

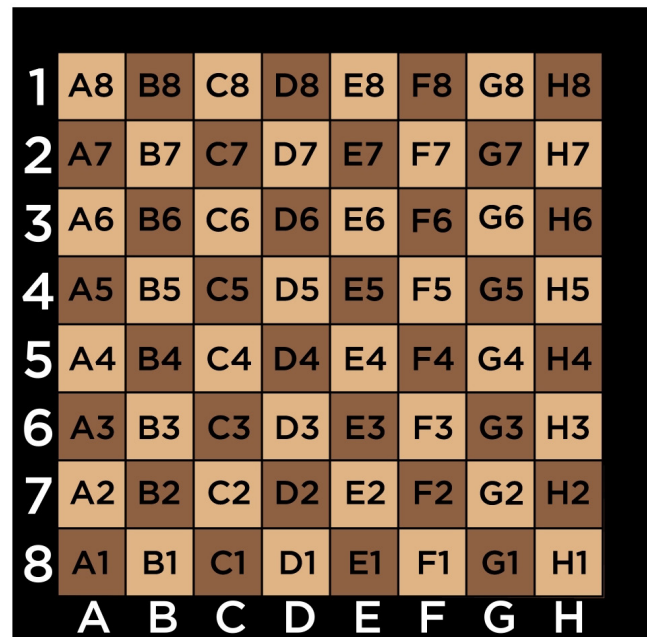
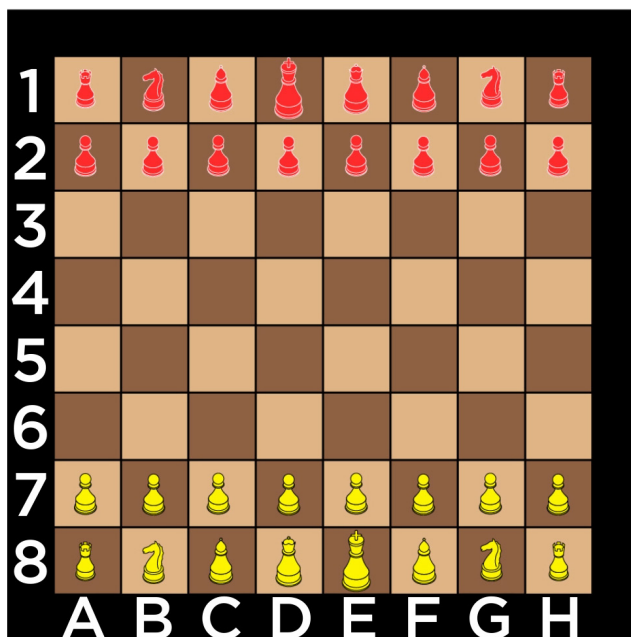
Chess and Checkers

Create marks on your game board to show ranks and files. This will help you keep track of where pieces are.

Ranks are numbered 1 to 8, from near to far, for White. They are numbered 1 to 8, from far to near, for Black.

Files are usually marked with the letters a-h, and these marks are on the border. This helps with orientation to the board during play.

Consider using textured materials to mark grid squares, ranks, and files. Put labels on the vertical edge of the board and the horizontal edge of the board. Here are examples of a marked board:



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Tip: Use hot glue dots or other household craft materials to mark the board. These marks will be easier to see and feel. When you make a move, to announce where you started and where you moved, say the file letters and rank numbers.

Likewise, your opponent can announce their move by saying the file and rank for where their piece started and where it moved.