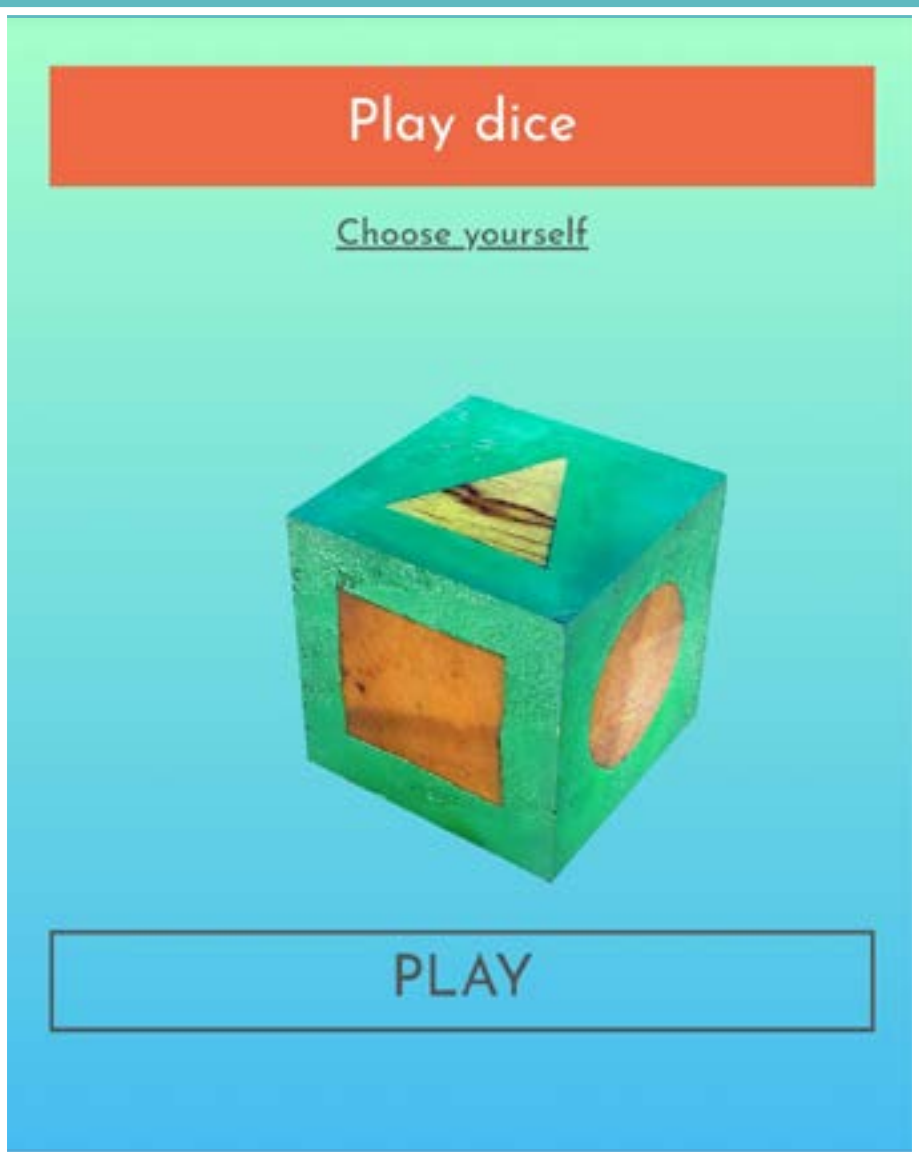
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The Infinity Cards



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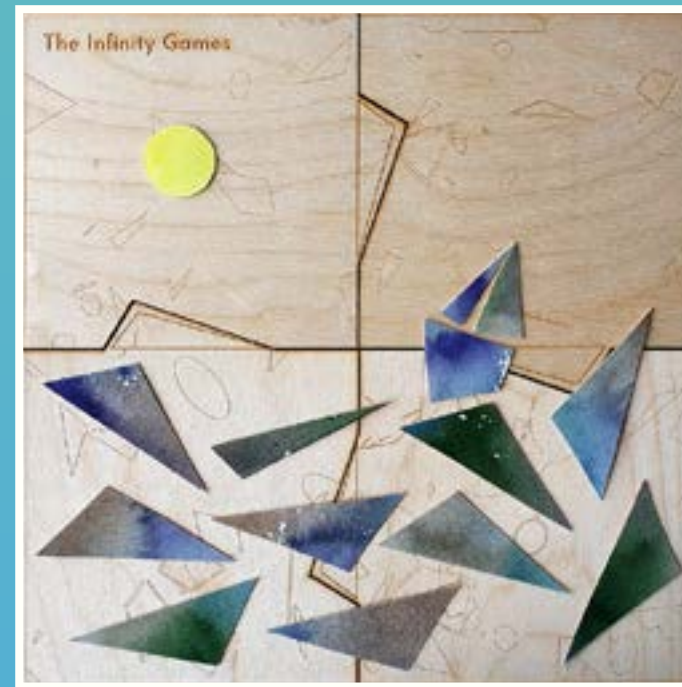
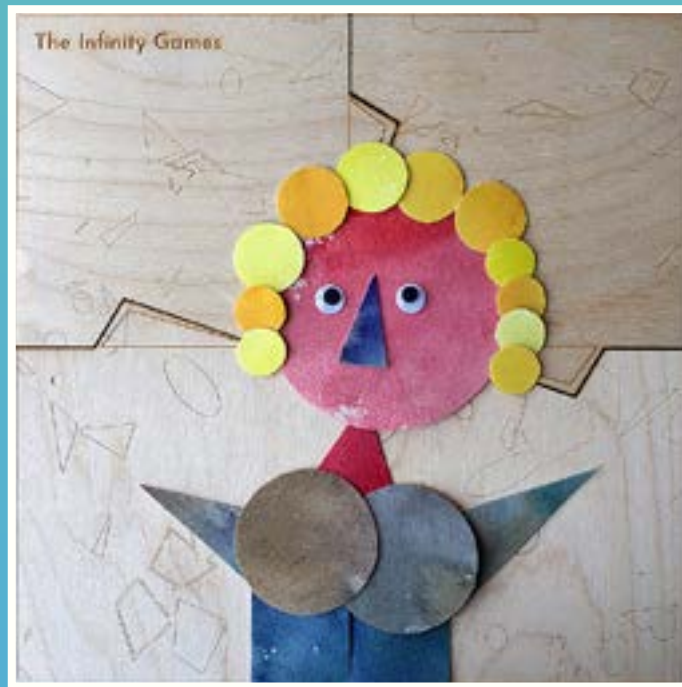


# Composition Game

Quick start! If you want to start creating straight away without a lot of instructions, then this is your game. Use The Composition Game Cards for inspiration or come up with your own subjects.

## Analogue

Make a photograph and TAG on Instagram: [@infinitygames.xyz](https://www.instagram.com/infinitygames.xyz) | [#theinfinitygames](https://www.instagram.com/theinfinitygames)



## Digital

The [video tutorials](#) will show you how to navigate in digital space and how to save your composition to the online gallery



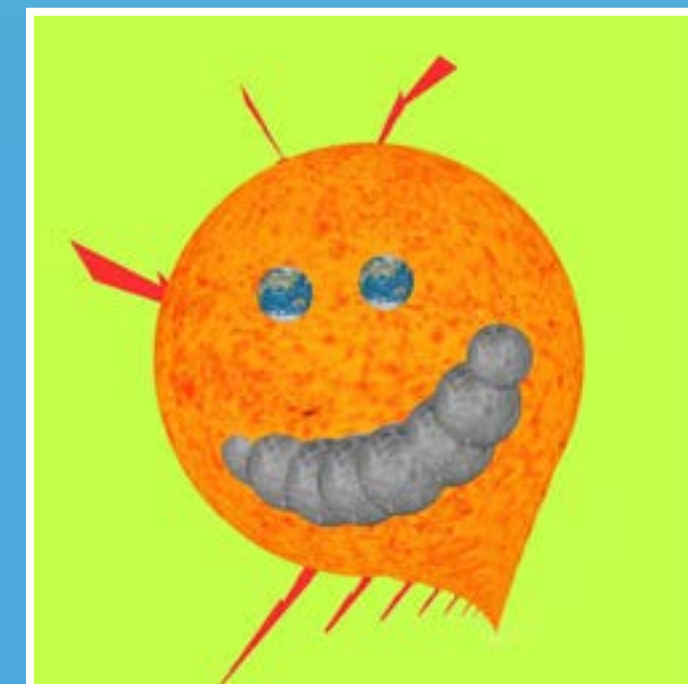
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Composition Game Cards

