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# DOMINION



You are a monarch, like your parents before you - a ruler of a small pleasant kingdom of rivers and evergreens. Unlike your parents, however, you have hopes...dreams! You want a bigger and more pleasant kingdom, with more rivers, and a wider variety of trees. You want a Dominion!

In all directions lie fiefs, freeholds, and feodums - all small bits of land, controlled by petty lords and verging on anarchy. You will bring civilization to these unfortunates, uniting them under your banner.

But wait. It must be something in the air; several other monarchs have had the exact same idea. You must race to get as much of the unclaimed land as possible while you can, fending them off along the way. To do this you will hire minions, construct buildings, spruce up your castle, and fill the coffers of your treasury. Your parents wouldn't be proud, but your grandparents, on your mother's side, would be delighted.

This is a game of building a deck of cards. The deck represents your Dominion. It contains your resources, victory points, and the things you can do. It starts out a small sad collection of Estates and Coppers, but you hope that by the end of the game it will be brimming with Gold, Provinces, and the inhabitants and structures of your castle and kingdom. You win by having the most  in your deck when the game ends.

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## 500 cards

130 basic Treasure cards - 60 Copper, 40 Silver, 30 Gold

48 basic Victory cards - 24 Estate, 12 Duchy, 12 Province

30 Curse cards

## 262 Kingdom cards

10 each of Artisan, Bandit, Bureaucrat, Cellar, Chapel, Council Room, Festival, Harbinger, Laboratory, Library, Market, Merchant, Militia, Mine, Moat, Moneylender, Poacher, Remodel, Sentry, Smithy, Throne Room, Vassal, Village, Witch, Workshop

12 Gardens

26 Randomizer cards (one of each Kingdom card with a different card back)

4 blank cards (unused)

1 Trash mat

1 Plastic organizer tray

1 Organizing Inlay

1 Rule booklet

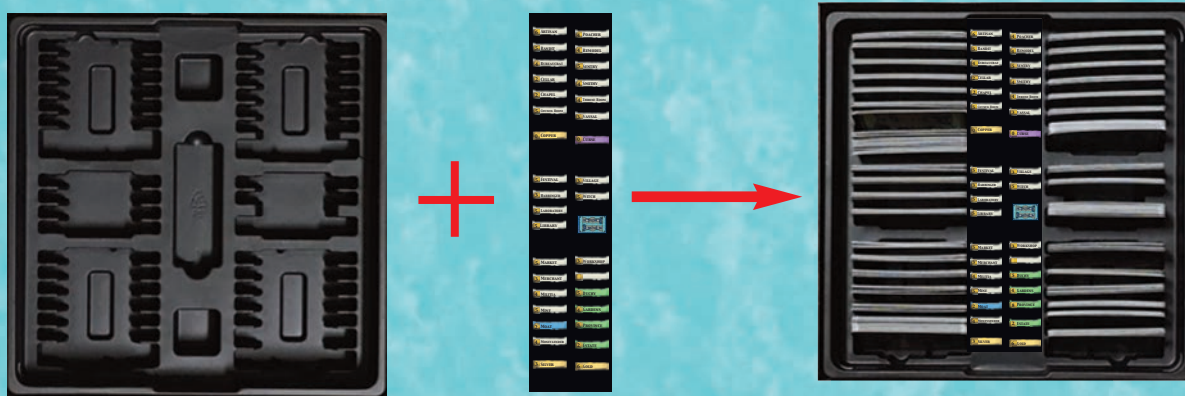
Before the first game, carefully place the cards in the organizer tray - **do not shuffle them!**

Please note that some cards have different backs than others. The playing cards (Treasure cards, Victory cards, Curse cards, and Kingdom cards) all have a back with a tan border:

The Randomizer cards all have blue borders:



Do not mix the playing cards with the Randomizer cards. Place the Organizing Inlay in the middle of the Plastic organizer tray (placed such that the largest storage space is on the left) with Artisan at the top of the plastic tray.



Now unwrap the card decks and place the cards in the slots of the Plastic organizer tray next to the matching names on the Organizing Inlay. When playing a game, you will remove only the cards used in that game and then return them to their appropriate slots after each game. By doing so, you will always be able to easily and quickly set up a new game.

# PREPARATION

Each player takes 3 Estates and 7 Coppers and shuffles them face down as a starting deck.

Place 17 face-up piles of cards on the table: the 7 Base card piles, which are always used, and always the same, and 10 Kingdom card piles, which vary from game to game. The full set of cards available this game is called the Supply.



The Base cards are Copper, Silver, Gold, Estate, Duchy, Province, and Curse.

- Copper, Silver, Gold: Use every copy you have of these (except Coppers players already have).
- Estate, Duchy, Province: Use 8 copies of each for a 2-player game, 12 copies for 3-4 players.
- Curse: Use 10 with 2 players, 20 with 3 players, all 30 with 4 players.

There are 26 Kingdom cards. If you have expansions, you can use those Kingdom cards as well. Choose 10 Kingdom cards to use, however you like; the others will not be used this game. You can pick the Kingdom cards randomly by shuffling the randomizer cards - the cards with the blue framed backs - and turning over 10 of them. There are a few pre-made sets of 10 cards in the Recommended Sets section that you can try. For your very first game of Dominion, use these cards: Cellar, Market, Merchant, Militia, Mine, Moat, Remodel, Smithy, Village, Workshop.

Whichever 10 cards you pick, get out those piles - 10 copies of each card (do not put the randomizer card in the pile). When a Victory Kingdom card is used (e.g. Gardens), it gets 8 copies for 2 players, 12 copies for 3-4 players, as with the other Victory cards.

Put the Trash mat near the piles.



Randomly choose a starting player. If you have just played a game of Dominion and it was not a tie, have the player who won the previous game go last (the player to their left goes first).

Each player draws an initial hand of 5 cards.

## OVERVIEW

Dominion is a game of building a deck of cards. Each player has their own deck, their own discard pile, their own hand of cards and play area. Players start with a weak initial deck and gradually acquire better cards over the course of the game.

Players take turns. Each turn has three phases: Action, then Buy, then Clean-up, which you can remember as ABC. In the Action phase, you can play one Action card from your hand; in the Buy phase, you can play any number of Treasure cards and then buy one card to add to your deck; and in Clean-up you sweep up all of your cards from play and from your hand and discard them, then draw a new hand of 5 cards, shuffling as needed.

The game ends after 3 piles are empty or the Province pile is empty; then players count up the  on all of their cards, and the player with the most  wins.

