

Hotpot Minigame

The **Hotpot Minigame** is playable in [The Underground](#) and during the [Luna New Year](#) event.

Description

“ On the docks of the Fairgrounds, you’ll find large hotpot tables, offering up a delicious minigame to feed your heart and soul. ”


–[Official Palia Website](#)

Up to four players can interact with any open hotpot table between **6:00 PM - 3:00 AM** Palia Time to begin a new game. Players will have up to 90 seconds to join the match once started. Empty tables will have a white arrow above them, while open games that are waiting to begin are marked with the current player count and a colored circle counting down the time left until auto-start. This colored circle can be either green, yellow or red, depending on the remaining time. You cannot join a game that is already in progress.

Hotpot is a 4-player Tabletop Card Game. The Card Deck consists of 96 Cards, each player starts with 8 Cards on their hand.

The objective is to create three sets of three cards each. Sets can be made with either a **Three-of-a-Kind Set** (3 identical cards of the same ingredient) or a **Category Set** (3 cards of the same color category but with unique ingredients). [\[1\]](#)

In the center section of the hotpot table, you’ll see the draw and discard piles - the cards here are available for anyone to draw from during their turn.

Hotpot	
	
Table of Contents	
Description	
How to Play	
The Cards	
Cards	
Categories	
The Board	
1: Round	
2: Your Play Area	
Location	Luna New Year The Underground
Other Languages	



Hotpot in the Underground

Turns are played in a counter-clockwise order starting with the player first on the table. On the beginning of their turn the player must draw a card: either from the draw pile (blind draw), or the topmost of any of the other players discard piles. The player may not choose a card from their own discard pile. The player must end their turn with 8 cards, and therefore must discard one card facing up on top of their discard pile. Then the next player's turn begins.



Hotpot at the Fairgrounds

When a player holds three sets on their hand, they have won the game.

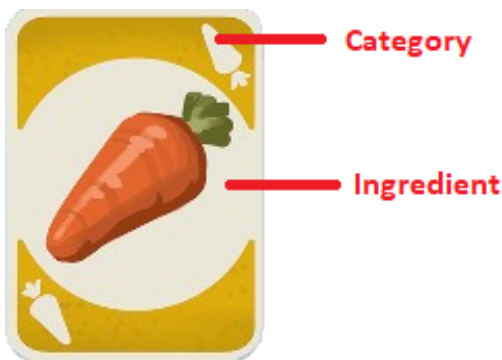
All players get table points based on all set matches on the table at the end of the game. The winning player receives bonus points for holding the winning hand.

For more details, see [Scoring](#)

The Cards






















Cards

A card has two main features: a **Category**, and an **Ingredient**. The Category is represented by an icon in the top right corner as well as by the color of the card. The Ingredient is represented by the image in the middle of the card.



Categories

There are 8 categories, each consisting of 3 unique ingredients. There are 4 copies of each ingredient, which makes a total of 96 Cards per Deck.

Category	Color	Set		
Noodles	Beige			
Fish	Blue			
Greens	Green			
Spices	Orange			
Veggies	Yellow			
Meat	Red			
Mushrooms	Purple			

Carbs

Gray



The Board



1: Round

The current round of the game.

2: Your Play Area

This is where your hand of cards is located.

3: Other Play Areas

This is where the other player's hand of cards are located.

4: Discard Pile

This is where you can draw and discard cards from your hand.

5: Other Players

This shows the other players you are playing with as well as their current turn timers.

6: Discards

Pressing / brings up the discard pile which shows all cards that have previously been discarded by each player and haven't been picked up again by other players.





7: Quit Game

Pressing / allows you to exit the game early.

8: Your Hand

Pressing / brings up a different view of your current hand.

At the Luna New Year event, playing a game of hotpot awards an amount of  [Lucky Envelopes](#) according to the total points of all players' hands at the table. The winning player is also awarded  1 [Luna New Year Coin](#).

For a list of possible rewards during this event, see: [Luna New Year](#)

Tips and Tricks

- If you don't have 4 players, don't worry! The game will begin after 90 seconds, even if the Hotpot table has less than 4 players. NPC's will take any spots not taken up by a player. [\[1\]](#)
- Keep an eye on what other players' are discarding! These cards will appear in front of their soup base and may help clue you in to what they are collecting. [\[1\]](#)