

Irish Snap

2+ Players / Shedding

Lose all the cards in your hand as quickly as possible

The Deal

Players sit around a table so they can all reach the centre.

All cards are dealt face-down.

The cards remain face-down throughout the game (unless in play obviously, you smartarse) and players must not look at their cards.

Gameplay

Play starts with the dealer's left.

They turn over their top card and place it in the centre and say 'one'. The player on their left then places their top card and says 'two'. Play continues until either the card played matches the card below, or the card matches the number spoken by the player. At this point, players slap their hands down on the deck to snap. The last player to snap their hand down picks up the entire deck and adds it to their hand.

Variants

There are limitless variations to this game. New rules could be introduced for every king, or when a player loses all their cards. Possible extra rules include:

- Hit forehead and snap on every queen
- Don't say numbers out loud, instead keep track mentally
- If a player has no cards left, they still say numbers
- Include the jokers and use them as 'reverse' cards
- Snap on sandwiches as well as pairs