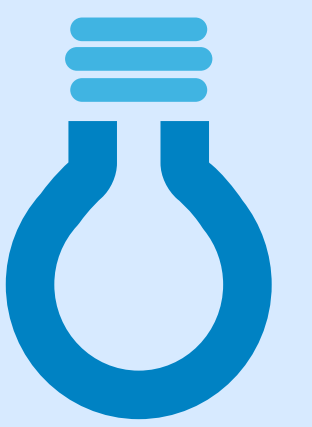




# GIFT #4 DREIDEL



## THE DREIDEL SONG

Well  
 I have a little dreidel  
 I made it out of clay  
 And when it's dry and ready  
 Then, dreidel I shall play.  
 Oh, dreidel, dreidel, dreidel  
 I made it out of clay  
 And when it's dry and ready  
 Then, dreidel I will play.  
 It has a lovely body  
 With legs so short and thin  
 And when it gets all tired  
 It drops and then I win.  
 Oh, dreidel, dreidel, dreidel  
 I made it out of clay  
 And when it's dry and ready  
 Then, dreidel I shall play.  
 My dreidel's always playful  
 It loves to dance and spin  
 A happy game of dreidel  
 Come play now, let's begin.  
 Oh, dreidel, dreidel, dreidel  
 I made it out of clay  
 And when it's dry and ready  
 Then, dreidel I will play.



## THE DREIDEL SONG IN YIDDISH

(TRANSLITERATED)

Ikh bin a kleyner dreydl,  
 gemakht bin ikh fun blay.  
 Kunt lomir ale shpiln,  
 in dreydl – eyns, tsvey, dray.  
 Oy, dreydl, dreydl, dreydl, oy,  
 drey zikh, dreydl, drey  
 To lomir ale shpiln,  
 in dreydl, eyns un tsvey.  
 Un ikh hob lib tsu tantsn,  
 zikh dreyen in a rod.  
 To lomir ale tantsn,  
 a dreydl-karahod.  
 Oy, dreydl, dreydl, dreydl, oy,  
 drey zikh, dreydl, drey.  
 To lomir ale shpiln,  
 in dreydl, eyns un tsvey.

## HOW TO PLAY DREIDEL



Each player begins the game with an equal number of game pieces

At the beginning of each round, every participant puts one game piece into the center "pot." In addition, every time the pot is empty or has only one game piece left, every player must put one in the pot.

Every time it's your turn, spin the dreidel once. Depending on the side on which it lands, you give or get game pieces from the pot. For those who don't read Hebrew, some dreidels also feature a transliteration of each letter.

The Hebrew letter Nun stands for "nisht" or "nothing." The player does nothing.

Gimel means "gantz" or "everything." The player gets everything in the pot.

Hey means "halb" or "half." The player gets half of the pot. (If there is an odd number of pieces in the pot, the player takes half of the total plus one.)

Shin (outside of Israel) stands for "shtetl" or "put in." Peh (in Israel) also means "put in." The player adds one game piece to the pot.

If you find that you have no game pieces left, you are either "out" or may ask a fellow player for a "loan."

When one person has won everything, that round of the game is over

<https://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/how-to-play-dreidel/>

## HOW TO MAKE A DREIDEL OUT OF CLAY



### What you will need:

- 2 cups of flour
- 1 cup salt
- 1 cup water
- Acrylic paint
- Paint brush
- Black fine-line felt-tipped marker
- Shellac

### Directions:

Mix the dry ingredients together in a large bowl. Gradually add the water, mixing with your hands. When all the water is used up, mix the dough well with your hands and knead. Put some flour on a clean working surface.

Preheat oven to 300 degrees.

To craft the three-dimensional dreidel, begin by making a 4" ball from the dough.

The bottom of the dreidel must come to a point and the top should be narrow enough to be held easily. Refine the shape by checking a convenient illustration.

Place on a cookie sheet and bake until lightly browned. It takes about 30 minutes but check the oven often to make sure the pieces are not burning along the edges.

Using a potholder, remove the cookie sheet from the oven and allow clay to cool

After cooling, paint with blue acrylic paint and allow to dry. Decorate with one of the Hebrew letters on each side using the black fine-line felt-tipped marker. When dry, coat it completely with shellac to keep out any moisture and to preserve the dreidel.

<https://berkscountyliving.com/web-exclusives/make-your-own-dreidel/>

