

# SETUP

Up to 4 players



## THE BOARD

To play a JACK RABBITS match you must first complete a board; build a wonderland from scratch, to be charted and explored.

The lands you connect and spread house the royals from each throne.

If you're ready, read ahead—BUILD A NEW BOARD of your own.

Or consider this instead, build the sample as is shown.

### BUILD A NEW BOARD

Place the **citadel** hex first. Leave aside the **underground**. Pile and shuffle all the rest, every single tile face down.

Deal by tile shape (equal shares)—there are twelve of every kind—as you hand each player theirs, the division will be fine.

To place them, first choose a style between a strict or free pace.

**Strict:** take turns placing one tile—the one you flip, you must place.

**Free:** no turns, it's all freestyle—flip all the tiles on their face.

These four tips will be worthwhile as guidelines in either case:



To start an island abroad, just place a hex disconnected.

Underground

The black tile with caves is odd; you will not have to connect it.



## THE CARDS

Remove each face card and joker after placing the last tile.

Display them in any order—line up this **court** in an aisle.

Shuffle the rest as in poker—make a facedown drawing pile—which holds pip cards of a number and aces of fancier style.

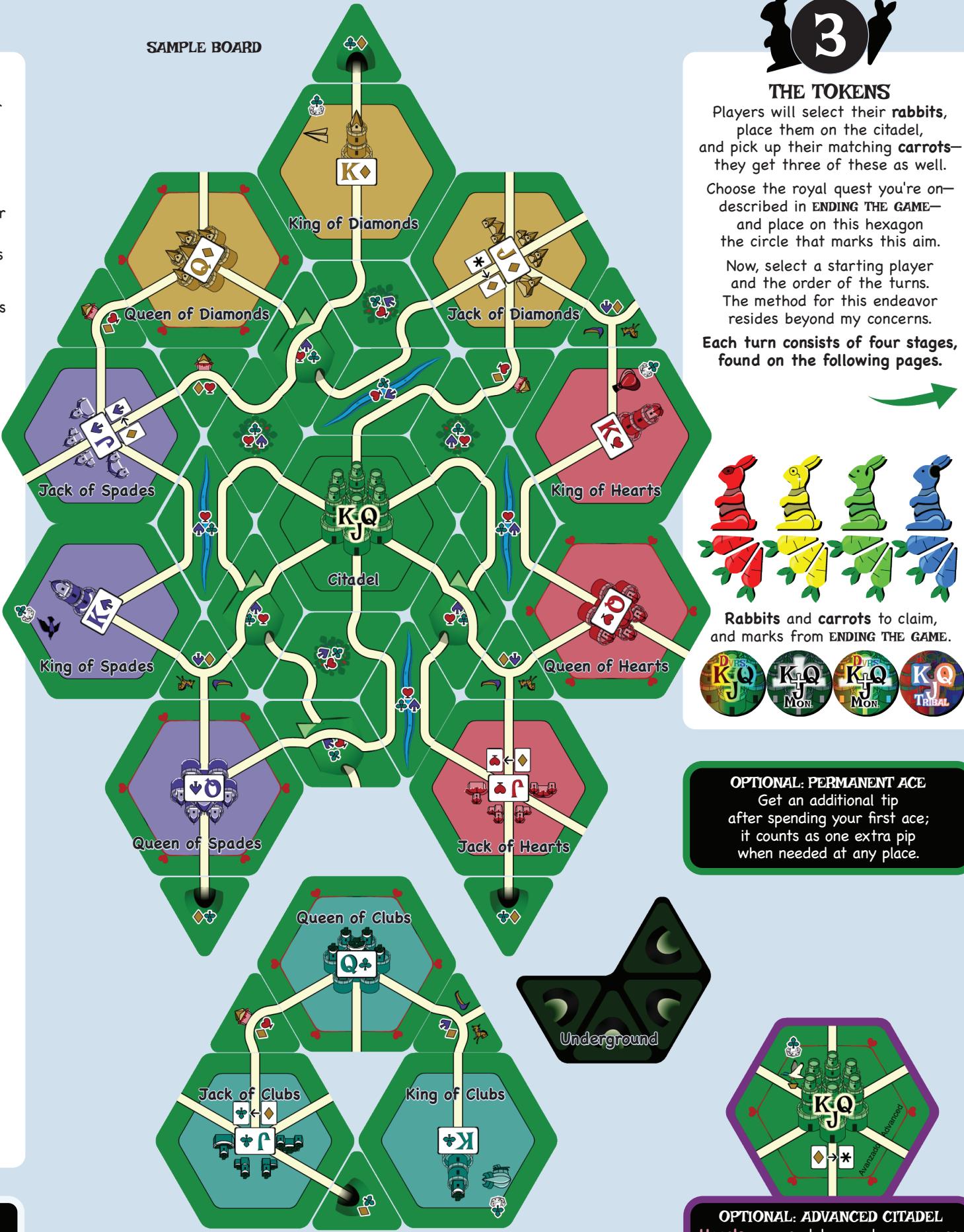
Each player will draw three cards to hold as the starting hands.

