

DUMMY

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- For 2 to 5 players: 106 cards comprising only five numerals - 3s, 4s, 5s, 6s and 7s.
- Shuffle thoroughly and deal out all the cards face down, one at a time. (It doesn't matter if a player ends up with more than another).
- Keep the pack you were dealt face down in front of you. Pick up the 3 top cards and hold these in hand.
- Play in turn clockwise. On each turn play 1, 2 or 3 cards to the table. Then replenish at once from your pack so as to have again three cards in hand.
- Play like-numbers on like-numbers (3s on 3s, 4s on 4s, etc.) thus forming separate stacks of 3s, 4s, 5s, 6s and 7s.
- Objective is to collect completed stacks. A stack is complete when the number of cards in it corresponds to the number on the cards' faces. The player who completes a stack - plays, for instance, the third 3 on the stack of 3s, or the seventh 7 on the stack of 7s - picks up all the cards of the stack and piles them face up in front of him. A new stack can then be started in the vacated space. (Occasionally it is possible to pick up more than one stack on the same turn).
- The game ends when one player has exhausted all his cards, including the last three in hand. Winner is the player who collected most cards.