Combo!

Combo is a challenging card-matching game for iPhone and iPad. Like solitaire, Combo is played by one person and does not require a network connection. The design of Combo is loosely based on *Set!*, an award-winning game invented by geneticist Marsha Falco.

Combo starts with a deck of eighty-one cards. The basic idea of Combo is to choose three cards that "match" according to some special rules described below. If you're correct, Combo deals out three new cards and you try to find another set of three matching cards. When the deck is empty, the game is over. Combo is really more of a puzzle than a game, because you don't earn points and win or lose. (A future version of Combo will add features that make it more like a typical game.)

Card Matching

Each card in Combo's deck has a unique geometric pattern with four attributes:

- Shape (diamond, rectangle, oval)

- Color (red, green, blue)
- Shading (solid, translucent, clear)
- Count (one, two, or three shapes)

Given any two cards, there is only one other card in the deck that forms a three-card **set** with them. What's a set? In Combo, a set is three cards that satisfy all of the following conditions:

- All three cards have the same shape, or they have three different shapes.
- All three cards have the same count, or they have three different counts.
- All three cards use the same shading, or they have three different shadings.
- All three cards have the same color, or they have three different colors.

Game Play

A new game starts with a deck of eighty-one cards. Combo chooses some cards from the deck and displays them on the screen. Your challenge is to examine these cards and find three that match, forming a set. When you find a set, tap on the three cards one at a time. If your guess is correct, Combo replaces

them with new cards and the game continues. Each time you find another set, the bar at the bottom of the screen shows your progress. After the deck runs out and the remaining cards on the screen no longer contain a set, the game is over.

Hint: If you have trouble finding three cards that match, Combo can show you a set. Just swipe across the screen from left to right and look for three "pulsating" cards.

Support

Combo is brought to you by Southwest Software, a small R&D company based in Rhode Island, USA. If you have any questions or comments about Combo, please send your feedback to support@chmaynard.com.

Thanks for playing!