ABSTRACT

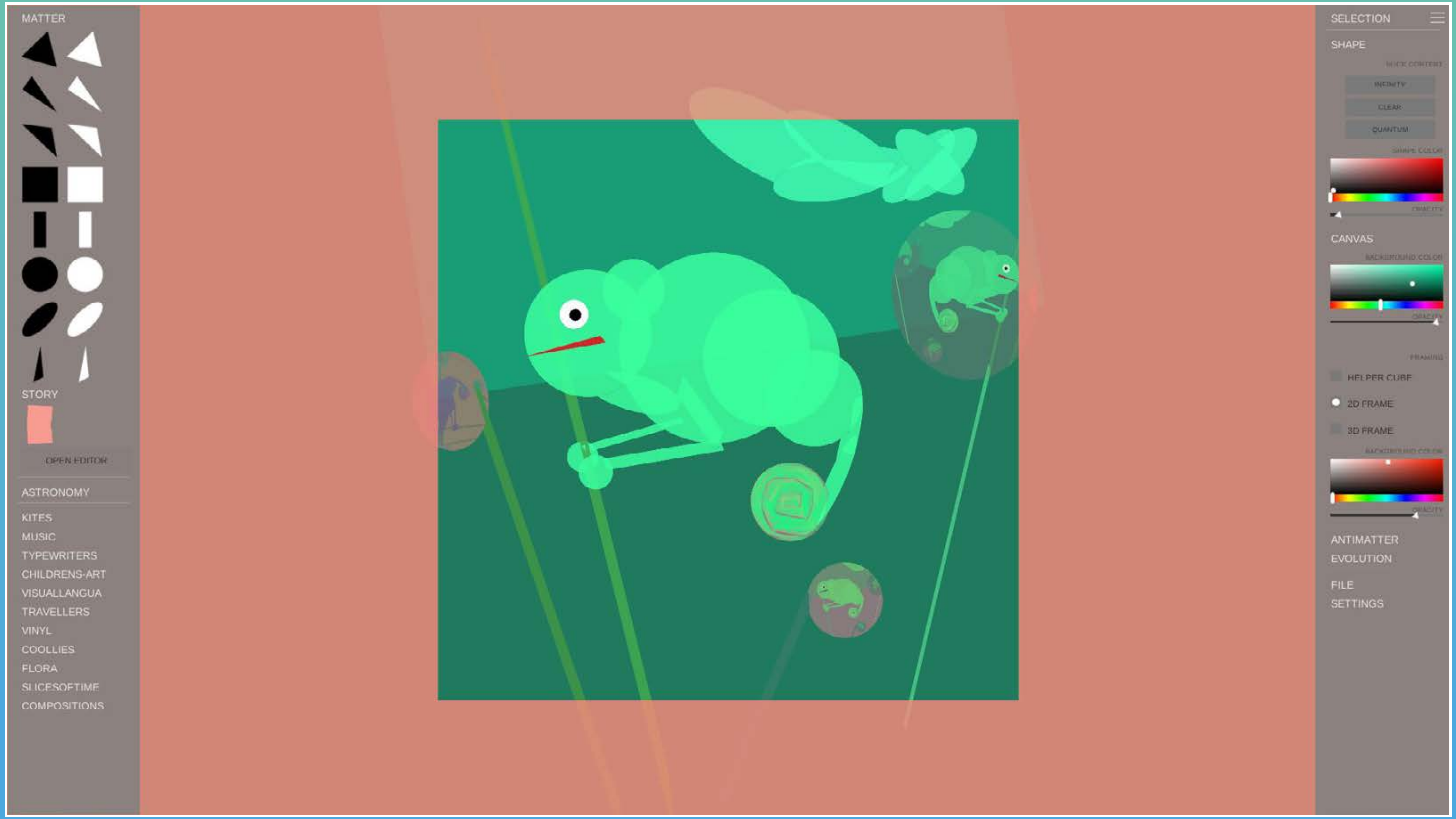
CREATE

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CREATE

A DYNAMIC  
COMPOSITION








Share your composition




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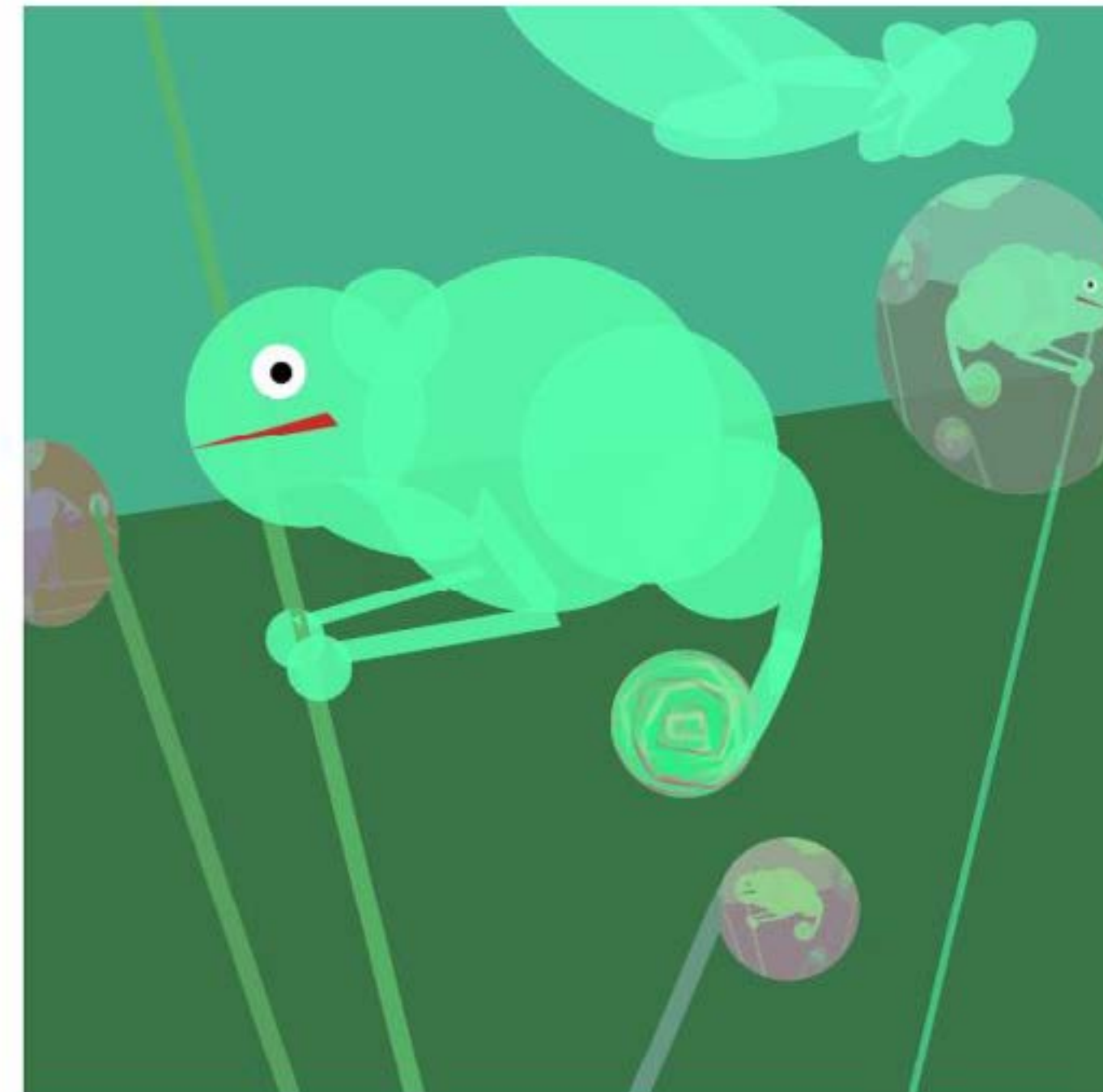
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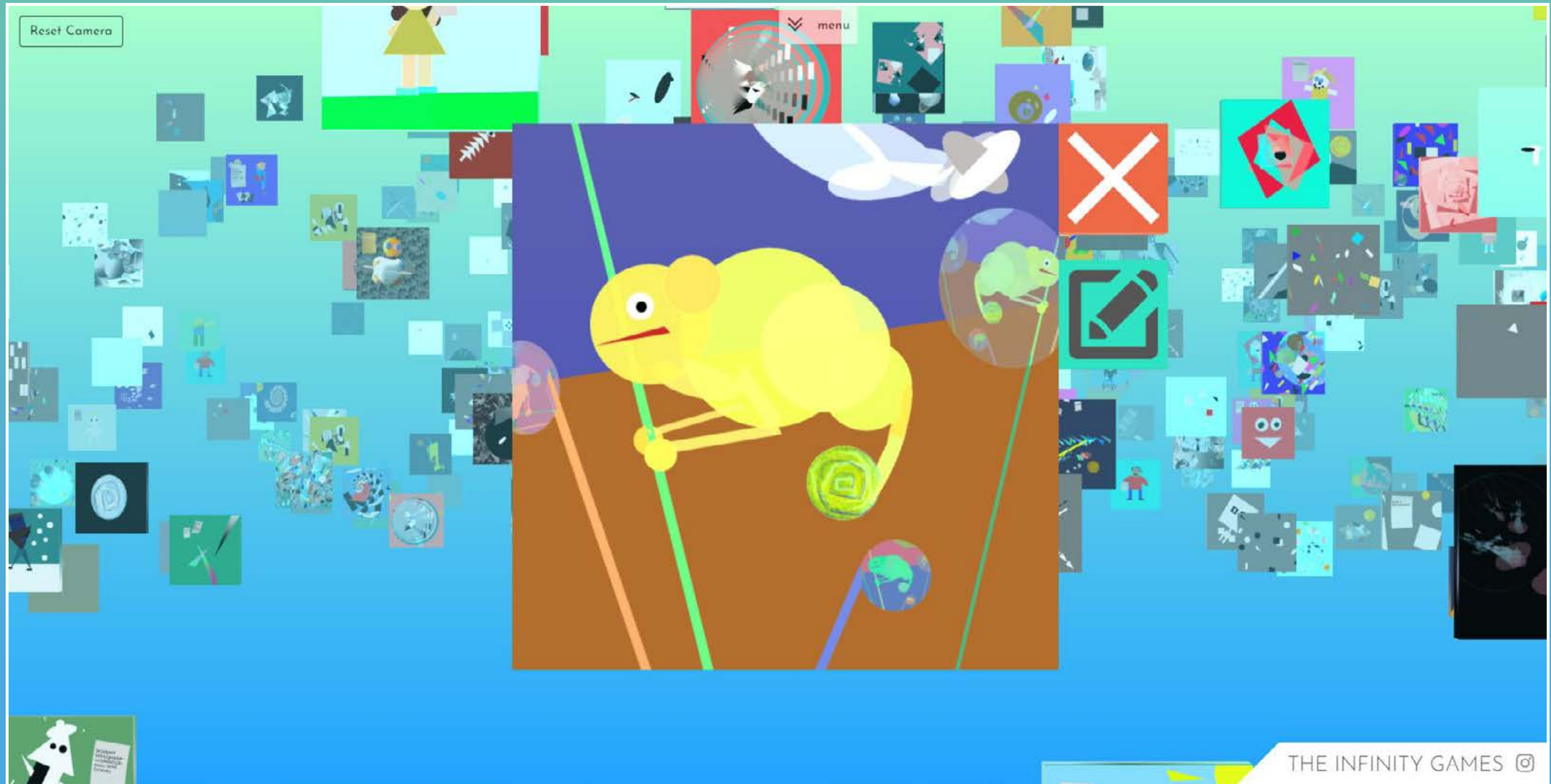
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By clicking the 'pencil' symbol you enter the works of art in The Infinity Games Gallery.  
You can infinitely change them while saving them as new works of art.



