

## History

For hundreds of years Māori have played lots of different games using materials such as rope, sticks and stones. Some games are aimed at teaching important skills and some are played for fun! Games are part of te whare tapere – a place of fun & entertainment.

## What is this game?

Tū Kōhatu is a traditional Māori game that has been played mainly by tamariki for many years.

Kōhatu means 'rock'. In this game the object is to stack a tower of rocks as high as you can before it falls!

# Tū Kōhatu

A traditional Māori game

## Who can play?

Anyone can play Tū Kōhatu!

You can play alone, challenging yourself to build a higher tower each time, or timing yourself to build a tower.

It is fun to play against a friend to see who builds the tallest tower of kōhatu before they fall!

## How do you play?

There are many variations of Tū Kōhatu! You can play in these ways:

- \*See how many kōhatu you can stack without the tower falling over.
- \*Make a tower that leans...
- \*If playing with someone else, time each other or race to build the highest stack.
- \*Take turns adding a kōhatu, until someone makes the tower fall.

## What do you need?

To play Tū Kōhatu you need the following:

- \*A few kōhatu that are big enough to stack!
- \*A space where you can stack kōhatu and let them fall safely!