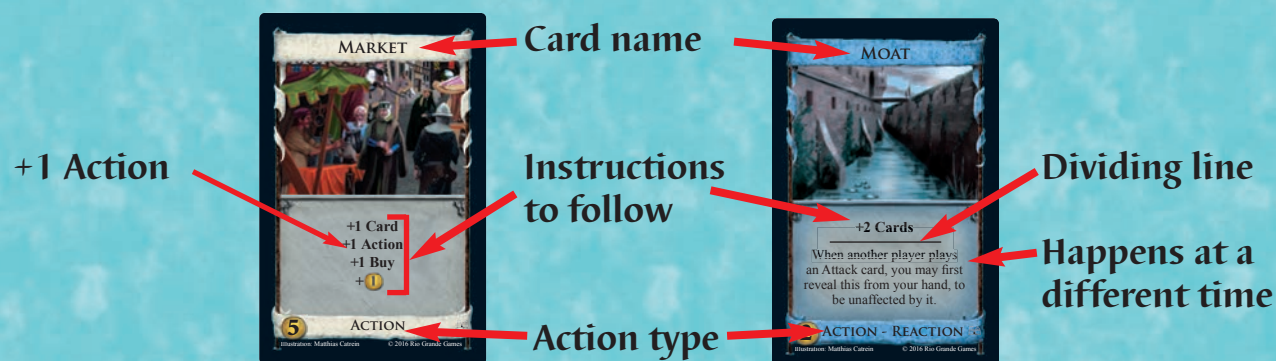
## ACTION PHASE

In your Action phase, you can play one Action card from your hand. Those are cards that say "Action" on the bottom, and by default have a white banner (some are other colors due to additional types). Playing an Action card has three steps: announcing it; moving it to the "in play" area - the table space in front of you; and following the instructions on it, in order, top to bottom. If the card has a dividing line (e.g. Moat), you stop there; instructions below the line happen at some other time (indicated). If you cannot do everything a card tells you to do, you do as much as you can; you can still play a card even if you know you will not be able to do everything it tells you to.

Some cards give "+1 Action." This increases how many Action cards you can play in a turn. The increase happens right then, but you do not play the next Action card until completely finishing the first one. Some cards give "+2 Actions"; that means you can play two more Action cards that turn.

So, for example, if you play Militia, which does not give +Actions, you resolve Militia and are done with your Action phase. But you could instead play a Market, then another Market, then a Militia; each Market gives you +1 Action, which lets you keep playing Actions.

Using up your Actions is optional; you can have an Action card left in hand that you can play, and decide not to play it.



## BUY PHASE

First you can play any number of Treasure cards from your hand, in any order. Treasure cards say "Treasure" on the bottom and have a yellow banner. You play one by moving it to the "in play" area; you probably will not announce your Treasures, though you can if you want. The Treasures have no text, just a big coin with a number on it. You get that many coins to spend this turn - one coin for a Copper, two for a Silver, three for a Gold, indicated as ①, ②, ③. The amount is also in the corners at the top of Treasures. You do not have to play every Treasure in your hand (but only get ⑤ this turn for the Treasures you play).

Then, you can buy one card, costing as much ⑤ as you have or less. Costs are indicated in the lower left corner of cards. You buy a card by choosing it from the Supply, and then "gaining" it. "Gaining" a card means moving it from the Supply to your discard pile. Your total amount of coins available to spend goes down by the cost of the card. For example if you played four Coppers and a Silver, that makes ⑥ total; if you bought a Market, that costs ⑤, so you would move a Market from the Supply to your discard pile and have ① left.

Buying cards does not use up Treasure cards; you still have the cards. The Treasures produce income usable every time you draw them. Buying cards just uses up the ⑤ you have available this turn.

Some cards give "+1 Buy." This increases how many cards you can buy in a turn in your Buy phase. For example with ⑥ and an extra Buy, you could buy two Silvers, which each cost ③. Using up your Buys is optional. You can have two Buys but just buy one card, or skip buying entirely. As Copper costs ①, you could use a Buy with no ⑤ to buy a Copper.

You cannot go back and play more Treasures after buying a card; first play Treasures, then buy.



## CLEAN-UP PHASE


Take all of the cards you have in play (both Actions and Treasures), and any remaining cards in your hand, and put them all into your discard pile. The order does not matter; you can hide the cards from your hand under the played cards if you want to.



Draw a new hand of 5 cards. If your deck has fewer than 5 cards, first shuffle your discard pile and put it under your deck, then draw.

Play passes to the player to your left. Any unused +Actions, unused +Buys, or unspent ⑤ that you had left are gone; you start each turn fresh.

## GAME END

The game ends at the end of a turn, if either the Province pile is empty, or any three or more Supply piles are empty (any piles at all, including Kingdom cards, Curses, Copper, etc.).

Take all of your cards - from your hand, deck, discard pile, play area, and even set aside cards - and sort them for putting them back in their piles. Count up your .







The player with the most  wins. If players tie for , a player who tied but had fewer turns wins. If players tie and had the same number of turns, they rejoice in their shared victory.

## CARD TYPES

Every card has types, listed on the bottom; a color, which helps indicate certain types; and a cost, in the lower left corner. Action cards all have a text box with instructions; sometimes other cards do.

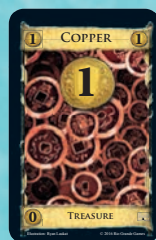
Cards can have multiple types. A card has all of its types for all purposes. For example, Throne Room lets you play an Action card twice; that Action could be Witch, which is an Action - Attack, or Moat, an Action - Reaction, or Smithy, an Action.

These are the card types present in the main set (expansions add some):

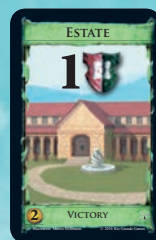
- **Action:** These can be played in your Action phase to do what they say to do in the text box.
- **Treasure:** These can be played in your Buy phase to produce  used to buy cards. The amount of  is indicated in the top corners and on a big  symbol. Treasures in expansions may have rules on them like Action cards.
- **Victory:** These are generally not useful during the game, but are worth  at the end indicated by a number next to a big  symbol.
- **Curse:** These are bad cards worth -1 . Normally they have no use and you will not choose to buy them, though you can; however you may receive them from other players via Witch.
- **Attack:** These are cards that hurt other players directly somehow.
- **Reaction:** These are cards that can be used in some way at an unusual time. Any such use is spelled out on the Reaction card; for example Moat says it can be revealed when another player plays an Attack card. Reactions are used one at a time (which matters for expansion Reactions).



Action



Treasure



Victory



Curse



Action &  
Attack



Action &  
Reaction

## TERMINOLOGY


Some special terms are used in card text.

Four terms involve a number after a + symbol. +2 is the same as +1 twice, and so on.

**" +1 Action" - You may play an additional Action card this turn.**

- When this happens, it just adds to the number of Action cards you can play; you finish resolving the current card before actually playing more Action cards.
- Actions are only usable in the Action phase.
- When you have multiple Actions, it can be helpful to say the number out loud to remember it. Some players like to form a "tree" on the table, putting two played Actions on a Village or Festival to show its Actions being used up.

**" +1 Buy" - You may buy an additional card in your Buy phase this turn.**

- You do not have to use extra Buys.
- You split up your  among your Buys.

**" +1 Card" - Draw a card.**

- You draw the card immediately.
- If you have to draw more cards than are left in your deck, you shuffle your discard pile, put it under your deck, and then draw. If there still are not enough cards to draw, you just draw as many as you can.

**" +" - You have an extra  to spend in your Buy phase this turn.**

- + does not give you a Copper card; it just adds to how much  you can spend this turn.

Other terms involve moving cards, seeing cards, and where cards are.

**"Discard a card" - Move a card from your hand to your discard pile.**

- Sometimes a card will tell you to discard a card from another location, but by default discarded cards come from hands.
- You place the discarded card on top of your discard pile, face up.
- If you discard multiple cards at once, you do not need to reveal them all, just the one you put on top.

**"Gain a card" - Take a card from the Supply and put it into your discard pile.**

- Sometimes a card will let you gain a card from a place other than the Supply, but by default gained cards come from the Supply.
- Sometimes a card will let you gain a card to a location other than your discard pile, but by default all gained cards are put into your discard pile.
- You do not play a card when you gain it; it just goes to your discard pile.

