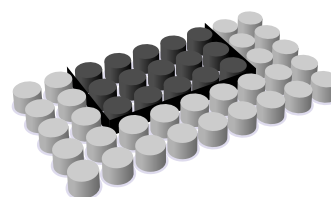
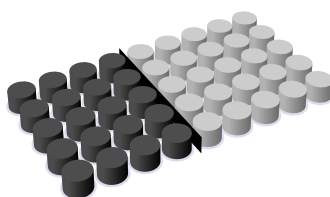


**These moves are okay.**

In these examples, a player can take either all the light counters or all the dark ones.



**These moves are not allowed.**

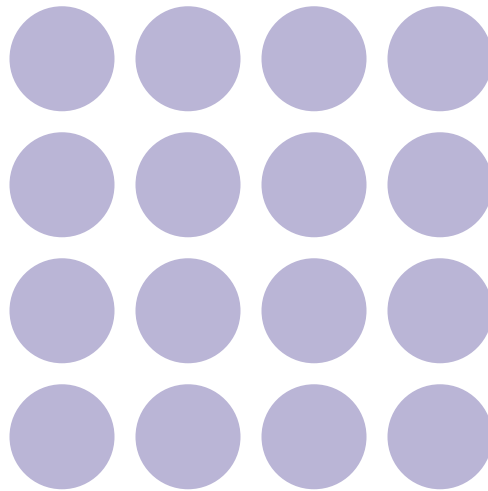
In this example, if a player takes either all the light counters or all the dark ones, then the player has made an illegal move.

This is a game for two people. Place 45 counters in a 5 by 9 rectangular array as shown in the illustration.

Players take turns removing counters according to the following rule.

A player divides the counters into two rectangles by drawing a horizontal or vertical line, and the player must take all the counters in one of the two rectangles.

The one who is forced to take the last counter is the loser.



The strategy here is to leave your opponent with a square of counters. Your opponent will then leave you with a non-square rectangle, and this process repeats until you leave your opponent with a single counter.