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How To Play

The object of Cribbage Squares Solitaire is to build the best possible cribbage hands in both the rows and columns. Cards are dealt from the deck one at a time. You select the position to place this card by moving the mouse to that position in the grid and clicking the left mouse button. Alternatively, you can also drag the card to desired position in the grid.

When 16 cards have been dealt from the deck the computer will turn over the [Starter card](#) and will then score the hands based on the traditional rules of cribbage. Each row's total will appear to the right of the row, and each column's total will appear beneath the column. Clicking on a row or column score will show a breakdown of how the score was tallied.

Your goal is to make the highest possible total score. You may consider that you 'win the game' if you reach 60.

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Cribbage Scoring Rules

The following is just a refresher. If you have never scored a Cribbage hand before then you will probably want to refer to a card rule book for more details.

A Cribbage hand is comprised of 5 cards. The four cards in a row or column, and the [Starter card](#).

The rank of cards is as follows: The ace counts 1, the two 2, the three 3, and so on up to the ten-spot. The king, queen, and jack also count 10.

There are six primary ways to score points in Cribbage: Fifteens, Pairs, Runs, Flushes, and two special Jacks known as Right Jack and His Heels. All of the scoring combinations mentioned later in this discussion are derived from these primary score types.

[Fifteens:](#)

Any distinct combination of cards whose ranks, when added together, totals fifteen is worth 2 points.

7, 8

2, 3, 10

A, 2, 3, 4, 5

Lets consider four cards and count the different Fifteen combinations in it. The hand in this example will be: Ace Spades, Two Hearts, Two Spades, Two Diamonds, and Jack Clubs. There are 3 distinct Fifteen combinations as shown below:

| | | | |
|------------|----------|------------|------------|
| Ace Spades | 2 Hearts | 2 Spades | Jack Clubs |
| Ace Spades | 2 Hearts | 2 Diamonds | Jack Clubs |
| Ace Spades | 2 Spades | 2 Diamonds | Jack Clubs |

As you can see, the same card can be used more than once, as long as each group of cards is distinct from the other groups. This is a very important concept to grasp! You will see it in all advanced scoring combinations.

[Pairs:](#)

Two cards of the same rank scores 2 points.

K, K

4, 4

Three and Four of a Kind are special cases whose scores are derived from the score value of a pair.

A Three of a Kind card combination is made up of three distinct pairs so its value is 6 points.

A Four of a Kind card combination is made up of six distinct pairs so its value is 12 points.

If you are new to Cribbage, this can be a little confusing. Lets look closer at the Three of a Kind combination to see where the three pairs are. Lets use these three cards for our example: the 9 of clubs, the 9 of diamonds, and the 9 of spades. The three distinct pair combinations appear below:

| | |
|------------|------------|
| 9 clubs | 9 diamonds |
| 9 clubs | 9 spades |
| 9 diamonds | 9 spades |

The Four of a Kind card combination can likewise be demonstrated.

[Runs:](#)

Three or more cards whose ranks are in a consecutive sequence are considered a run. Runs are the same as runs in most other card games that have them. The Ace is the low card and the King is the high card. The run cannot wrap-around from King to Ace. A run is worth 1 point for each card in the run. There are only three lengths of runs, a three-card run, a four-card run, and lastly, a five-card run. Examples of each are shown below:

3 card: J, Q, K
4 card: 2, 3, 4, 5
5 card: 7, 8, 9, 10, J

Flush:

A flush occurs when all of the cards in the hand are of the same suit. There are two types of flushes in Cribbage, a four-card flush, and a five-card flush. A four-card flush occurs when the four cards in a row or column are of the same suit. A five-card flush occurs when the Starter card is also of the same suit as the other cards in the hand. The point value for a flush is one point per number of cards in the flush. Hence, 4 points for a four-card flush and 5 points for a five-card flush.

Right Jack:

The jack of the same suit as the Starter card is known as the Right Jack and is worth one point.

His Heels:

If the Starter card is a jack, then 2 points are added to your Grand Total. This is known as His Heels.

There are some special combinations that appear often in Cribbage. Because they are so common, they have been given their own names, and their point values are already known. Lets look at four of these.

Double Three-Card Run:

A Double Three-Card Run is comprised of four cards which contain two runs of three cards. It is worth 8 points. An example is the four cards (8, 8, 9, 10). The worth is arrived at as follows:
Two distinct three-card runs. Do you see them? The run 8, 9, 10 occurs twice. This is six points.
There is also a pair of eights, which is good for another two points. Hence the 8 point total.