**"In play" - Being in a player's play area.**

- Cards become "in play" when played, and usually stay there until discarded from play in Clean-up.
- Only played cards are in play; set aside cards, cards in the trash, in the Supply, in hands, etc., are not in play.

**"Look at a card" - You get to see the card; other players do not.**

- After looking at it, return it to wherever it was (unless otherwise instructed).

**"Play a card" - Put a card into play, and follow the instructions on it.**

- When a card tells you to play a card, that does not use up an Action play for the turn.
- As with playing a card normally, you follow the instructions in order, stopping at a dividing line when there is one.
- As always, played cards go into play, not directly into the discard pile.

**"Reveal a card" - All players get to see the card.**

- After revealing it, return it to wherever it was (unless otherwise instructed).

**"Set aside a card" - Put the card on the table, outside of the play area.**

- Set aside cards are not "in play."
- Set aside cards are face up unless otherwise specified.
- A card that sets a card aside will say when to move it somewhere else.

**"Trash a card" - Put a card into the Trash pile.**

- This is a way of getting rid of a card; a trashed card is no longer one of your cards.
- The Trash pile is on the Trash mat, face up; players may look through the Trash at any time.
- The order of the Trash pile does not matter; players can reorder it.
- Cards in the Trash are essentially out of the game, though some expansion cards can get them.

Finally there are three symbols used in text boxes.

 - Victory points. The player with the most  wins.

 - The coin symbol. This indicates costs of cards, and amounts of money produced.

Dividing line - Some cards have the text box divided with a line (e.g. Moat). This separates abilities that happen at different times. When playing the card, you follow instructions above the line only; the text below the line will say when it applies.

## SHUFFLING

If you have to do anything with your deck - for example draw, look at, reveal, set aside, discard, or trash cards - and you need more cards than are left in your deck, first shuffle your discard pile and put it under your deck, then do the thing. If there are still not enough cards, you do the thing with however many cards you can. If when shuffling there are no cards in your deck, the shuffled discard pile simply becomes your new deck.

When your deck is empty, you do not shuffle until you need to do something with cards from your deck. If you have to put a card on top of your deck when it is empty, that card becomes the only card in your deck.



## ADDITIONAL RULES

You can count the number of cards in your deck at any time (without looking at the card fronts), but cannot look through or count your discard pile or another player's deck or discard pile. The number of cards in each player's hand is public, as is the top card of each discard pile. All cards in play are public; set aside cards are normally public but are sometimes face down. Players can look through the Trash pile at any time.

When interacting with a discard pile (e.g. with Harbinger), it is not necessary to keep it in the same order. The only thing that ever matters about that order is that the top card is public. It is also never necessary to keep the Trash pile in a particular order.

When two things happen to different players at the same time, go in turn order starting with the player whose turn it is. For example, when a player plays Witch, the other players gain Curses in turn order, which may matter if the Curses run out.

When two things happen to one player at the same time, that player picks the order to do them, even if some are mandatory and some are not. This can come up with expansions.

When a card gives you a choice ("choose one..."), you can pick any option, without considering whether or not you will be able to do it. This comes up with expansions.

## 5-6 PLAYER RULES

To play with 5 or 6 players, you need additional base cards. These are available in the Base Cards product and in the Big Box, or you could have two copies of Dominion.

Most Victory piles still have 12 cards, as with 3-4 player games. However use 15 Provinces for 5 players, and use 18 Provinces for 6 players. Use 40 Curses for 5 players, 50 Curses for 6 players.

Add all of the extra Coppers, Silvers, and Golds to those piles.

The game end condition for 5-6 players is: any four piles are empty, or the Province pile is empty.

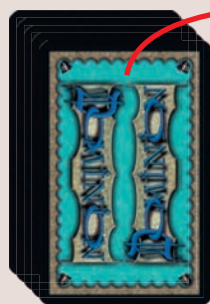
## SAMPLE TURNS

Shuffle your starting 10 cards (7 Coppers & 3 Estates) and place them face-down as your deck. Draw the top 5 cards as your starting hand. In this example, you have 1 Estate & 4 Coppers. The rest remain as your deck.

Before the game



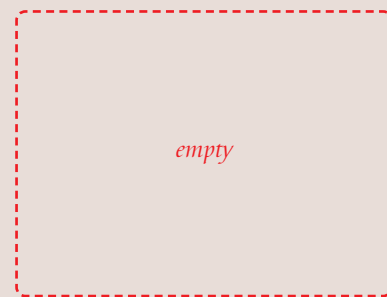
Discard pile



Deck



Hand



Cards played

## 1st turn

As you have no Action cards to start the game, you skip the Action phase and go directly to the Buy phase. You play 4 Copper cards from your hand to buy a Remodel card (cost = 4) from the Supply, placing it in your discard pile.

Buy phase

from the Supply



Discard pile



Deck



Hand



Cards played

After completing your buy, you go to the Clean-up phase. Here you place the cards you played on the discard pile and the cards left in your hand there as well.

Clean-up phase



Discard pile



Deck



Hand



Cards played

Finally, you draw 5 cards from your deck for your next turn. This time, you get 2 Estates and 3 Coppers. Your 1st turn is over and the opponent on your left begins their turn.



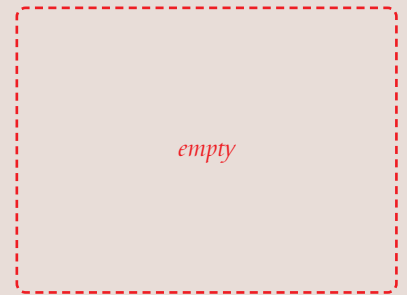
Discard pile



Deck



Hand



Cards played

## 2nd turn

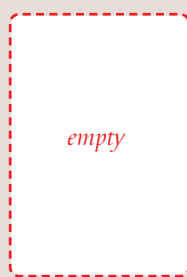
After your opponents complete their turns, it is your 2nd turn. Again, you have no Action cards, so you go directly to the Buy phase. This time, you play your 3 Copper cards to buy a Silver card, placing it on your discard pile.

Buy phase

from the Supply



Discard pile



Deck



Hand



Cards played

Clean-up phase

In your Clean-up phase, you place the 3 Coppers you played on your discard pile and the 2 Estate cards left in your hand there as well.



Finally, you draw 5 cards from your deck for your next turn. Since your deck is empty, you shuffle your discard pile, place it face-down, and draw 5 cards from it. This time, you get 1 Estate, 1 Silver, 2 Coppers, and 1 Remodel. Your 2nd turn is over and the opponent on your left begins their turn.



3rd turn

Action phase

After your opponents complete their turns, you begin your 3rd turn with the Action phase and play Remodel. You decide to trash the Estate from your hand and gain a Smithy from the Supply (cost = 4 = cost of Estate + 2), placing it on your discard pile.