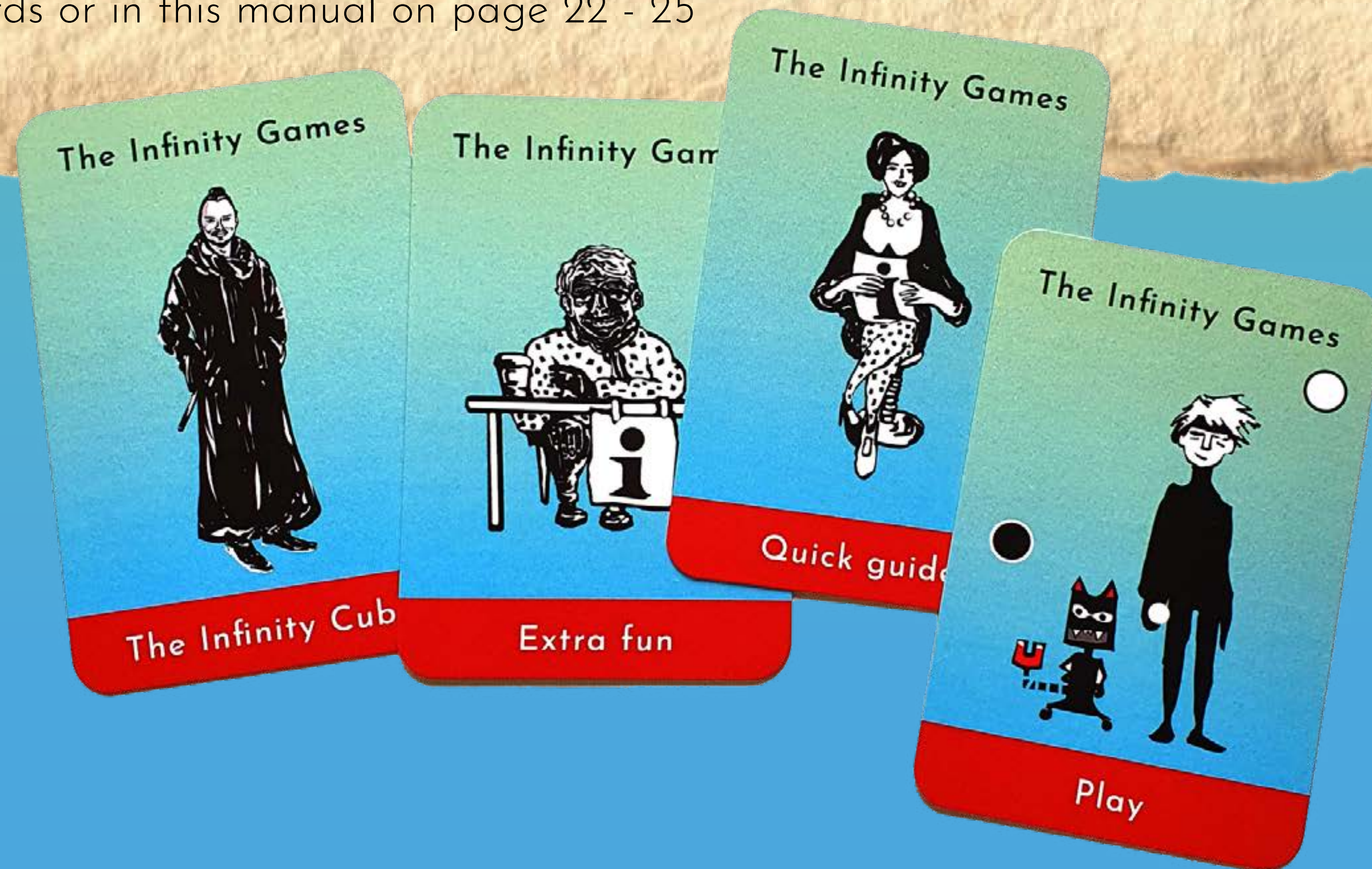


## Card Game

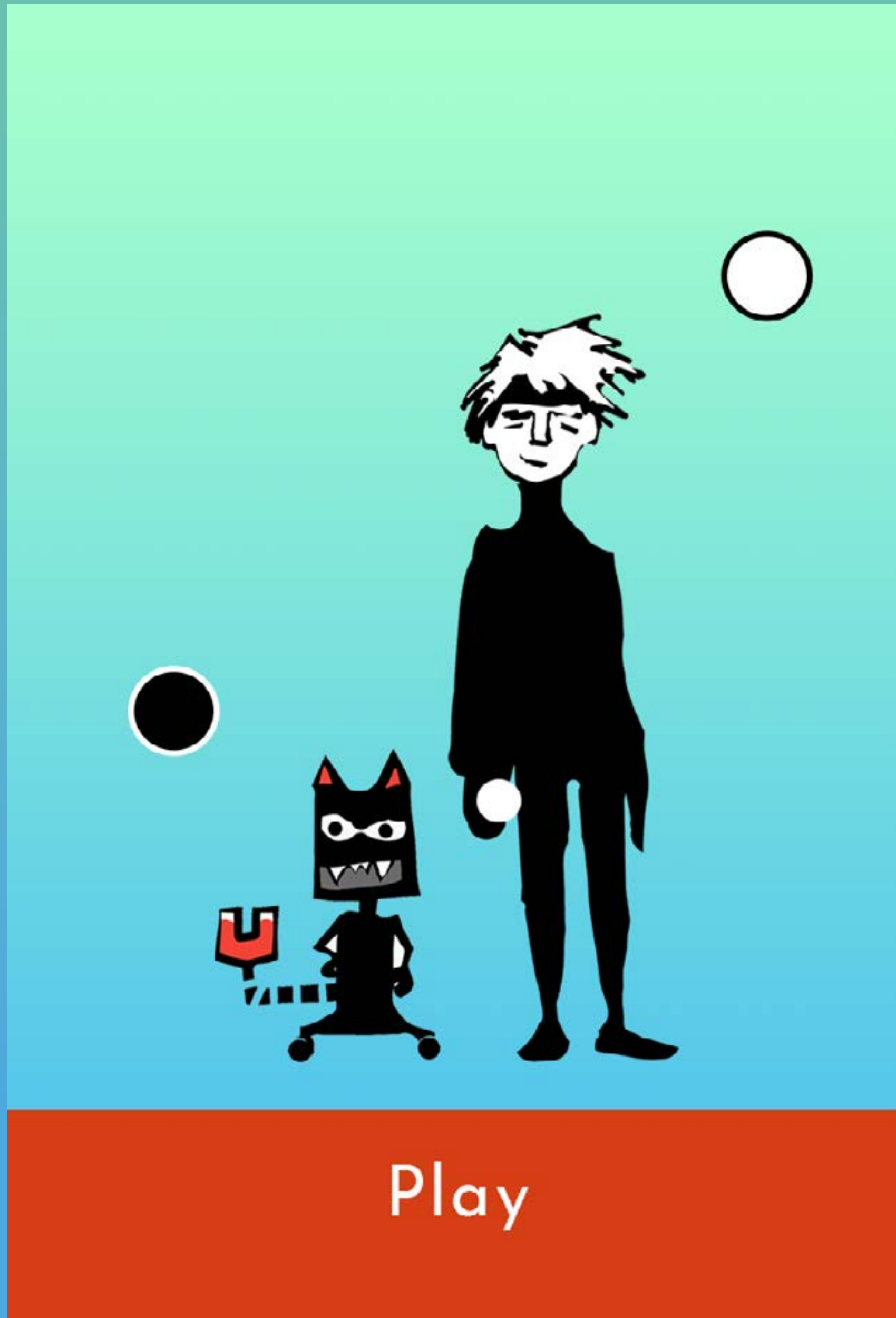
Playing with The Infinity Cards is fairly simple. The **quick guide on page 23** will tell you how to start straight away. The **extra fun guide** explains how The Infinity card (The Joker) and The Coolly cards (role play) will make your game a more immersive experience. You can even play by yourself! But playing with others and discussing the questions and assignments on the play cards will enhance the experience.

This is a game that stimulates dialogue. Together you create a great composition on the play board. Make a true work of art!

Read the instructions on your play cards or in this manual on page 22 - 25







## Hey there!

We are Marie Bink and GLITCH  
Your hosts: an artist & a bot.

The Infinity Cards is a series of  
games to make the player  
explore subjects and make art  
at the same time.  
Each deck of cards is a different  
game about a different subject.

There are nine games:  
SELFIE | SOCIETY | ECOLOGY  
ART | ART | AI  
PARTICLE | UNIVERSE | INFINITY

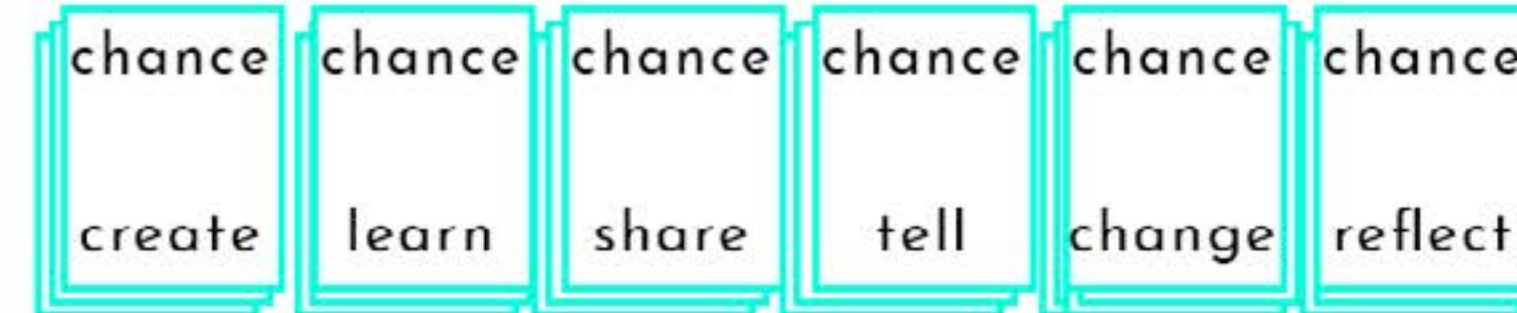
You can play with actual cards,  
or access them digitally:  
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## Quick guide

Place the cards in piles.  
Prepare the board, elements & cube.



slices of time  
/  
elements



Play in rounds; each player takes a turn  
A player's turn consists of:

1. Throw The Infinity Cube
2. Take the top Chance card with the corresponding symbol & act on it
3. Add one or more elements to the canvas that correspond with your symbol
4. Put the card back at the bottom

Keep repeating rounds until  
your work of art is finished!





Extra fun guide

## The Infinity Card

This playing card is the Joker.

Anyone can bring it into play.  
In every round this card  
may be played only once.

With the Infinity card you can  
decide to pause the game  
and make a change to the artistic  
composition on the board.  
You can rearrange the  
composition and add new  
elements to it.

You can decide to do this yourself  
or with the other players.

The aim of this intervention is  
to optimize your work of art.





Extra fun guide

## Role play

Divide the Coolly Cards.  
Every player picks a role.

Being a Coolly means:  
(Urban Dictionary)  
*'To be cool in the coolest  
possible way you can  
comprehend and express it'*

The instructions for your role are  
on the back of your Coolly Card.

