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The Cat’s Meow
We two - Anja Wrede and Christoph Cantzler - have come up with this game. We have been developing games ever since the 1990s. Since we are curious types and many different things fill us with enthusiasm, we have come up with different types of games, such as games of knowledge or games of skill and memory such as “The Cat’s Meow”. What we really like about this game is the fact that the box of the game is also part of the game itself. You don’t put it on the table like you are used to - you hold it in your hands and move it backwards and forwards in order to feed the titbits to the cats.

We wish you a great deal of fun!

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Components

• 1 game board
• 1 bottom part (2 parts)
• 4 feeding bowls
• 35 titbits (7 per cat)
• 1 cat figure

Story

As soon as the 5 little cats hear the box containing the titbits start to rustle, they come bounding up to it. Monti, the black tomcat, is cheekily ahead of the pack. He’s always particularly hungry. He greedily pushes himself to the front. They all want to get their paws on a couple of titbits. Naturally, each of the cats has its own favourite type of titbit. In the hullabaloo, however, it can happen that one of the cats gets hold of the favourite titbit from a different cat...
1. Each player chooses a feeding bowl and places it in front of them.

2. Shuffle all the titbits and place them face-down in the lid of the box (with the yellow side upwards). These are the supplies.

3. Assemble the bottom part by first of all putting part 1 with the arrows downwards into the box. Then put part 2 in part 1 such that the slots are the same colour.

4. Place the game board on the bottom part such that the compartments of the bottom part and the cats above it are the same colour.

5. Position the cat figure in the middle of the table.

The objective of the game is, by correctly feeding the cats, to win the greatest number of points.

The game is played in a clockwise direction. The last person to have had a sweet treat starts the game.

When it is your turn, take 3 titbits from the supplies and place them face-down on the field in the middle of the game board. If you are particularly fearless or are already a master at this game, you can play with 4 titbits.

Then reveal the titbits. Now remember each of the colours. Then turn the titbits back over such that they are once again face-down.

Hold the bottom of the box in both hands. Try to tilt, turn or shake the box such that the titbits fall into the mouth of the cat with the right colour. You are not allowed to touch the titbit with your finger or to push it!
The other players play close attention whilst you try to get the titbits into the right mouths!
If any of the other players thinks that a titbit has landed in the mouth of the wrong cat, they quickly grab hold of the cat figure and shout “The Cat’s Meow”.

As soon as this happens, you have to put the bottom of the box straight back on the table. Any titbits which are still lying on the game board are returned to the supplies.

Then lift up the game board and, along with the other players, see if all the titbits have ended up in the right cat.

**You didn’t feed all the titbits to the right cats?**

The player that grabbed the cat figure gets all the titbits from the bottom of the box and puts them in their feeding bowl.

**You fed all the titbits to the right cats?**

Then you have done everything purr-fectly! You get all the titbits from the bottom of the box and put them in your feeding bowl. The player that had grabbed the cat must take a titbit from their feeding bowl and return it to the supplies.

**Nobody calls “The Cat’s Meow”?**

Then you get all the titbits from the bottom of the box, even if some of them had ended up in the wrong cat, and put them in your feeding bowl.

It is then the next player’s turn.

If one player has 9 or more titbits in their feeding bowl, finish the round so that every player has had the same number of turns. The titbits are then counted. The player with the most titbits in their feeding bowl has won the game. If several of you have the same number of titbits, you are joint winners.
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