

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.



THE CARDS

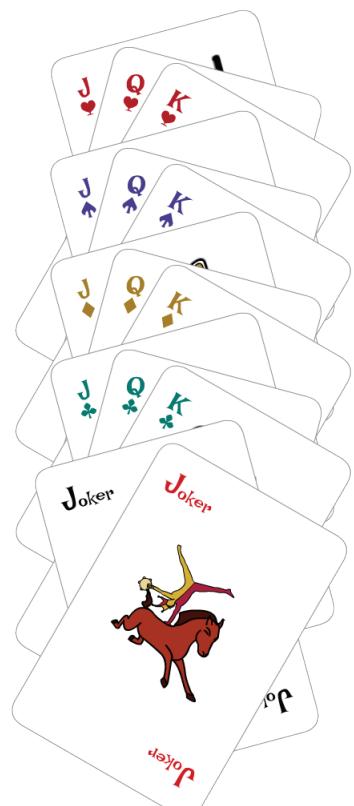
Remove each face card and joker after placing the last tile.

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

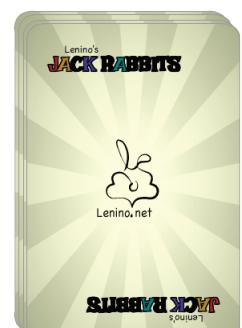
Shuffle the rest as in poker—make a facedown drawing pile—which holds pip cards of a number and aces of fancier style.

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.



OPTIONAL: TIGHT SUITS
Have as many suits as players, and one of each road tiles too. For instance, with two contenders, the game will only use two.

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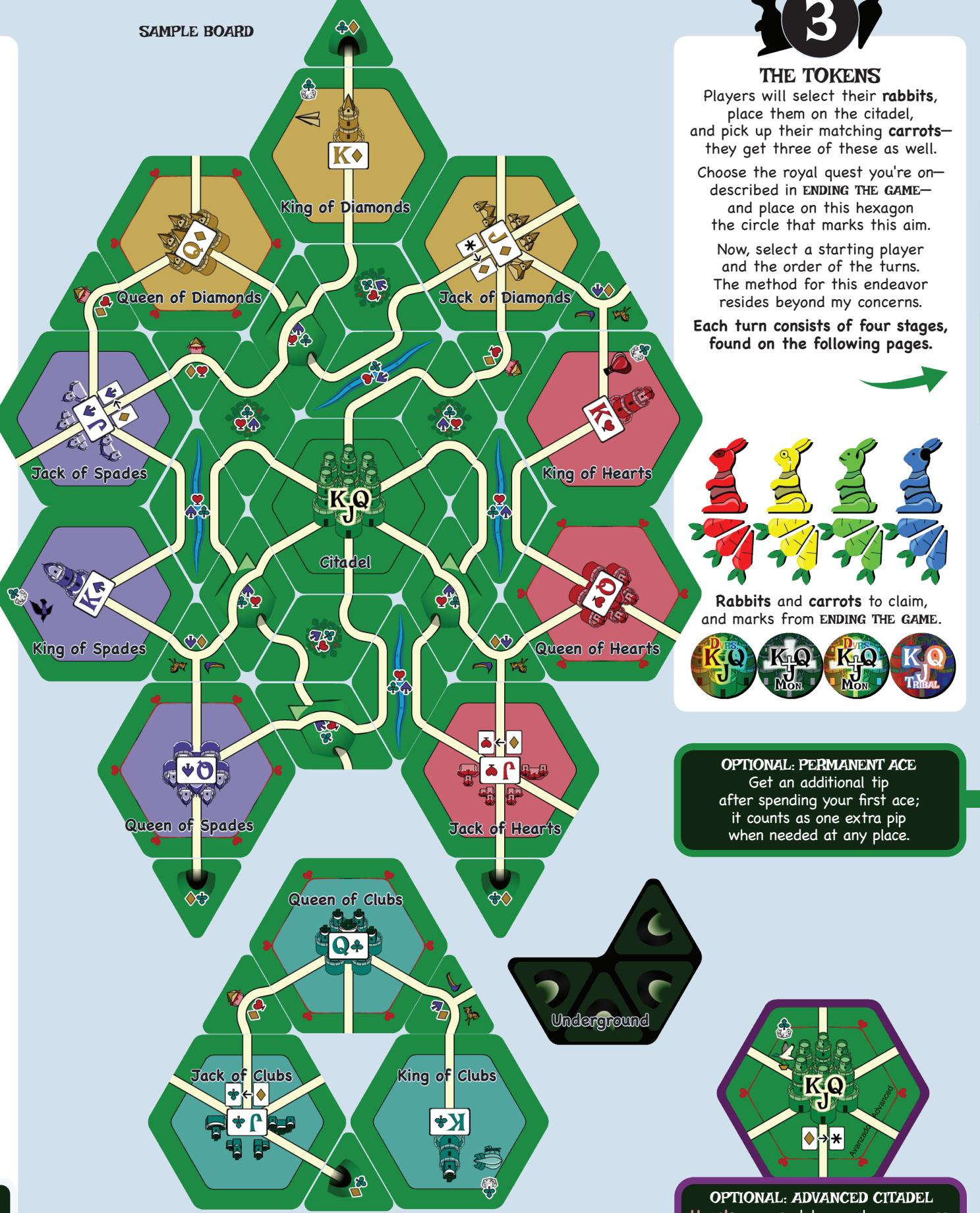
THE TOKENS

