For this method to work, there must be many more items to be divided than there are players, and each item must be close to the same value.

The items are laid out in a row. Each player divides the array of items into fair shares by using place markers.

Moving from left to right, stop at the first #1 marker. That player gets those items, and the rest of that players' markers are removed.

Moving from left to right, stop at the second #2 marker. That player gets all items between his/her first and second markers. The rest of that players' markers are removed.

Moving from left to right, stop at the third #3 marker. That player gets all items between his/her second and third markers. The rest of that players' markers are removed.

Continue the pattern until all players have received their share.

Any remaining items can be divided in any way agreeable to all players.