

Will you stay in or fold?

● Seven Poker ●

3-5 players, Required Time: 30-45 minutes, Difficulty: ★★★

* The Deck

Use all seven suit colors. You will not use the rainbow card.

* Object of the Game

The object of this game is to get five victory cards by creating (or pretending to create) a higher valued hand than the other players.

* Set-Up

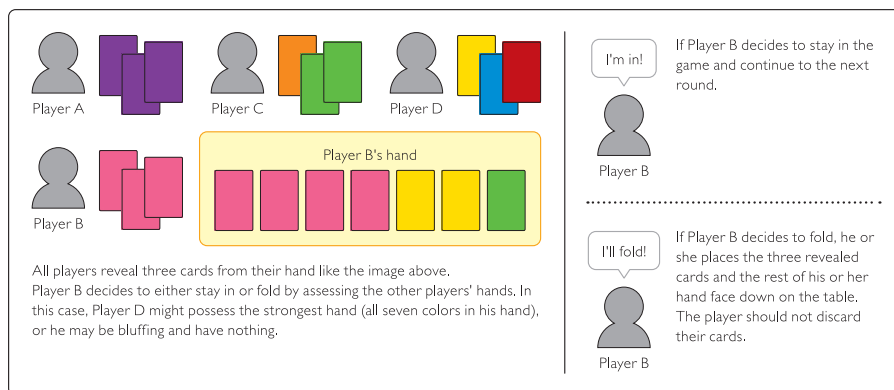
Shuffle all the cards and deal seven cards to each player face down. The rest of the cards are placed in pile in the middle of the table.

* How to play

The first player exchanges a card in his hand with the player on his immediate left. (The players do not have to exchange cards if they don't want to.)

If they are exchanging cards, the player discards up to 3 cards and place them down face up, and replace them by picking cards from the deck. Then the next person has his turn. Exchanging cards proceeds clockwise around the table and repeat it twice. When the entire deck is used up during the play, exchanging cards cannot be done.

After all the cards have been exchanged, all players pick three cards from their hand and reveal them to everyone. Then, beginning with the dealer, players take turns declaring if they want to stay in the game or fold. Players who fold must put all their cards face down on the table and wait for the next round to begin.



All players reveal three cards from their hand like the image above. Player B decides to either stay in or fold by assessing the other players' hands. In this case, Player D might possess the strongest hand (all seven colors in his hand), or he may be bluffing and have nothing.

I'm in! If Player B decides to stay in the game and continue to the next round.

I'll fold! If Player B decides to fold, he or she places the three revealed cards and the rest of his or her hand face down on the table. The player should not discard their cards.

After all the players have either stayed in or folded, play proceeds to the next stage of the game where the remaining players reveal the rest of their cards to determine the winner.

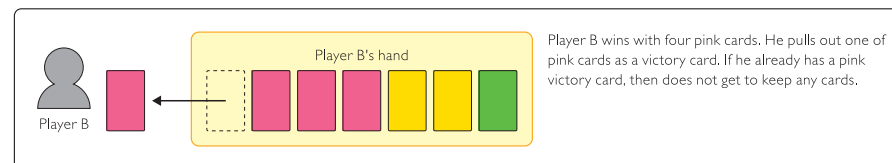
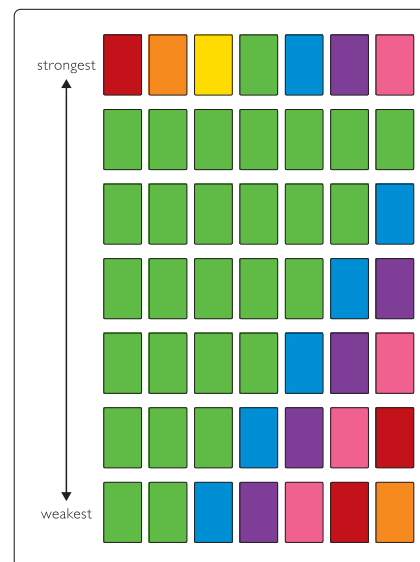
See right (an example) for the strength of each hand.

* Hand Strength:

A set of all seven colors is the best hand. The second strongest is 7 cards of the same color, then six cards of the same color, etc. If two players tie, they both lose and the next strongest hand wins.

The winning player takes one card of the winning color out of the winning hand and places it face up in front of him as a victory card. If the winning hand wins with a color that has already won, the player does not get take any cards. If the player winds with the entire set of all seven different colors, the player may pull out two victory cards.

Victory cards, which are placed face up in front of players, are not used in the next game. The game is repeated until one player collects the five victory cards.



Player B wins with four pink cards. He pulls out one of pink cards as a victory card. If he already has a pink victory card, then does not get to keep any cards.

* The Next Round Begins

Before beginning a new round, player who did not competed at the showdown may decide to discard any number of cards from their hand. Players who competed in the last round must discard all the cards in their hand.

Combine discarded cards and the deck and shuffle to create a new deck. Players draw up to seven cards from the new deck, and a new round starts with the player to the left of the person who started the previous round.

* Game Over

The game ends when a player collects five victory cards.