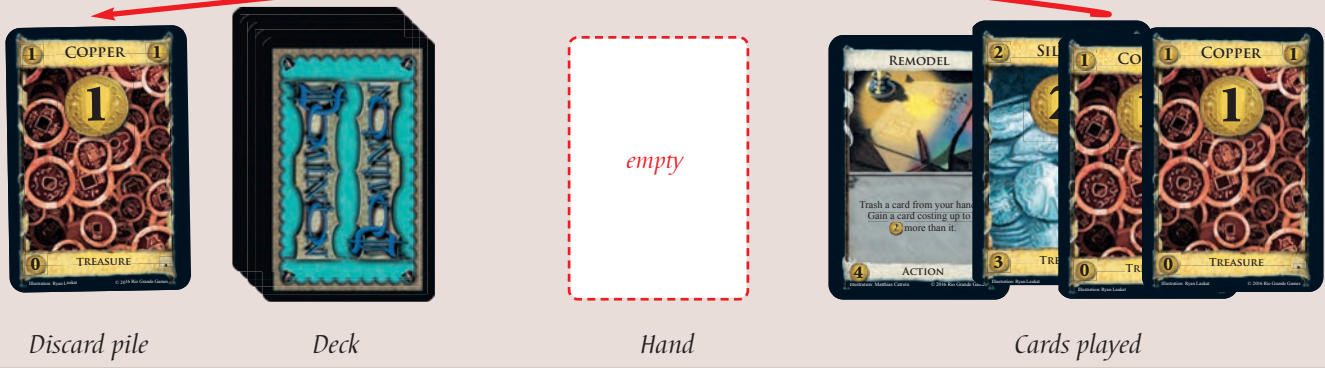
Buy phase

You have 4 in your hand for the Buy phase. You play the 4 (2 Copper cards and 1 Silver card) and decide to buy a Militia card from the Supply, placing it in your discard pile.



Clean-up phase

In your Clean-up phase, you discard your played cards and hand as usual, then draw 5 cards to end your turn.



## KINGDOM CARD NOTES

**Artisan:** The card you gain comes from the Supply and is put into your hand. You cannot use to increase how expensive of a card you gain; it always costs from to . After gaining the card, you put a card from your hand onto your deck; that can be the card you just gained, or a different card.

**Bandit:** First you gain a Gold from the Supply, putting it into your discard pile. Then each other player, in turn order, reveals their top 2 cards, trashes one they choose that is a Treasure other than Copper (e.g. Silver or Gold), and discards the other revealed cards. A player who did not reveal a Treasure card other than Copper simply discards both cards.

**Bureaucrat:** A player with no cards in their deck will have the card they put on top become the only card in their deck.

**Cellar:** Choose any number of cards from your hand; discard them all at once; then draw as many cards as you actually discarded. If this causes you to shuffle, you will shuffle in the cards you discarded. You do not have to let players see any but the top card discarded; however the number of cards you discard is public.

**Chapel:** You cannot trash the Chapel itself, since it is not in your hand after you play it.

**Council Room:** The other players draw a card whether they want to or not.

**Festival:** You get +2 Actions, +1 Buy, and + .

**Gardens:** For example, if you have 37 cards at the end of the game, each copy of Gardens you have is worth 3 . Use 8 copies of Gardens in a 2-player game, 12 copies for 3 or more players.




**Harbinger:** First draw a card and get +1 Action; then look through your discard pile, and you may put a card from it on top of your deck. Putting a card on top is optional.




**Laboratory:** You draw 2 cards and get +1 Action.

**Library:** You look at cards one at a time, putting each one into your hand or setting it aside, until you have 7 cards in hand; then you discard the set aside cards. If you shuffle in the middle of doing this, you do not shuffle in the set aside cards. Only Action cards can be set aside. You are not forced to set aside Action cards; that is just an option. If you already have 7 cards in hand to start, you do not draw any cards.


**Market:** You draw a card and get +1 Action, +, and +1 Buy.

**Merchant:** When you play Merchant, you draw a card and get +1 Action. If you end up playing a Silver later in the turn, it comes with +. If you play more than one Merchant, each gives you + when you play that first Silver; but if you play more than one Silver, you only get the + for the first Silver.

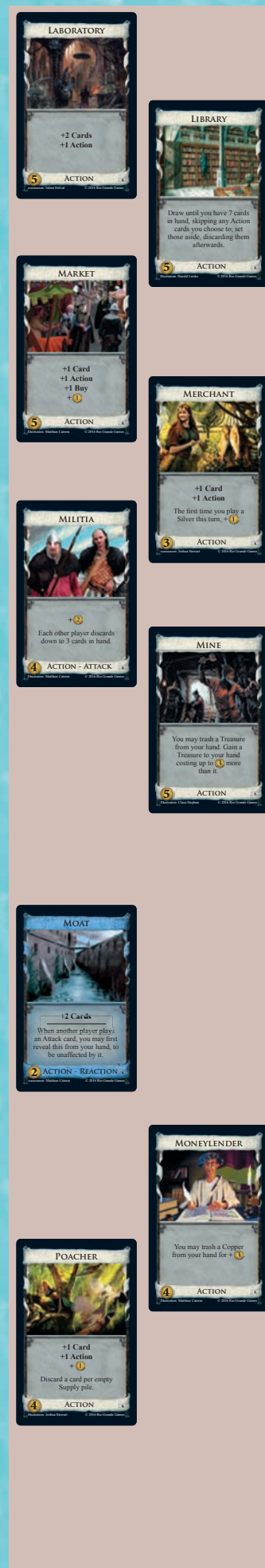
**Militia:** Players with 3 or fewer cards in hand do not discard any cards. Players with more cards discard until they only have 3.

**Mine:** You can, for example, trash a Copper to gain a Silver, or trash a Silver to gain a Gold. The Treasure you gain comes from the Supply and is put into your hand; you can play it for  the same turn. If you do not have a Treasure to trash, you do not gain one.

**Moat:** An Attack card says "Attack" on the bottom line; in this set, Bandit, Bureaucrat, Militia, and Witch are Attacks. When another player plays an Attack card, you may reveal a Moat from your hand, before the Attack does anything, to be unaffected by the Attack - you do not reveal cards to Bandit, or put a Victory card on your deck for Bureaucrat, or discard for Militia, or gain a Curse for Witch. Moat stays in your hand, and can still be played on your next turn. Moat does not stop anything an Attack does to other players, or for the player who played it; it just protects you personally. Moat can also be played on your turn for +2 Cards. If multiple Attacks are played on a turn or in a round of turns, you may reveal Moat for as many of them as you want.

**Moneylender:** You only get the + if you actually trashed a Copper.

**Poacher:** You draw your one card before discarding. If there are no empty piles, you do not discard. If there is one empty pile, you discard one card; if there are two empty piles, you discard two cards, and so on. This includes all Supply piles, including Curses, Coppers, Poacher itself, etc. If you do not have enough cards to discard, just discard the rest of your hand.



**Remodel:** You cannot trash the Remodel itself, since it is not in your hand after you play it. If you do not have a card to trash, you do not gain one. If you do gain a card, it comes from the Supply and is put into your discard pile. The gained card does not need to cost exactly 2 more than the trashed card; it can cost that much or less, and can even be another copy of the trashed card. You cannot use 1 to increase how expensive of a card you gain.

**Sentry:** First you draw a card and get +1 Action. Then you look at the top 2 cards of your deck. You can trash both, or discard both, or put both back in either order; or you can trash one and discard one, or trash one and put one back, or discard one and put one back.