Players will select their rabbits, 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.



OPTIONAL: ADVANCED CITADEL
Hearts are used to grant you access; Diamonds buy you any loot; Clubs will get you flying passes, but here there's no saving suit.

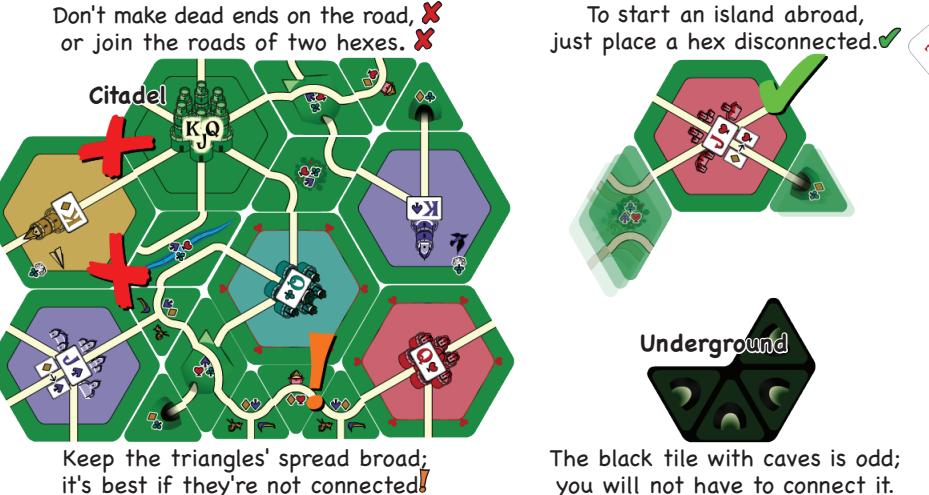
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Keep the triangles' spread broad; it's best if they're not connected!



Lenino's JACK RABBITS

The board game for playing cards on a quest through wonderlands



Video tutorial

See SETUP and then this frame to complete a BASIC GAME. Learn this part—make this your aim—before playing the FULL GAME.

THE 4 STAGES IN A TURN

STAGE 1

THE ROLL

Begin by rolling two dice and watch the digits unfold. You'll draw one card as a prize if you show a card you hold, proving that its number ties to one of the dice you rolled.



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

THE FIRST ACE you show in hand is worth eleven, not one.

Hold the outcome of the dice; their sum will become THE PRICE.

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 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.

*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.

OFF-ROAD MERCHANTS

You may buy two types of rides on crossings where roads are forked.

You'll gallop over the tiles to any hex on the board, or row on the seas outside to find a road from this port.

Other ways to get around will demand you pay THE PRICE; use the suits marked on the ground and pay the sum of your dice.

OFF-ROAD SHORTCUTS

The mountains, rivers, and woods, have roads not too far apart.

If you go off-road afoot, you may switch between two paths.

To do this, pay with your suits—in this case, clubs, spades, or hearts.

OFF-ROAD JOKERS

You may buy a joker's card at taverns where they reside;

and you keep them in your hand until you decide to ride.

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

THE INCREMENT is assured,

but you'll leave after a round.

GREETINGS

Hear ye, glorious messengers, An auspicious quest is in order. The Order of Messenger Rabbits is ordering a race to produce royals to be ordained at the Citadel 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 these steps shall take place 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⁺: get a K, a Q and a J of any suit

DIVERSE MONARCHY⁺: get a K, a Q and a J of three different suits

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

Return to the citadel 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.

END THE JOURNEY OFF-BOARD: 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, refile: 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.

OFF-ROAD RABBIT 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.

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

All spent cards are being sold; each jack's hex sells its own suit. Check what these posts have in store when you play there, grab some loot.

What you take, replace with gold like the icons tell you to, except the star(*) on the board which means any suit will do.

When the pile needs to reload, these markets run out of goods.

OPTIONAL: TRADE WHEN MEETING RABBITS

You may trade a suit for gold without showing what is offered.

Swindlers will get thrown OFF-BOARD if a short change is uncovered.