There's always one Coolly  
with the ability to hand out  
**Points In Infinity**  
to players that play  
in a special way.



## Free play

Are you super creative? There are many things you can do with the concept of composition. For example; make a wallpainting, a puzzle, an intuitive work of art, a drawing on the beach and so on! Don't forget to tag your art. On The Infinity Games website you can also leave your ideas behind for others to watch and interact with. You can write stories together or start a visual dialogue. Follow the video tutorials on the website.





## Create your own games

It is possible to create your own games.

In The Infinity Games store you can buy blank playing cards.

Create your own game by adding your own topic, questions and assignments. Or invent your own roles.

**Go to page 28**

If you prefer to play online, the same applies, although the way to do it is slightly different.

There are many ways to play in the digital mode.

You always start by creating a new composition with the Composition Game online.

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## Analogue | instructions

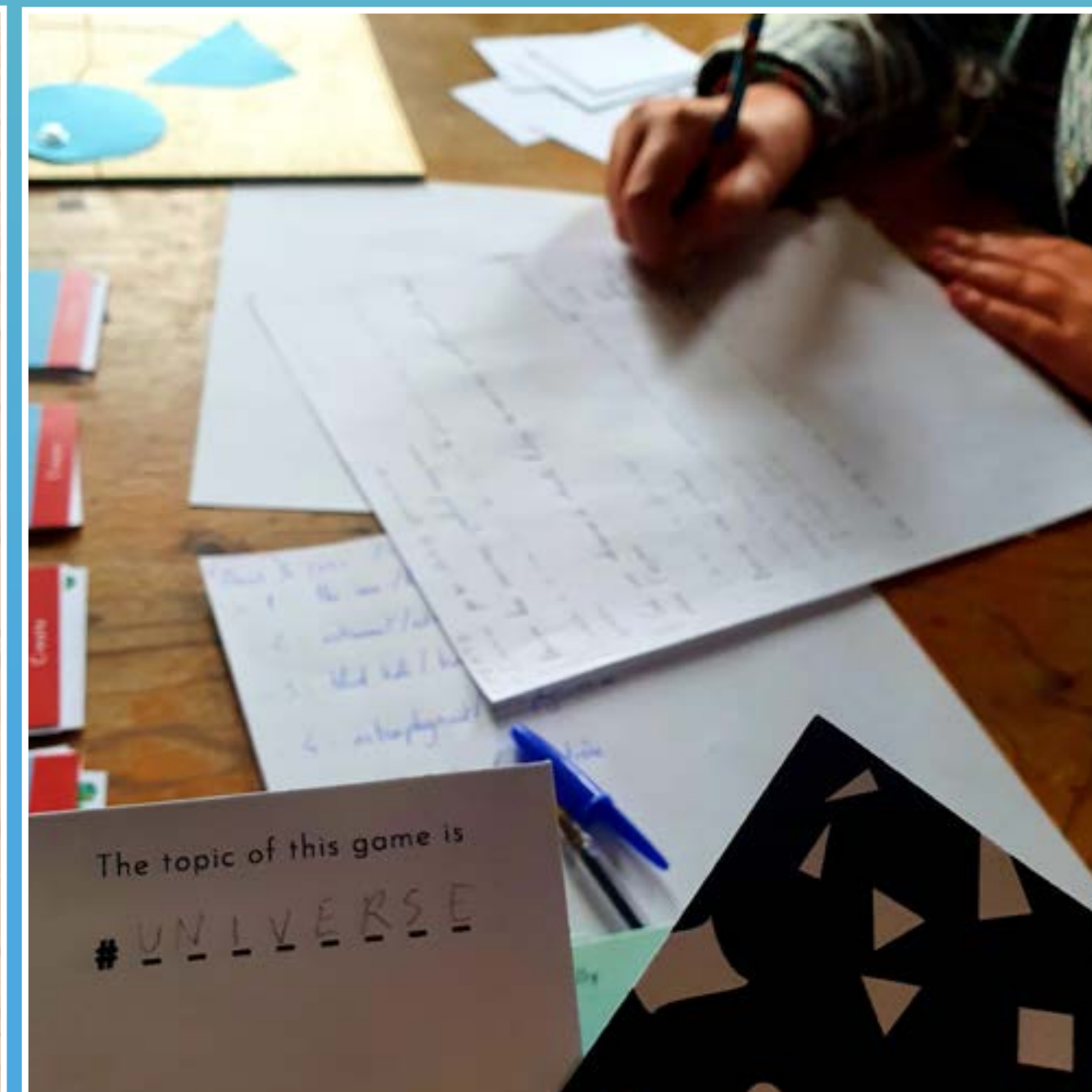
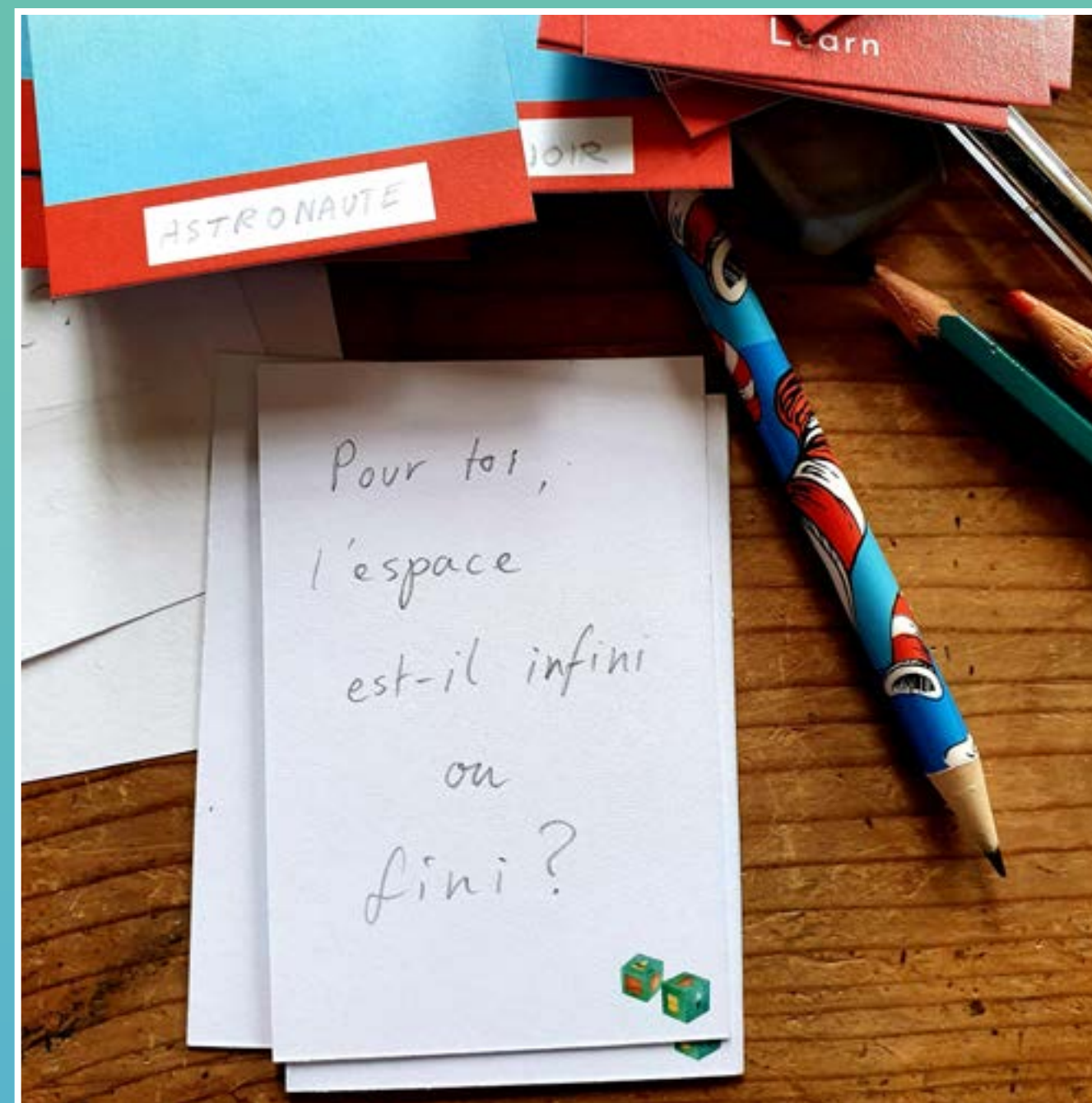
1. Take an empty deck of Infinity Cards
2. Come up with a subject and write a short description on the subject card
2. For every category come up with questions and assignments. Write them on the back of the Chance Cards
  - CREATE cards: a little assignment that you can instantly perform
  - LEARN cards: a question that requires for you to look up information
  - SHARE cards: an assignment that makes you share something with others in or outside the game
  - TELL cards: an incentive to tell a short story that evolves around the subject
  - CHANGE cards: a question of or idea about what could or should change regarding the subject
  - REFLECT cards: a question that makes you reflect upon the subject, or an incentive to ask for the opinion of others

