

Cross Your Fingers

Cross your fingers, if you can. Then tie a knot with your twisted hands.

Materials:

Short rope or string

A tree or pole to tie it around

Wear Your Shirt Inside Out

Put the shirt on inside-out and good luck will come your way, no doubt.

Materials:

T-shirt for each player

(For little kids, have them already turned inside out)

Don't Open an Umbrella Indoors

Be sure you are outside when you open this up wide. Then spin it like a top and fold it up when it stops.

Materials:

Umbrella

(Place on sidewalk or pavement where it will spin)

OR—2nd Option

Don't Open an Umbrella Indoors

Be sure you are outside when you open this up wide. Then run through the sprinkler and try to stay dry.

Materials:

Umbrella

Start/Finish lines

Lawn sprinkler

Find a Penny, Pick it Up, All Day Long You'll Have Good Luck

Keep the penny, so you're sure to win, 'til you find the piggy bank to put it in.

Materials:

Bin of sand, rice, etc. with several pennies hidden in it

Piggy bank or other container hidden later along the obstacle course route

OR—2nd Option

Find a Penny, Pick it Up, All Day Long You'll Have Good Luck

To find a penny, dive right in. Then find the piggy bank to put it in.

Materials:

Swimming pool

A handful of coins (including several pennies) – toss them into the pool

Kids jump in and try to find a penny

Deposit penny in Piggy bank or other container hidden later along the obstacle course route

Don't Walk Under a Ladder

Sneak beneath this carefully. Don't let the bearers of bad luck see.

Materials:

Ladder

OR—Set up cardboard, posterboard, cushions or pillows into an "A" shape kids can crawl under

Throw Salt Over Your Left Shoulder for Good Luck

Shake the salt over your left shoulder so you'll be lucky when you are older.

Materials:

Salt shaker

Don't Let a Black Cat Cross Your Path

Don't let this cat cross your path, or you won't like the aftermath.

Materials:

Black Cat stuffed animal or picture (if you don't have black, have the racers use their imaginations!)

Carry a Rabbit's Foot for Good Luck

Lucky, luck rabbit's feet. On one of yours, hop down the street.

Materials:

Start/Finish lines

(Younger kids can hop on both feet—set your own rules in advance)

Step on a Crack, Break Your Mother's Back

Don't step on a crack or you'll break your mother's back.

Materials:

Start/Finish lines

A cracked sidewalk or stone/brick walkway with grout lines
(alternative: Draw cracks on the sidewalk with chalk)

Find a 4-Leaf Clover

Carefully look these green leaves over, till you find the lucky clover.

Materials:

Several 3-leaf paper clovers and one 4-leaf clover (use attached PDF to print)
Hide in green grass or mix them all up in a bowl or bucket

A Broken Mirror Brings 7 Years of Bad Luck

Don't make an unlucky mistake and let this mirror fall and break.

Materials:

Start/Finish line

(To make the game more challenging, set up a curvy or bumpy course)

Square of aluminum foil

Nail a Horse Shoe Over Your Door for Good Luck

You've almost crossed the finish line. And you made real good time.

Materials:

Horseshoe made of cardstock or aluminum foil

OR: Pool noodle horseshoe to crawl under

13 is an Unlucky Number

Jump on down this number line. Skip 13 and you'll be fine.

Materials:

Sidewalk chalk

Draw large numbers 1-20 on the sidewalk