**Smithy:** You draw 3 cards.

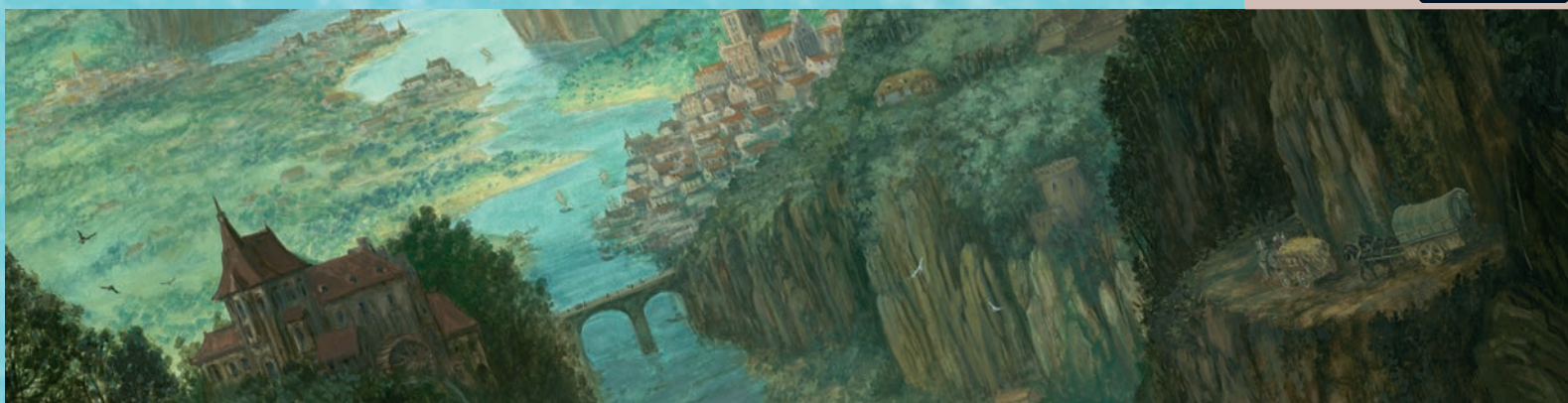
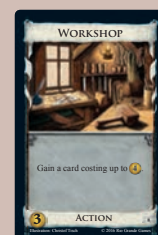
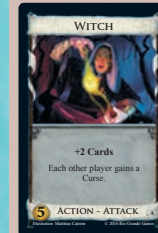
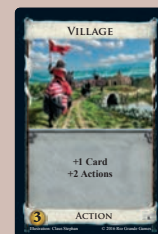
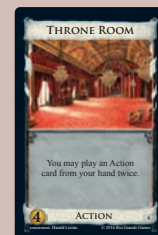
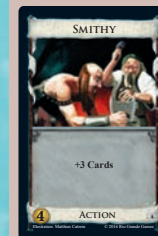
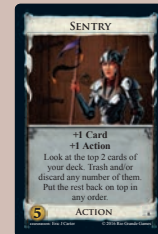
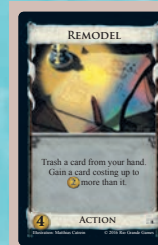
**Throne Room:** Playing an Action card from your hand is optional. If you do play one, you resolve it completely, then play it a second time. You cannot play other cards in-between (unless told to by the card, such as with Vassal or Throne Room itself). Playing Action cards with Throne Room is just like playing Action cards normally, except it does not use up Action plays for the turn. For example if you start a turn by playing Throne Room on Village, you would draw a card, get +2 Actions, draw another card, and get +2 Actions again, leaving you with 4 Actions. If you Throne Room a Throne Room, you may play an Action card twice, then may play another Action card twice; you do not play one Action card four times.

**Vassal:** If the card is an Action card, you can play it, but do not have to. If you do play it, you move it into your play area and follow its instructions; this does not use up one of your Action plays for the turn.

**Village:** You draw a card and get +2 Actions.

**Witch:** The Curses come from the Supply and are put into discard piles. They are given out in turn order, which can matter when the Curse pile is low. When the Curses are gone, you can still play Witch for +2 Cards.

**Workshop:** The card you gain comes from the Supply and is put into your discard pile. You cannot use 1 to increase how expensive of a card you gain; it always costs from 0 to 4.



## RECOMMENDED SETS OF 10

Players can play Dominion with any set of 10 Kingdom cards, but these sets have been specially picked out to be entertaining and show off card interactions and strategies. Dominion now has a large number of expansions with which you can add to your fun. We have included recommended sets for those expansions as well.

### Dominion alone:

**First Game:** Cellar, Market, Merchant, Militia, Mine, Moat, Remodel, Smithy, Village, Workshop

**Size Distortion:** Artisan, Bandit, Bureaucrat, Chapel, Festival, Gardens, Sentry, Throne Room, Witch, Workshop

**Deck Top:** Artisan, Bureaucrat, Council Room, Festival, Harbinger, Laboratory, Moneylender, Sentry, Vassal, Village

**Sleight of Hand:** Cellar, Council Room, Festival, Gardens, Library, Harbinger, Militia, Poacher, Smithy, Throne Room

**Improvements:** Artisan, Cellar, Market, Merchant, Mine, Moat, Moneylender, Poacher, Remodel, Witch

**Silver & Gold:** Bandit, Bureaucrat, Chapel, Harbinger, Laboratory, Merchant, Mine, Moneylender, Throne Room, Vassal

### Dominion & Intrigue:

**Underlings:** Cellar, Festival, Library, Sentry, Vassal • Courtier, Diplomat, Minion, Nobles, Pawn

**Grand Scheme:** Artisan, Council Room, Market, Militia, Workshop • Bridge, Mill, Mining Village, Patrol, Shanty Town

**Deconstruction:** Bandit, Mine, Remodel, Throne Room, Village • Diplomat, Harem, Lurker, Replace, Swindler

### Dominion & Seaside:

**Reach for Tomorrow:** Artisan, Cellar, Council Room, Vassal, Village • Cutpurse, Ghost Ship, Lookout, Sea Hag, Treasure Map

**Repetition:** Festival, Harbinger, Militia, Workshop • Caravan, Explorer, Outpost, Pearl Diver, Pirate Ship, Treasury

**Give and Take:** Library, Market, Moneylender, Witch • Ambassador, Fishing Village, Haven, Island, Salvager, Smugglers

### Dominion & Alchemy:

**Forbidden Arts:** Bandit, Cellar, Council Room, Gardens, Laboratory, Throne Room • Apprentice, Familiar, Possession, University

**Potion Mixers:** Cellar, Festival, Militia, Poacher, Smithy • Alchemist, Apothecary, Golem, Herbalist, Transmute

**Chemistry Lesson:** Bureaucrat, Market, Moat, Remodel, Vassal, Witch • Alchemist, Golem, Philosopher's Stone, University

### Dominion & Prosperity:

**Biggest Money:** Artisan, Harbinger, Laboratory, Mine, Moneylender • Bank, Grand Market, Mint, Royal Seal, Venture

**The King's Army:** Bureaucrat, Council Room, Merchant, Moat, Village • Expand, Goons, King's Court, Rabble, Vault

**The Good Life:** Artisan, Bureaucrat, Cellar, Gardens, Village • Contraband, Counting House, Hoard, Monument, Mountebank

### Dominion & Cornucopia/Guilds:

**Bounty of the Hunt:** Cellar, Festival, Militia, Moneylender, Smithy • Harvest, Horn of Plenty, Hunting Party, Menagerie, Tournament

**Bad Omens:** Bureaucrat, Laboratory, Merchant, Poacher, Throne Room • Fortune Teller, Hamlet, Horn of Plenty, Jester, Remake

**The Jester's Workshop:** Artisan, Laboratory, Market, Remodel, Workshop • Fairgrounds, Farming Village, Horse Traders, Jester, Young Witch • Bane: Merchant

**Arts and Crafts:** Laboratory, Cellar, Workshop, Festival, Moneylender • Stonemason, Advisor, Baker, Journeyman, Merchant Guild