You can use the format of The existing Infinity Card Games.

The empty deck of Infinity Cards comes with examples to get you started

3. Come up with roles that go well with your subject and write a description on the cards
4. Check the Card Game instructions on page 19 - 23 of this manual
5. Play!







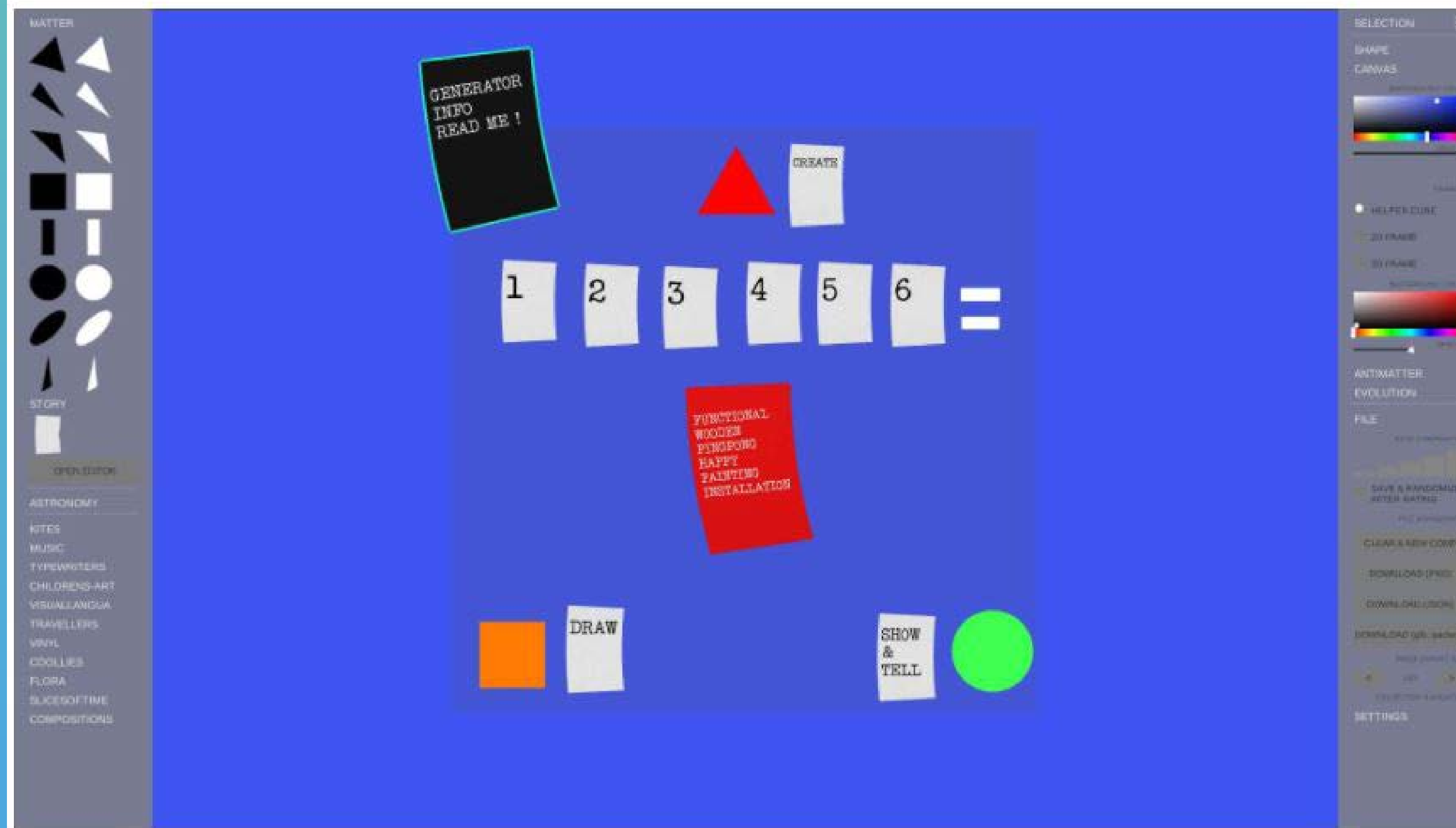




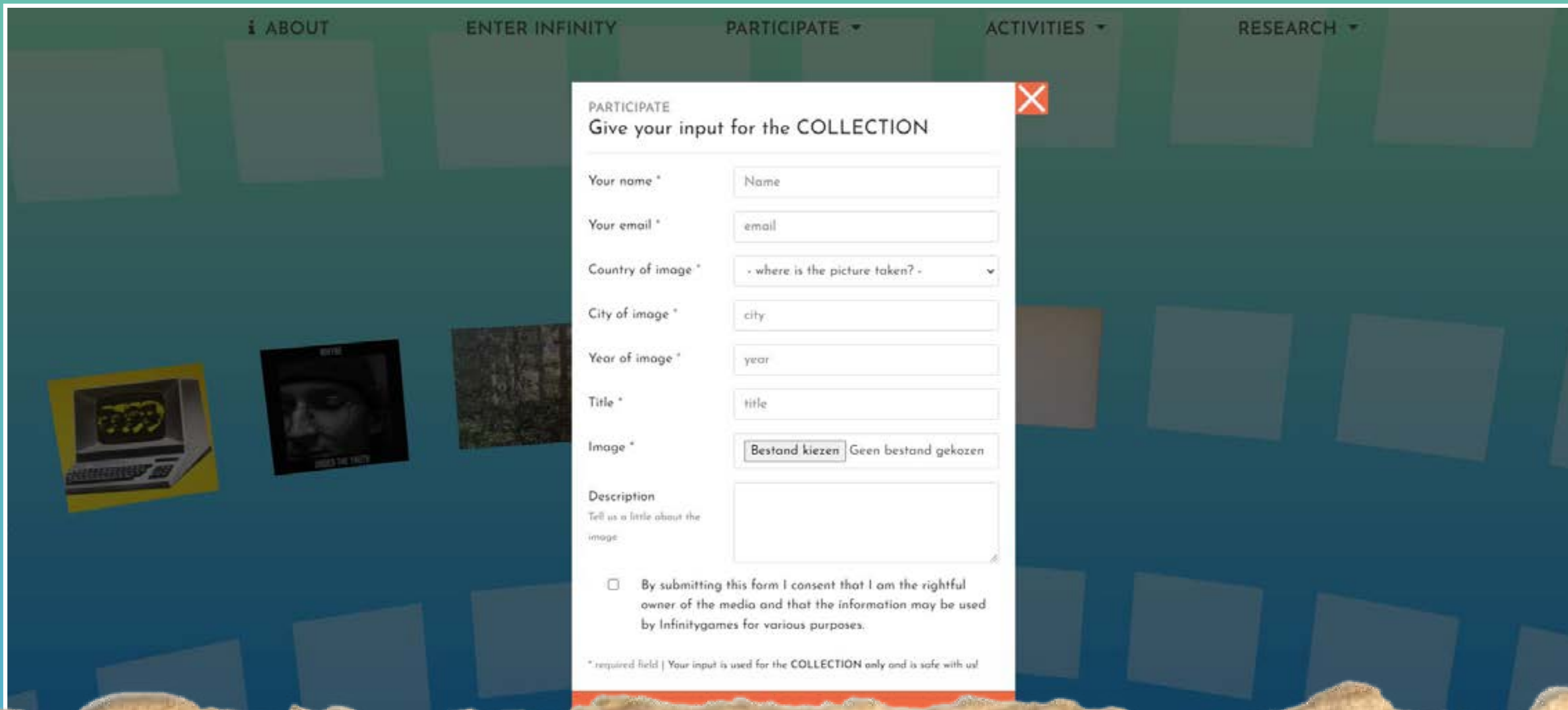
# GENERATOR

Generate an invention

ENTER GAME HERE







## Participate

The Infinity Games is truly Infinite: it grows and develops through being played. All players may add their own elements. So: feel free to help expand The Infinity Games in every direction - just like the Universe that inspired its creation.

