# Four in a Row (Version 1)

Game 16, pg. 50 (Derived Fact Strategies - Addition and Subtraction)

**Game Goal:** Be the first player to get 4 counters in a row.

Materials: one shared Four in a Row Version 1 gameboard (6x6 grid with numbers 0-18), two 10-sided dice (or 0-9 deck of cards), two colors of counters (or two colors of dry-erase markers if board is laminated), one recording sheet per player

# How to Play (2 players):

- 1. Player 1 rolls both dice (or draws 2 cards) and calculates the sum. Player 1 states the answer and shares the thinking strategy used.
- 2. Both players decide if the sum is correct. Once they agree it is correct, Player 1 records the equation on their recording sheet.
- 3. If the number is available, Player 1 covers it with a counter. Only one square may be covered on each turn, and a counter cannot be moved once played.
- Repeat steps 1-3 for Player 2. 4.
- Play continues until a player gets four in a row (horizontally, vertically, or diagonally). 5.

#### Game in Action:





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Variations: Vary card deck and/or dice and fill in a blank gameboard accordingly.

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- Use two 1-6 dice and fill board with numbers 2-12.
- Use 0-10 deck of cards and fill board with numbers 0-20.
- Customize dice so one die is only 8s and 9s and the other is 1-6. Fill board with 9-15.

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# Four in a Row (Version 2)

Game 16, pg. 50 (Derived Fact Strategies - Addition and Subtraction)

**Game Goal:** Be the first player to get 4 counters in a row.

**Materials:** one shared Four in a Row Version 2 gameboard (6x6 grid with numbers 0-18 and row of addends at the bottom), two colors of counters (or two colors of dry-erase markers if board is laminated), two paper clips, one recording sheet for per player

# How to Play (2 players):

- 1. Player 1 chooses any 2 addends from the bottom list and marks them with the two paper clips (both paper clips may be placed on the same number). Player 1 states the sum and shares the thinking strategy used.
- 2. Both players decide if the sum is correct. Once they agree it is correct, Player 1 records the equation on their recording sheet and covers the sum with a counter.
- 3. Player 2 moves exactly ONE of the paper clips to a new addend. Player 2 states the sum and shares the thinking strategy used.
- 4. Both players decide if the sum is correct. Once they agree it is correct, Player 2 records the equation on their recording sheet and covers the sum with a counter.
- 5. Play continues, with each player moving exactly ONE paper clip each turn. Only one square may be covered on each turn, and a counter cannot be moved once played. If the sum is not available, the player loses that turn.

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6. Play continues until a player gets four in a row (horizontally, vertically, or diagonally).

## Game in Action:

I'm going to move the paper clip from 6 to 9. I know 9+3 is 12 because 9+3 is the same as 10+2. I'll cover 12.

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