**Clean Living:** Bandit, Militia, Moneylender, Gardens, Village • Butcher, Baker, Candlestick Maker, Doctor, Soothsayer

**Gilding the Lily:** Library, Merchant, Remodel, Market, Sentry • Plaza, Masterpiece, Candlestick Maker, Taxman, Herald

### Dominion & Hinterlands:

**Highway Robbery:** Cellar, Library, Moneylender, Throne Room, Workshop • Highway, Inn, Margrave, Noble Brigand, Oasis

**Adventures Abroad:** Festival, Laboratory, Remodel, Sentry, Vassal • Crossroads, Farmland, Fool's Gold, Oracle, Spice Merchant

### Dominion & Dark Ages:

**High and Low:** Cellar, Moneylender, Throne Room, Witch, Workshop • Hermit, Hunting Grounds, Mystic, Poor House, Wandering Minstrel

**Chivalry and Revelry:** Festival, Gardens, Laboratory, Library, Remodel • Altar, Knights, Rats, Scavenger, Squire

### Dominion & Adventures:

**Level Up:** Training • Market, Merchant, Militia, Throne Room, Workshop • Dungeon, Gear, Guide, Lost City, Miser

**Son of Size Distortion:** Bonfire, Raid • Bandit, Bureaucrat, Gardens, Moneylender, Witch • Amulet, Duplicate, Giant, Messenger, Treasure Trove

### Dominion & Empires:

**Everything in Moderation:** Orchard, Windfall • Cellar, Library, Remodel, Village, Workshop • Enchantress, Forum, Legionary, Overlord, Temple

**Silver Bullets:** Aqueduct, Conquest • Bureaucrat, Gardens, Laboratory, Market, Moneylender • Catapult/Rocks, Charm, Farmers' Market, Groundskeeper, Patrician/Emporium

### Dominion & Nocturne:

**Night Shift:** Bandit, Gardens, Mine, Poacher, Smithy • Druid (*The Earth's Gift, The Flame's Gift, The Forest's Gift*), Exorcist, Ghost Town, Idol, Night Watchman Mine, Poacher,

**Idle Hands:** Cellar, Harbinger, Market, Merchant, Moneylender • Bard, Conclave, Cursed Village, Devil's Workshop, Tragic Hero

### Dominion & Renaissance:

**It Takes a Villager:** Road Network • Market, Merchant, Mine, Smithy, Vassal • Acting Troupe, Cargo Ship, Recruiter, Seer, Treasurer

**Capture the Flag:** Barracks, Pageant • Cellar, Festival, Harbinger, Remodel, Workshop • Flag Bearer, Lackeys, Scholar, Swashbuckler, Villain

### Dominion & Menagerie:

**Pony Express:** Way of the Seal, Stampede • Artisan, Cellar, Market, Mine, Village • Barge, Destrier, Paddock, Stockpile, Supplies

**Garden of Cats:** Way of the Mole, Toil • Bandit, Gardens, Harbinger, Merchant, Moat • Black Cat, Displace, Sanctuary, Scrap, Snowy Village

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Something's afoot. The steward smiles at you like he has a secret, or like he thinks you have a secret, or like you think he thinks you have a secret. There are secret plots brewing, you're sure of it. At the very least, there are yours. A passing servant murmurs, "The eggs are on the plate."

You frantically search your codebook for the translation before realizing he means that breakfast is ready. Excellent. Everything is going according to plan.

This is the 1st expansion to the game of Dominion. It has 300 cards. There are victory cards that do something before the end of the game, cards that interact with victory cards, and underlings that give you a choice as to what they do. Dominion: Intrigue cannot be played by itself; to play with it, you need the Basic cards and rulebook (Dominion provides both). Dominion: Intrigue can also be combined with any other Dominion expansions you have.

We hope you enjoy this expanding world of Dominion.

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300 cards

268 Kingdom cards

10 each of Baron, Bridge, Conspirator, Courtier, Courtyard, Diplomat, Ironworks, Lurker, Masquerade, Mining Village, Minion, Patrol, Pawn, Replace, Secret Passage, Shanty Town, Steward, Swindler, Torturer, Trading Post, Upgrade, Wishing Well

12 each of Duke, Harem, Mill, and Nobles

26 Randomizer cards (one of each Kingdom card with a blue banded back)

6 blank cards (unused)

1 Plastic organizer tray

1 Organizing Inlay

1 Rule booklet



# PREPARATION


Before the first game, remove the three sets of cards from their wrappings and place them in the card tray. The included inlay suggests a way to organize the cards.

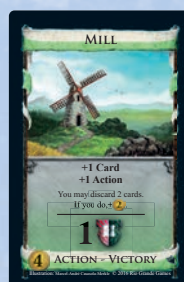
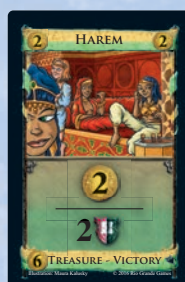
Intrigue has 26 Kingdom cards, with 26 corresponding randomizer cards. Players will need the Treasure cards, Victory cards, Curse cards, and Trash mat/card from either Dominion or Base Cards; the first edition of Intrigue included base cards but this edition does not. If players wish to choose Kingdom cards randomly, they can shuffle the randomizer cards from this expansion with the ones from Dominion and/or any other expansions they have.

Victory piles start with 8 cards for 2 players, 12 cards for 3-6 players. That includes Duke, Harem, Mill, and Nobles.

# ADDITIONAL RULES FOR INTRIGUE

Intrigue has cards that give players a choice between two or more options. A player given a choice picks any choice, even if unable to do the instruction, then does as much of it as they can. For example, Sylvia plays Steward with one card left in her hand. She can pick the "trash 2 cards from your hand" option despite only having one card in hand. If she picks that option, she trashes the one card in her hand. Sometimes one of the options of a card with a choice is to make +. To track the , players can push the card up slightly from the line of played cards.

Intrigue has three Victory cards that have another type as well: Harem, Mill, and Nobles. These cards are both types for all purposes. For example, since Nobles is an Action card, it can be played in the Action phase, can be trashed from the Supply with Lurker, and so on; since it is a Victory card, it is worth  when scoring, is put into a player's hand due to Patrol, and so on.



## SAMPLE TURN

It is the start of Molly's turn in a game vs. Kelly. Her hand is Mining Village, Shanty Town, Torturer, Pawn, Copper.

Molly plays Mining Village, drawing Estate and getting +1 Action. She chooses not to trash the Mining Village. She plays Torturer, drawing Silver, Estate, Shanty Town. Kelly chooses to gain a Curse to his hand. Molly plays Shanty Town, getting +2 Actions, revealing her hand which does have Actions in it, and not drawing.

She plays Pawn, choosing +1 Card and +1. She draws a Silver. She plays another Shanty Town for +2 Actions, this time revealing a hand with no Actions and drawing Torturer and Bridge. She plays the Torturer, drawing Shanty Town, Bridge, Copper. Kelly discards the Curse and a Copper.

Molly plays her last Shanty Town for +2 Actions, revealing her hand with Actions, and plays the two Bridges, getting +2 and +2 Buys.

Now it is her Buy phase. She plays two Coppers and two Silvers. She has 9 and 3 Buys (her normal Buy plus the 2 from the Bridges). Cards cost 2 less due to the Bridges. She buys two Torturers for 3 each, and a Mining Village for 2. She has 1 left but no more Buys. She discards everything she played and draws a new hand of 5 cards.



