

# Old Maid Instructions

## Objective

- To be the player with the most matching cards, and not be caught with the Old Maid card.

## Contents

- 36 cards
- Instructions
- 1 Old Maid

## Setup

- Shuffle all the cards.
- One person deals all the cards to each player one at a time, face-down.

## Playing the game

- Each player gathers their cards and looks at them – not letting other players see their hand.
- Each player discards all their matching cards face up, so that all other players can see their pairs.
- Player 1 (player to the left of the dealer) offers his/her hidden cards to the player to his/her left (player 2).
- Player 2 (player to the left of player 1) chooses one card from player 1's hidden cards and puts down any pair of matching cards, face-up, from his/her hand.

- Play continues to the left, with each player choosing from the hidden cards from the player to his/her right.
- The game is over when all pairs have been revealed, and one player is left with the Old Maid card, which does not have a match.

## Winning

- The player with the most sets of matching cards wins. The player who ends up with the Old Maid card automatically loses.

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