They are needed afterwards for THE JOURNEY through the lands and to pay for the rewards THE ACQUISITION demands.



Court of royal cards and jokers, and pile of aces and numbers.

### SAMPLE BOARD



**OPTIONAL: PERMANENT ACE**  
Get an additional tip after spending your first ace; it counts as one extra pip when needed at any place.

**Underground**

**OPTIONAL: ADVANCED CITADEL**  
Hearts are used to grant you access; Diamonds buy you any loot; Clubs will get you flying passes, but flights have no saving suit.

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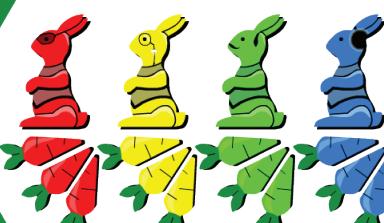
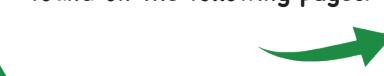
## THE TOKENS

Players will select their **rabbets**, place them on the citadel, and pick up their matching **carrots**—they get three of these as well.

Choose the royal quest you're on—described in ENDING THE GAME—and place on this hexagon the circle that marks this aim.

Now, select a starting player and the order of the turns. The method for this endeavor resides beyond my concerns.

Each turn consists of four stages, found on the following pages.



Rabbits and carrots to claim, and marks from ENDING THE GAME.



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**\*THE FIRST ACE**

Your first ace is worth eleven—the others you get are ones. As a record that you spent it, keep it in front of your hands.

**THE PAYMENT**

Show and leave out what you spend; it's "discarded" once you're done.

Royal cards will count as ten; aces, eleven or one.\*

If you spend a royal card, take your carrot off their tile, and in this case, don't discard; it goes back to the court's aisle.

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**THE PRICE**

Off-road posts along the way charge the total on the dice.

It's OK to overpay;

you don't have to be precise.

The suits allowed where you pay may be combined for the price.

**THE JOURNEY**

Move to another hex spot if it's closer to your goal.

Or choose to simply rest up; you don't have to move at all.

**TRAVEL FREELY BY ROAD**

From the current hex you're on, you may choose a path to exit.

Move your rabbit as a pawn along the road you've selected,

and stop at a hexagon: wait a turn to cross the hexes.



**THE ACQUISITION**

You may buy the royal card of the hex where you've set foot, if you're holding in your hand ten or more points of their suit.

If a carrot's on their land, then forget this whole pursuit.

Put your carrot on their land once THE PAYMENT has been waged; keep the royal card in hand and play THE INCREMENT stage.



**THE INCREMENT**

Your turn ends on a hex tile, as long as you're not OFF-BOARD.