# KINGDOM CARD NOTES

**Baron:** You do not have to discard an Estate, but if you do not, you must gain an Estate (if any are left).

**Bridge:** All cards, including cards in the Supply, in play, in decks, and in hands, cost 1 less for the rest of this turn, but not less than 0. For example after playing Bridge, you could buy a Gold with 5, since Gold only costs 5; you could Upgrade Copper to Estate, since Copper still costs 0, but Estate costs 1; you could use Ironworks to gain a Duchy, since Duchy only costs 4. This is cumulative; if you play two Bridges (or the same Bridge twice via Throne Room), cards will cost 2 less.

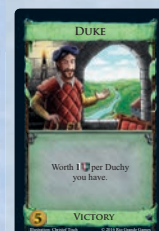
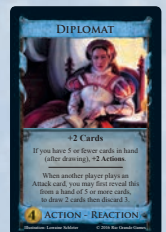
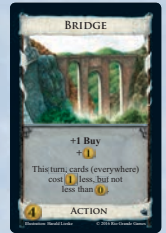
**Conspirator:** This counts Actions played this turn, rather than Action cards in play. For example if you start a turn with Throne Room on a Conspirator, you get +2 for the first play of Conspirator, but +2 +1 Card +1 Action for the second play of Conspirator. You only have two Action cards in play, but the second play of Conspirator is your third Action played this turn.


**Courtier:** First reveal a card from your hand, then count the types. The types are the words on the bottom line - including Action, Attack, Curse, Reaction, Treasure, and Victory (with more in expansions). Then choose one different thing per type the card had; if you revealed a card with two types, you pick two things. For example you could reveal a Copper and choose "gain a Gold," or reveal a Mill and choose "+1 Action" and "+3." If you gain a Gold, put the Gold into your discard pile.

**Courtyard:** The card you put on top does not have to be one of the 3 you just drew.

**Diplomat:** When playing this, you get +2 Cards, then count your cards in hand, and if you have 5 cards or fewer, you get +2 Actions. So, for example if you play this from a hand of 5 cards, you will put it into play, going down to 4 cards, then draw 2 cards, going up to 6 cards, and that is more than 5 cards so you would not get the +2 Actions. Diplomat can also be used when another player plays an Attack card, if you have at least 5 cards in hand. Before the Attack card does anything, you can reveal a Diplomat from your hand; if you do, you draw 2 cards, then discard 3 cards (which can include the Diplomat). If you still have at least 5 cards in hand after doing that (such as due to Council Rooms), you can reveal Diplomat again and do it again. You reveal Reactions one at a time; you cannot reveal two Diplomats simultaneously. You can reveal a Moat from your hand (to be unaffected by an Attack) either before or after revealing and resolving a Diplomat (even if the Moat was not in your hand until after resolving Diplomat).

**Duke:** For example, if you have five Duchies, then each of your Dukes is worth 5. Use 8 Dukes for games with 2 players, 12 for games with 3 or more players.






**Harem:** This can be played in your Buy phase like other Treasures, and is worth 2  at the end of the game. Use 8 Harems for games with 2 players, 12 for games with 3 or more players.

**Ironworks:** The card you gain comes from the Supply and is put into your discard pile. You get bonuses depending on the types of the card you gained. A card with 2 types gives you both bonuses; if you use Ironworks to gain a Mill, you both draw a card and get +1 Action.

**Lurker:** The card trashed or gained has to be an Action card, but can have other types too. For example Lurker can trash Nobles from the Supply and can gain Nobles from the trash. When gaining a card with Lurker, put the gained card into your discard pile.

**Masquerade:** First you draw 2 cards. Then, all players at the same time choose a card to pass left, putting it face down on the table between players. Then the cards are passed; each player takes the passed card from the player to their right. Players with no cards in hand (such as due to Torturer) are skipped over - they neither pass a card nor receive one. Finally, you may trash a card from your hand. This is not an Attack and so cannot be stopped with Moat. Passed cards are not "gained" (which matters for some expansion cards, e.g. Trader from Dominion: Hinterlands).

**Mill:** You can choose to discard 2 cards even if you only have one card in hand, but you only get +2  if you actually discarded 2 cards. Use 8 Mills for games with 2 players, 12 for games with 3 or more players.


**Mining Village:** First draw a card and get +2 Actions; then choose whether or not to trash Mining Village, getting +2  if you did. You may not trash Mining Village later in the turn, only right then. If you Throne Room a Mining Village, you cannot trash it twice (and so cannot get the +2  twice).

**Minion:** Players wishing to respond with e.g. Moat or Diplomat do so before you choose your option. A player who Moats this neither discards nor draws.

**Nobles:** Use 8 copies of Nobles for games with 2 players, 12 for games with 3 or more players.

**Patrol:** First draw 3 cards, then reveal the top 4 cards of your deck. Put the revealed Victory cards and Curses into your hand; you have to take them all. Put the rest of the cards back on your deck in any order you choose.

**Pawn:** You pick both things before doing either. You cannot pick the same option twice.

**Replace:** Like Remodel, you first trash a card from your hand, then gain a card from the Supply costing up to 2  more than the trashed card, putting the gained card into your discard pile. Replace gives you an additional bonus based on the



types of the gained card; if it is an Action or Treasure you move it to the top of your deck, and if it is a Victory card the other players each gain a Curse. It is possible to get both bonuses; if you gain Harem, Mill, or Nobles with Replace, it both goes on your deck and causes the other players to each gain a Curse.

**Secret Passage:** First draw 2 cards and get +1 Action; then put a card from your hand anywhere in your deck. The card can be one you just drew or any other card from your hand. It can go on top of your deck, on the bottom, or anywhere in-between; you can count out a specific place to put it, e.g. four cards down. If there are no cards left in your deck, the card put back becomes the only card in your deck.

**Shanty Town:** You get +2 Actions, then reveal your hand. If it has no Action cards in it (including Action cards with other types too, such as Nobles), then you draw 2 cards.

**Steward:** First choose one of the three options, then do it. If you pick "trash 2 cards from your hand" and only have one card in hand, you trash that card; if you choose that option and have 2 or more cards in hand, you have to trash 2.

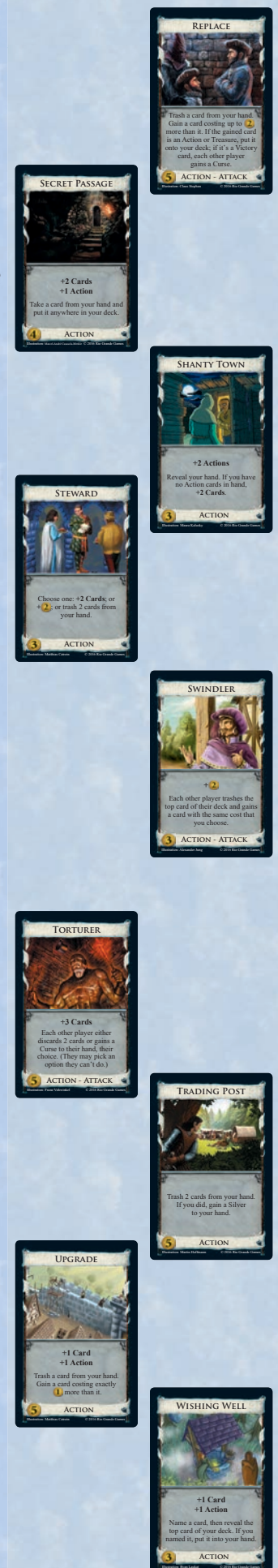
**Swindler:** When it matters (such as when piles are low), go in turn order, starting with the player to your left. Each other player trashes their top card, and gains a replacement you choose with the same cost. The card they gain comes from the Supply and goes to their discard pile. For example if a player trashed Copper, you might give them Curse, which costs 1 like Copper does. You can give a player back another copy of what they lost. If the Supply has no cards with the same cost as the trashed card, the player fails to gain a card.

