## **Old Maid Instructions**

**Objective** 

• To be the player with the most matching cards, and not be caught with the Old Maid card.

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## Setup

Shuffle all the cards.

 One person deals all the cards to each player one at a time, face-down.

## Playing the game

 Each player gathers their cards and looks at them – not letting other players see their hand.

 Each player discards all their matching cards face up, so that all other players can see their pairs.

 Player 1 (player to the left of the dealer) offers his/her hidden cards to the player to his/her left (player 2).

 Player 2 (player to the left of player 1) chooses one card from player 1's hidden cards and puts down any pair of matching cards, face-up, from his/her hand.

 Play continues to the left, with each player choosing from the hidden cards from the player to his/her right.

 The game is over when all pairs have been revealed, and one player is left with the Old Maid card, which does not have a match.

Winning

 The player with the most sets of matching cards wins. The player who ends up with the Old Maid card automatically loses.

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