



Kupi-o-Dotak (Solitaire)

This is a bare-bones solitaire game that is simple to play and allegedly devised by the philosopher Mari-o-Iram for children to while away the time — though in practice it is more of an adult game. Although on the surface it is not particular to Railog playing cards, without the eight suits it would not be the game that it is. It works by having four cards to choose from with the goal being to play them in as few piles as possible.

A card is played onto another card of the same suit or rank, or is used to start a new pile. After a card is played a new card is drawn so that (until no more cards are left to be drawn) there are always four cards to choose from. Play ends when the last card is played. The game is scored by the number of piles that have been played. A game with more than seven piles always loses. A game with only six piles is fairly easy to accomplish while a game resulting in only four piles is difficult to achieve.

The strategy lies in minimizing the number of piles that are made based on the cards that have been played and the cards available to play. Because cards are played into piles so that the last card played covers the other cards in a pile the player must use their memory as to the cards already played. Selecting a card to play should be done so as to maximize the opportunities that are left to play the remaining cards.

Outline of Play

Starting play

- Deal four cards face up
- Play a card
- Draw a card

Play continues by playing a card and drawing a card

A card can be played:

- On a new pile
- On a card of the same suit
- On a card of the same rank

The game ends when all cards have been played

Score is how many piles were created

Win or Lose

The player sets the difficulty of the game they will play before dealing. If more than the set number of piles are created the player loses.

- Easy is 7 piles
- Average is 6 piles
- Hard is 5 piles
- Very hard is 4 piles
- Extremely hard is 3 piles

- Nigh impossible is 2 piles
- Impossible is 1 pile

Instructions

Print at full size on 8½×11" paper

Trim to outer edges (¼" except ¾" on right edge)

Fan fold on dark lines

Refold on dotted lines

Store in card deck box