**Torturer:** If it matters, the other players choose what happens to them (and resolve that) in turn order, starting to your left. A player can choose to gain a Curse even with no Curses left (and thus not gain one), or to discard 2 cards even with one or zero cards in hand (discarding their only card if they have one). Gained Curses go to players' hands rather than their discard piles.

**Trading Post:** If you have only one card in hand, trash it and nothing else happens; if you have 2 or more cards in hand, trash exactly 2 of them and gain a Silver, putting it into your hand.

**Upgrade:** First draw a card and get +1 Action; then trash a card from your hand; then gain a card costing exactly 1 more than the trashed card. The gained card comes from the Supply and is put into your discard pile. If there is no card available at that cost, you do not gain a card; for example if you play Upgrade and trash a Copper, in a game with nothing costing 1, you simply fail to gain a card.

**Wishing Well:** First you draw a card and get +1 Action. Then name a card - a name, not a type, so e.g. "Copper," not "Treasure." Reveal the top card of your deck. If it has the name you named, put it into your hand, otherwise leave it on your deck.



## **R**ECOMMENDED **S**ETS OF 10

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### **Intrigue only:**

**Victory Dance:** Baron, Courtier, Duke, Harem, Ironworks, Masquerade, Mill, Nobles, Patrol, Replace

**The Plot Thickens:** Conspirator, Ironworks, Lurker, Pawn, Mining Village, Secret Passage, Steward, Swindler, Torturer, Trading Post

**Best Wishes:** Baron, Conspirator, Courtyard, Diplomat, Duke, Secret Passage, Shanty Town, Torturer, Upgrade, Wishing Well

### **Intrigue & Dominion:**

**Underlings:** Courtier, Diplomat, Minion, Nobles, Pawn • Cellar, Festival, Library, Sentry, Vassal

**Grand Scheme:** Bridge, Mill, Mining Village, Patrol, Shanty Town • Artisan, Council Room, Market, Militia, Workshop

**Deconstruction:** Diplomat, Harem, Lurker, Replace, Swindler • Bandit, Mine, Remodel, Throne Room, Village

### **Intrigue & Seaside:**

**A Star to Steer By:** Secret Passage, Diplomat, Swindler, Wishing Well, Courtier • Lookout, Treasure Map, Ghost Ship, Haven, Outpost

**Shore Patrol:** Patrol, Replace, Shanty Town, Trading Post, Pawn • Island, Wharf, Cutpurse, Lighthouse, Warehouse

**Bridge Crossing:** Lurker, Nobles, Duke, Conspirator, Bridge • Salvager, Embargo, Smugglers, Native Village, Treasury

### **Intrigue & Alchemy:**

**Servants:** Conspirator, Mill, Minion, Pawn, Steward • Golem, Possession, Scrying Pool, Transmute, Vineyard

**Secret Research:** Bridge, Masquerade, Minion, Nobles, Shanty Town, Torturer • Familiar, Herbalist, Philosopher's Stone, University

**Pools, Tools, and Fools:** Baron, Ironworks, Lurker, Nobles, Trading Post, Wishing Well • Apothecary, Apprentice, Golem, Scrying Pool

### **Intrigue & Prosperity:**

**Paths to Victory:** Baron, Harem, Pawn, Shanty Town, Upgrade • Bishop, Counting House, Goons, Monument, Peddler

**All Along the Watchtower:** Bridge, Mill, Mining Village, Pawn, Torturer • Hoard, Talisman, Trade Route, Vault, Watchtower

**Lucky Seven:** Bridge, Lurker, Patrol, Swindler, Wishing Well • Bank, Expand, Forge, King's Court, Vault

### **Intrigue & Cornucopia/Guilds:**

**Last Laughs:** Minion, Nobles, Pawn, Steward, Swindler • Farming Village, Harvest, Horse Traders, Hunting Party, Jester

**The Spice of Life:** Courtier, Courtyard, Diplomat, Mining Village, Replace • Fairgrounds, Horn of Plenty, Remake, Tournament, Young Witch • Bane: Wishing Well

**Name that Card:** Courtyard, Harem, Nobles, Replace, Wishing Well • Baker, Doctor, Plaza, Advisor, Masterpiece

**Tricks of the Trade:** Conspirator, Masquerade, Mill, Nobles, Secret Passage • Stonemason, Herald, Soothsayer, Journeyman, Butcher

### **Intrigue & Hinterlands:**

**Money for Nothing:** Replace, Patrol, Pawn, Shanty Town, Torturer • Cache, Cartographer, Jack of All Trades, Silk Road, Tunnel

**The Duke's Ball:** Conspirator, Duke, Harem, Masquerade, Upgrade • Duchess, Haggler, Inn, Noble Brigand, Scheme

### **Intrigue & Dark Ages:**

**Prophecy:** Baron, Conspirator, Nobles, Secret Passage, Wishing Well • Armory, Ironmonger, Mystic, Rebuild, Vagrant

**Invasion:** Diplomat, Harem, Swindler, Torturer, Upgrade • Beggar, Marauder, Rogue, Squire, Urchin

### **Intrigue & Adventures:**

**Royalty Factory:** Pilgrimage • Conspirator, Courtier, Harem, Nobles, Swindler • Bridge Troll, Duplicate, Page, Raze, Royal Carriage

**Masters of Finance:** Ball, Borrow • Bridge, Pawn, Shanty Town, Steward, Upgrade • Artificer, Distant Lands, Gear, Transmogrify, Wine Merchant

### **Intrigue & Empires:**

**Delicious Torture:** Arena, Banquet • Baron, Bridge, Harem, Ironworks, Torturer • Castles, Crown, Enchantress, Sacrifice, Settlers/Bustling Village

**Buddy System:** Salt the Earth, Wolf Den • Masquerade, Mining Village, Nobles, Pawn, Trading Post • Archive, Capital, Catapult/Rocks, Engineer, Forum

### **Intrigue & Nocturne:**

**Shadowy Figures:** Bridge, Conspirator, Mill, Nobles, Secret Passage • Cobbler, Conclave, Faithful Hound, Shepherd, Tragic Hero

**Impending Doom:** Courtier, Lurker, Mining Village, Swindler, Upgrade • Leprechaun, Monastery, Necromancer, Tormentor, Werewolf

### **Intrigue & Renaissance:**

**Memento Mori:** Citadel • Ironworks, Lurker, Patrol, Swindler, Upgrade • Experiment, Flag Bearer, Patron, Recruiter, Silk Merchant

**Clockwork Court:** Fleet, Sinister Plot • Courtier, Mining Village, Nobles, Replace, Steward • Acting Troupe, Inventor, Research, Scepter, Scholar

### **Intrigue & Menagerie:**

**Dog & Pony Show:** Way of the Horse, Commerce • Camel Train, Cavalry, Goatherd, Paddock, Sheepdog • Mill, Nobles, Pawn, Torturer, Upgrade

**Explosions:** Way of the Squirrel, Populate • Animal Fair, Bounty Hunter, Coven, Hunting Lodge, Scrap • Courtyard, Diplomat, Lurker, Replace, Wishing Well

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