

**Name of Project:** SINGO – a musical version of Bingo

**Chapter Submitted:** Fairmont

**Programming Area:** Community Connection

**Type of Project:** Interaction with people

**Project Goal:** This event can generate excitement among people of all ages.

**Planning Steps:** Pick a theme for the music, build a playlist, create bingo sheets, promote, and execute

**Project Details:** See below for specific details

**Ways to Promote:** Social media, flyers at the location

**Key Takeaways:** This activity doesn't require skill. It is for entertainment purposes. You can target guests by picking songs from specific themes. Options include: 60's, 70's, 80's, Country Classics, New Country, Family Friendly, and Disney hits. It can be a free event, or you can request donations for a charity fundraiser. It is very easy to customize.

#### DETAILS:

Putting a fun music event together is easier than it seems.

First, find a music streaming service to use for your playlist. Preferably, you want one that won't have commercials. I use Spotify that I subscribe to, so I don't have commercials. The monthly fee is around \$7.

You can choose a theme to focus on a specific type of music. Some of the ones I have done are: TV Theme songs, 50's hits, 80's hits, Hairbands, Classic Country, Country Artists, Disney, Love & Love

Stinks (Valentine's Day), Christmas classics, One Hit Wonders, Movie Hits, Rain and Flowers, and the best wedding dance songs. These are just a few ideas to get it rolling.

I like to pick between 60 and 75 songs for my playlist.

I have found a webpage where you can custom-make bingo playing cards for free. I like this webpage because it lets me create a PDF of the master list and then generate 30 random cards (2 per page).



myfreebingocards.com  
<https://myfreebingocards.com>

## Free printable and virtual bingo card generator

You can make 30 cards for free. You can pay a fee to have it generate more cards. I decided not pay a fee, and I went back to the main generator page, removed 5 – 8 songs, and generated another 30 cards. If you need more than 60 cards, go back to the original list, remove some different songs, and generate another 30 cards. Just remember to print the caller card from the master list that includes all the songs.

Now you have a playlist and SINGO playing cards. Create an event.

When I do an event, I have tried it a few different ways. Find what works best for your group. I will share what I have tried for ideas to get started.

With an average of 70 songs in the playlist, I try to limit playing each song to around 30 seconds. This way, the game keeps moving. On Spotify, I use the random sort, so songs play in no specific order. I play the song, hit pause, wait a few seconds, and then hit next song. This way, there is a slight break between the songs.

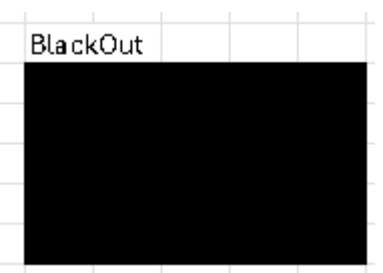
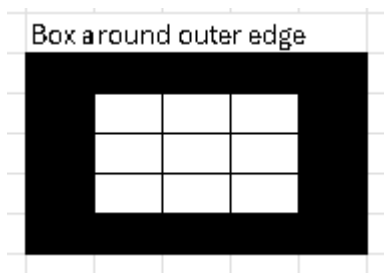
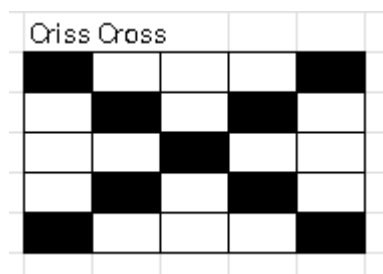
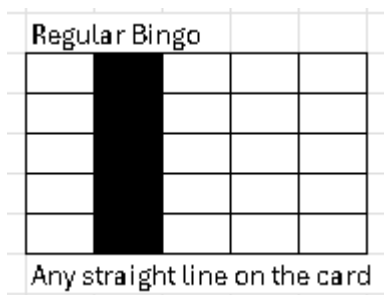
I have brought along some fun facts about songs or artists to add some verbal interaction with the guests.

I normally tell the guests that if a song stumps them, give me a wave, and I will announce the song title. This helps so that people who are not comfortable with exact titles still feel they can play along without missing out.

**WINNERS:** It can take at least 30 minutes to get the first singo/bingo. Because of the time required to play, I typically use a progressive game and determine how winners will be awarded before ending the game. The first 5 people to get a SINGO win prizes.

Another option is that winner 1 is for a single bingo. Winner 2 will have 2 straight line bingos. Winner 3 will have the outside box filled in. Winner 4 is a blackout.

You can make a handout or a large display to show the winning options.



I have added some fun twists to my live events. I have done a promotion that if you hear a song and you want the entire song to play, you can make a \$ 5 donation to the charity of the night.

If there is a tie for a bingo, I have hosted a dance off to decide the winner. Winner is chosen by the crowd cheers, or you can have cards and draw. Highest card wins.