Get a new card from the pile if your rabbit's on the board.

If you find no cards, repile: shuffle the spent lot once more.



If you're ever holding ten, discard down to nine again.

**OPTIONAL: CARROT TRAIL**

THE JOURNEY may be prolonged if your carrot's on a hex; you may visit and go on to the place you're headed next.

## GREETINGS

Hear ye, glorious messengers, An auspicious quest is in order. The Order of Messenger Rabbits of the Citadel is ordering a race to produce royals to be ordained as the new council of thirds. This is the highest order a rabbit of this order can get:

Visit the royals, procure three of their cards, and bring them to the citadel, in that order:

Note that when I say "that order," I'm not referring to another Order of Messenger Rabbits, nor the order that drives this letter, but the order of the steps you must take, in order to restore order to the realm.

So, hoppy hop in orderly fashion. Don't dawdle—no time to lose!

The White Herald

## OVERVIEW

Go through the realm turn by turn making stops on royal land. Win the game when you return with three royal cards in hand.

In this race you must excel to be the champ of the land.

Before the royal quest starts, choose a challenge for the mission; look for the circular marks that set the winning condition.

**SIMPLE:** (none) get three royals of any sort

**DIVERSE:** get three royals of different suits

**MONARCHY<sup>+</sup>:** get a K, a Q and a J of any suit

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**TRIBAL:** get three royals of the same suit

### OPTIONAL: PATRIARCHY VALUES

Have unequal value levels—if you don't think that is whack—from fourteen down to eleven, for THE ACE, King, Queen & Jack.

## ENDING THE GAME

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### OFF-ROAD BUNNY HOLES

Pay to travel **cave** to **cave**—use this trick to hop around.

But if you would rather save, take your rabbit **underground**.

In this case, the payment's waived—hop on out in the next round.

### END THE JOURNEY OFF-BOARD

If you're stuck, hop overboard: from a tile by the seaside.

You must exit by a road that leads all the way outside.

Since you'll end up off the board, THE INCREMENT is denied.

Once you've done THE ROLL offshore, THE JOURNEY goes underground.

THE INCREMENT is assured, but you'll leave after a round.

**OFF-BOARD**

**Cave**

In a FULL GAME you'll include these unique traits for each suit.

### ♣ CLOVERS

Clubs

#### FLY BETWEEN KING'S TOWERS

Show one card before THE ROLL; if it beats the dice (or ties), pick a tower as a goal for THE JOURNEY through the skies.

Otherwise, you'll fall OFF-BOARD, but keep your card anyway, and the dice rules still hold; you may match and claim the prize.

Spend some cards to reach the dice, and you'll avoid falling off.

What you must pay as THE PRICE is just how much you were off.

Use suits of the parting tower to pay the amount that's owed.

The clubs' tower has a power: you may spend the card you showed.

### ♠ SPADES

Swords

#### ATTACK OTHER RABBITS

You may steal a random card and kick someone else OFF-BOARD, if you're playing where they stand and start a duel with swords.

You attack, and they defend, adding spade cards back and forth.

And the weakest, in the end, is the one who'll leave the board.

Do not reply with a draw; and when you're done, please discard.

If the victim wins the brawl, they don't get to steal a card.

When you steal a royal card, discard one if it's your fourth; go to THE INCREMENT part and swap carrots in accord.

### ♥ HEARTS

Cups

#### ENTER A QUEENS' PALACES

As you enter a queen's hex, any player may demand you show six points to the rest adding heart cards in your hand, or confirm that you possess the queen's card that marks the land.

Yet, to ask to see your hearts, they must show cards of their own, prove they meet the same demands for the entrance to this zone.

They're kicked OFF and lose those cards, right after your hearts are shown.

But if bluffing, you'll depart—off you go! Your cover's blown.

Any rabbits off the board may not nag those at the door.

### ♦ DIAMONDS

Coins

#### TRADE AT JACKS' PLAZAS