On [infinitygames.xyz/participate/collections](https://infinitygames.xyz/participate/collections) you will find collections of images players have created. Look for a category that you like and upload your image - after which you can always find it in the Collections Gallery as well as in the menu of elements in the digital version of the Composition Game. From this collaborative library of images you can start creating new works of art.

Enter the Participate mode on the site and find plenty of opportunities to become a co-creator of The Infinity Games!



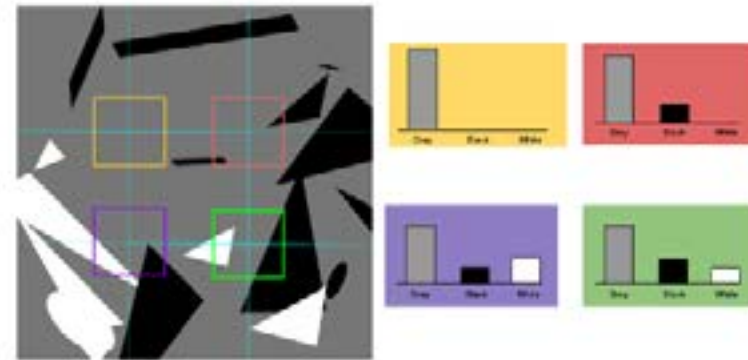


Figure 8: Two-third points

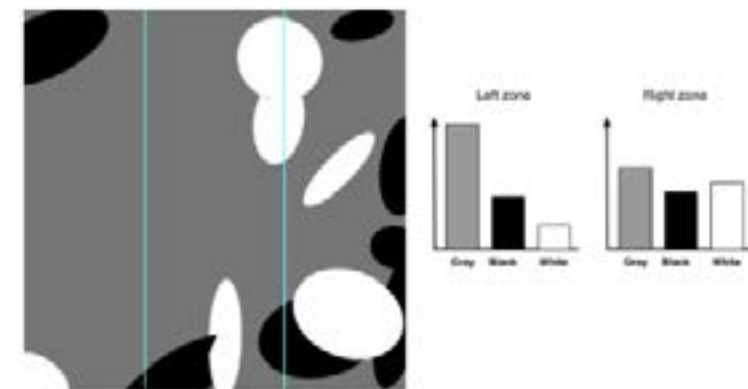


Figure 9: Balance

This feature calculates how much do pairs of shapes on left and the right side of the composition pull each other, which is another type of indication of balance in the picture. First, the composition is split into two halves in the middle, then the center and area of the shapes are calculated. Newton's law, which is the law of gravitation, is used to calculate the pull between the shapes.

