

## Facts about Tuho

Tuho is a game of accuracy and involves throwing arrows into a pot. Traditionally, the pots consist of a large, central container surrounded by smaller loops, with the smaller loops giving more or less points depending on the version of the game being played.

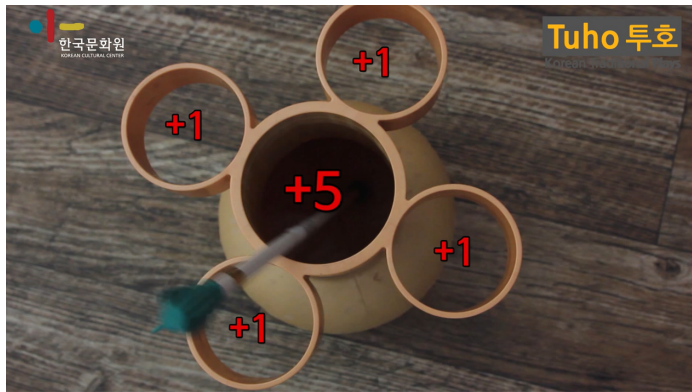


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It is likely that the Chinese game “pitch pot” (Tou hu) is the game that Tuho (Korean) and Touko (Japanese) originate from. Pitch pot was likely played as early as the Chou period (1122–221 BC) and it is believed that Tuho came to Korea during the Goryeo period (918–1392 CE).

Tuho was traditionally played by members of the nobility. After previously being banned, the game experienced a revival in the fifteenth century during the Joseon dynasty, when King Jungjong promoted Tuho as a game with Confucian origins (Confucianism is an ancient East Asian belief system, focusing on personal ethics and morality).

Today, Tuho is played on Korean New Year’s Day (Seollal) and the mid-Autumn festival (Chuseok).

## Ddakji facts

Ddakji (also ttakji and ddakji chigi) is a popular Korean throwing game played using folded paper. Any material can be used to create ddakji squares, from newspaper to school notebook paper.

Two opponents take turns being the active player. During the game, the active player throws their square down on it in an attempt to make the inactive player's disk over.



Ddakji is similar to the Japanese game Menko (also known as Bettan or Patchin) which emerged in the Edo period (1603-1867) and is still played today. Menko cards are special illustrated cards and the images printed on the card reflect the popular culture of the time- in the late 1800s cards with samurai illustrations were popular, but today anime characters are more prevalent. Similar to ddakji, one player's menko card is placed on the floor and the other player throws down their card, trying to flip the other player's card. If they succeed, the throwing player takes both cards.