



Beast of Balance

What's it about?

This is an unusual Jenga-style game of balance played with animal pieces. But along with the physical balancing, each piece placed on the digital plinth (a real physical peripheral) triggers an animal to be added to the associated virtual world on your tablet screen. To do well you must work together to balance the right animals and score the most points. There's also a brilliant competitive game where you must battle each others' animals by adding special items and playing smart cards. It sounds complicated but it's just a really good game of balance that picks up on the popularity of these kinds of board games.

What can you play it on?

You can play this on Android and iOS smartphone or iPod touch.

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This was one of the last games for Xbox's Kinect camera. If you (or a friend/family) still have one it's more than worth dusting it off to play. You use your body to stand in front of the camera and see the outline of your body on the screen. The other player then controls a small character who must get from one side to the other. Where your silhouette intersects with the platforms changes them in different ways to help the character pass. It's fun, physical and very collaborative.

What can you play it on?

You can play this on Xbox One with Kinect camera.



Tricky Towers

What's it about?

This is like the old Tetris game where you stack colorful blocks to make neat lines. Here though, it's not about making lines but creating a nice neat tower. The game introduces real physics so that if your construction is not perfectly straight it can topple over. Played with up to four people competing on their own towers (and sending different attacks and handicaps to each other) it becomes a joyous game about balance and forward planning.

What can you play it on?

You can play this on PC, Mac, PlayStation 4, Xbox One and Nintendo Switch.

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