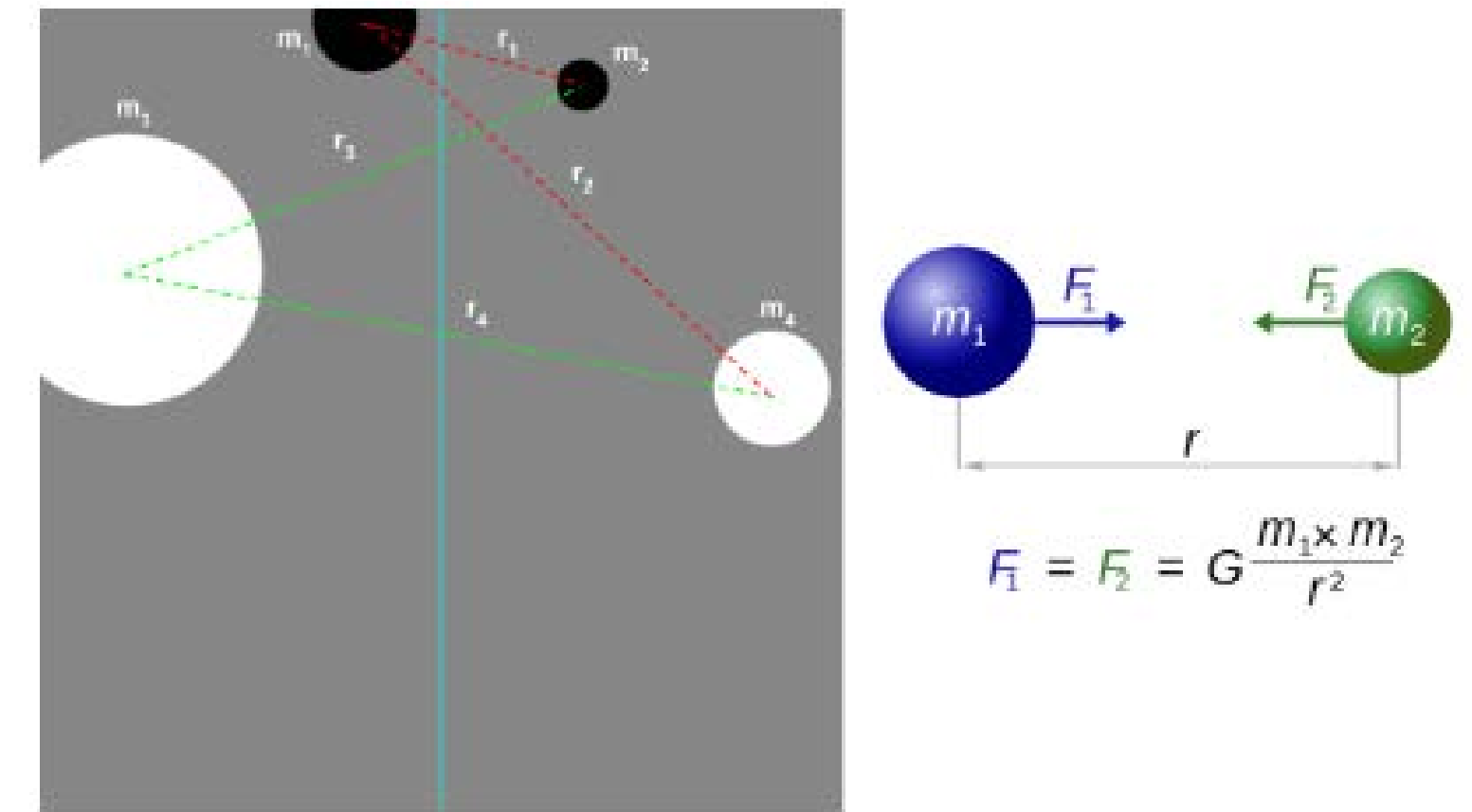


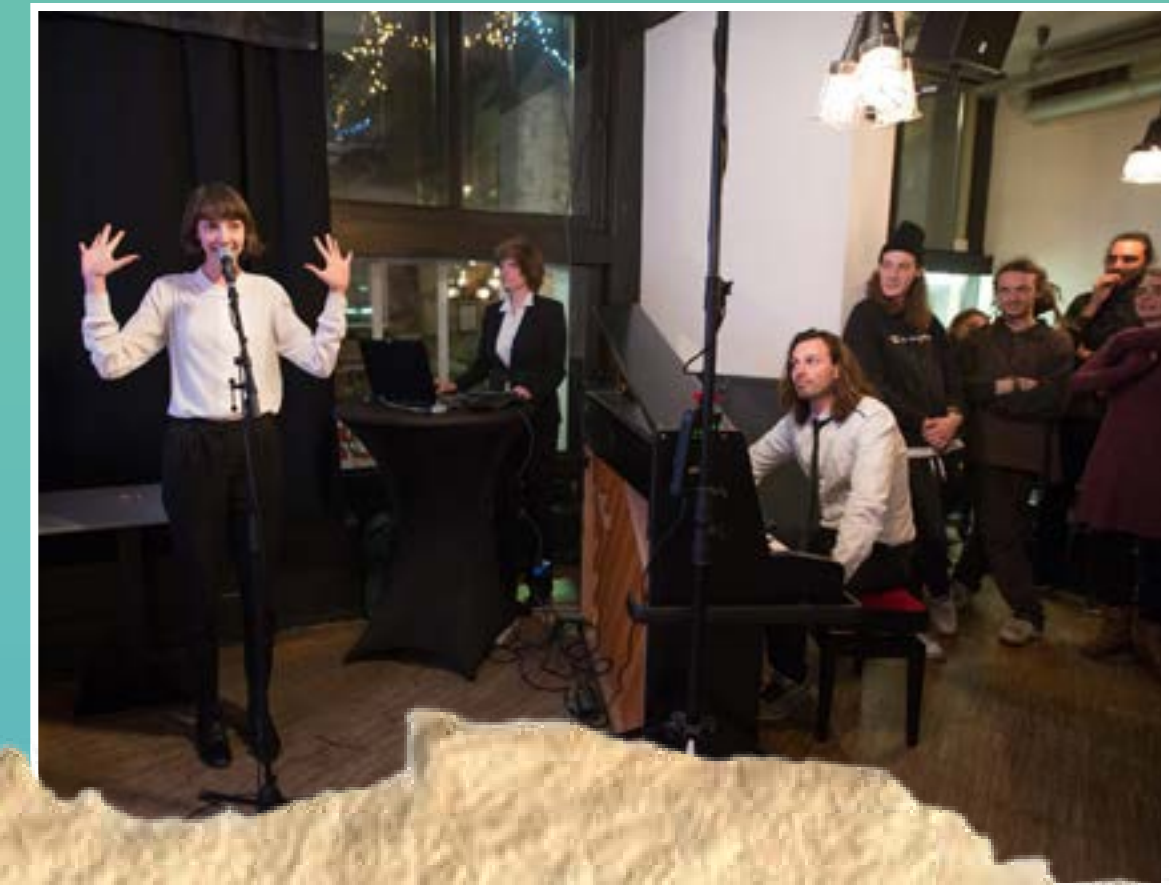
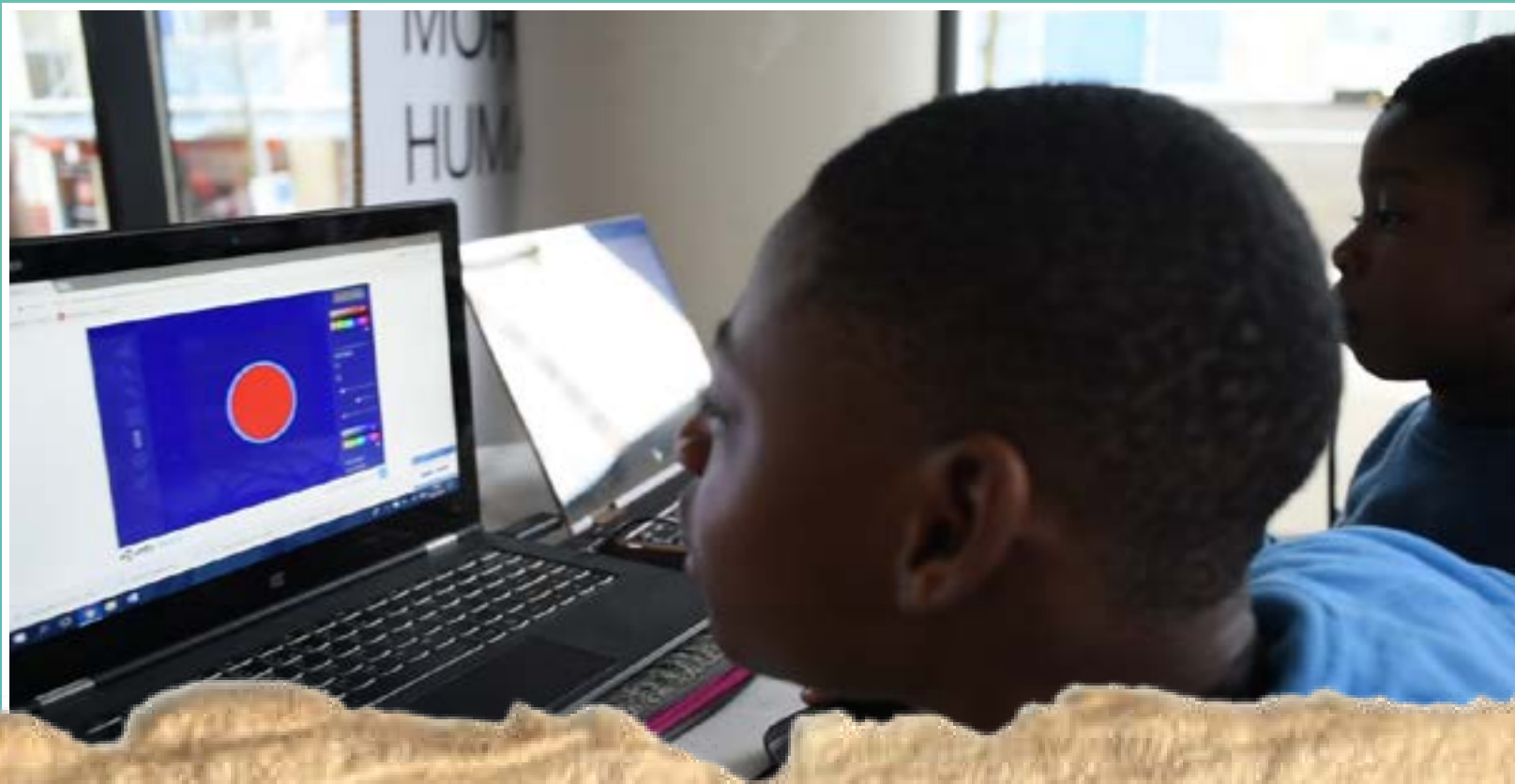
Figure 10: Gravity

## Research

Is there a link between the “composition of life” and the idea of composition in the arts? Can we deduct laws for harmonic compositions via scientific research? Marie Bink collaborates with scientists, artists, game designers and the audience to find answers to these questions and to give shape to The Infinity Games.

Please follow the Research page on the website where you'll find blogposts, imagery, video's, articles and a graphic novel.





## Activities

The Infinity Games aims to play an active and inspiring role in society. It serves as a platform people can get involved in. There are The Infinity Games to play. But there's a lot more happening. The method of The Infinity Games is also being used in Scientific Research and in educational programs. The Infinity Games provides lectures about the concept of The Infinity Games. Another exciting activity are performances; artists from different disciplines meet on stage to find a common language in music, dance, visuals and spoken word. And then there are workshops for all ages. For kids, for families and for companies and institutions. And last but not least, there is art. The works from the players are on permanent digital display and there are exhibitions in physical space.

From its starting point in 2018 The Infinity Games has been shaped by players of all ages and backgrounds through interacting with this project and its platform. The Infinity Games is itself an ever changing composition that will evolve while interaction with its players.

Please follow The Activities page to stay updated, to look at pictures and video's or to book your own activity.







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and the audience