

# Playing Patience



Today, we learned about the history of Patience and how it is traditionally played. However, there are many different variations of Patience. Here are a few more solo card games you can try on your own!

## Game 1: Baker's Dozen

How to deal the cards:

1. Into columns of four, resulting in 13 columns.
2. Any king that is in the top or middle of a column must be placed on the bottom before the game starts.
3. If there are two kings in one column they must be placed on the bottom without changing their order.

How to play:

1. The object of the game is to build all the cards onto the four foundations.
2. The player must first free up the four aces and if one of them is found, it is placed on the foundation.
3. Building on the foundation is done by suit in ascending order, each from ace to king.
4. Only the top cards of each column are available.
5. If a card is on the top of a column, but cannot be placed on one of the foundations yet, it can be moved to another column so long as it is one number lower than that column's top card. For example, a four can be placed on a five. Suit does not matter.
6. Once all cards are taken out of a column, the column cannot be refilled.

7. The game is won when all cards end up in the foundations.

Video Instructions: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8mZN\\_RX962U](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8mZN_RX962U)

## **Game 2: Grandfather's Clock**

How to deal the cards:

1. Begin by removing the following cards from the deck: **2♥, 3♠, 4♦, 5♣, 6♥, 7♠, 8♦, 9♣, 10♥, J♠, Q♦, K♣**.
2. Then, arrange those cards in a circular fashion like a clock face with the **2♥** on the "five o' clock" position, **3♠** on the "six o' clock" position, and so on. These cards will be the foundations.
3. Shuffle the remaining cards and deal them into eight columns of five cards each on the tableau.

How to play the game:

1. The object of the game is to distribute the cards to the foundations to the point that the top cards of the foundations show the correct numbers on the clock face. Queens are assigned a value of twelve, and Jacks a value of eleven.
2. Each foundation should be built up by suit until the card with the correct corresponding number on the clock face is placed.
3. The cards on the tableau are built down regardless of suit.
4. Only the top cards of each column are available for play.
5. Only one card can be moved at a time and any space that occurs may be filled with any available card.
6. The game ends either when all the cards have been put into the foundations with the clock face showing the correct numbers, or when no cards in the tableau can be moved.

Video Instructions: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t5eowjPIfhY>

### Game 3: Pyramid

How to deal the cards:

1. To set up the pyramid, one card is dealt face up at the top of the playing area, then two cards beneath and partially covering it, then three beneath them, and so on completing with a row of seven cards for a total of 28 cards dealt (or six rows of 21 cards).
2. The remaining cards are placed to the side face down. This is the Stock.

How to play:

1. The object of the game is to remove pairs of cards that add up to a total of 13, the equivalent of the highest valued card in the deck, from a pyramid arrangement of 28 cards. Jacks are valued at 11, Queens at 12, and Kings at 13.
2. To play, pairs of exposed cards can be removed to the Foundation if their values total 13. Thus, **kings** can be removed immediately to the Foundation. In order to be removed, cards must not be covered, so when an Ace rests on a Queen, that Queen can not be removed.
3. You may draw cards from the Stock one at a time and match it with any exposed card. If no match is made the drawn Stock card is discarded into a waste pile.
4. The top card of the waste pile can be used to make pairs.
5. Once the Stock is exhausted and/or no more pairs can be made, the game ends.
6. To score, count the number of remaining face up cards in the pyramid. A perfect score is therefore zero, where all cards have been matched into the Foundation.

Video Instructions: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dnRlETGqHec>