Double Four-Card Run:

A Double Four-Card Run is comprised of five cards which contain two runs of four cards. It is worth 10 points. An example is the five cards (8, 8, 9, 10, J). The worth is arrived at as follows:
Two distinct four-card runs. Do you see them? The run 8, 9, 10, J occurs twice. This is eight points.
There is also a pair of eights, which is good for another two points. Hence the 10 point total.

Triple Run:

A Triple Run is comprised of five cards which contain three runs of three cards. It is worth 15 points. An example is the five cards (8, 8, 8, 9, 10). The worth is arrived at as follows:
Three distinct three-card runs. Do you see them? The run 8, 9, 10 occurs three times. This is nine points. There are also three eights, which is good for another six points. Hence the 15 point total.

Quadruple Run:

A Quadruple Run is comprised of five cards which contain four runs of three cards. It is worth 16 points. An example is the five cards (8, 8, 9, 10, 10). The worth is arrived at as follows:
Four distinct three-card runs. Do you see them? The run 8, 9, 10 occurs four times. This is twelve points. There are also a pair of eights and a pair of tens, which are good for another four points. Hence the 16 point total.

A Cribbage hand will usually have several of these score types. Let us look at a couple of Cribbage hands and see how they are counted. Example 1 has the following cards: Ace, 2, 3, 4, and 5 of hearts. This hand is worth 12 points as shown below:

Ex. 1

| | |
|----------------------------|----------------------|
| Fifteens = 2 points | $1+2+3+4+5= 15$ |
| Five-Card Run = 5 points | Ace to Five sequence |
| Five-Card Flush = 5 points | All cards are hearts |

Example 2 has the following cards: 7 spades, 7 hearts, 7 diamonds, 8 clubs, 9 clubs. This hand is worth 21 points as shown below:

Ex. 2

Fifteens = 6 points 7 spades 8 clubs, 7 hearts 8 clubs, 7 diamonds 8 clubs

Triple Run = 15 points 7, 7, 7, 8, 9

If this is all a bit much for you right now, no need to panic. After you play a hand, the score for each row and column will appear. If you want to see how the score for the hand was arrived at, just click on the score and all will be explained to you. After doing this for only a short while, you will be a pro and will never need to use this great feature again.

How To Register

Cribbage Squares Solitaire is shareware. If you wish to keep this game, you need to register it. To register your copy, send the paltry sum of \$7.00 U.S. dollars to:

DARTCY Productions
P.O. Box 714
Carmel, NY, 10512
USA

Please fill out the registration form, called REGISTER.TXT, and send it along with your payment.

Registering will provide you with free upgrades to any future upgrades of Cribbage Squares Solitaire, as well as to unlimited free technical support. Most importantly, registering will give you that warm fuzzy feeling you get when you listen to your conscience and do the right thing.

[A workman is worthy of his hire](#) -- This quote from the Bible teaches that a person should be justly compensated for their labors.

Thanks for your support!

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Starter

The 17th card turned over from the deck. A Cribbage hand is comprised of five cards; the four cards in each row or column, plus the starter card. If the Starter is a jack this is known as 'His Heels' and counts as two points.

Undo Last Move

Once you have positioned the dealt card it can be removed in one of three ways: 1) Select 'Undo Last Move' from the Options Menu.or 2) Press the Delete key on your keyboard, or 3) Right mouse click on the play table.

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Replay Game

This feature allows you to play the same deck of cards again. This is kinda cheating though since all the cards have been shown. I'm not your dad though so go ahead, have fun, liberally use this feature.

To replay a deck of cards:1) Select Replay Game (Same Cards) from the Game menu.or2) Use the accelerator keystroke CTRL-R.

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Help With Life

Help files are great! Whenever you need a bit of information or assistance, it is only a click away. Do you wish that life came with a help file? When ever you were stuck,...click...you could get some help? Ahhh, that would be great you say.

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The Bible has 66 different books written by at least 39 different authors over a period of 1500 years. Yet it all fits together and makes sense about God. Different people for over 2000 years have found that God speaks to them through the pages of the Bible. (That is amazing!) What is also amazing, is that when we compare our modern version of the Bible to the ancient scrolls archeologists dug up, they say the same thing! Imagine that! Just think of the game telephone you know... you start at the front of a line and whisper a secret, it is then passed down to the end and when the last person speaks it out it barely resembles what it originally was! That alone proves it took divine intervention to keep the message straight!

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There is no magic in a particular version, get a version that is easy for you understand & examine it yourself! Ask the Author for help as well! (That is true On-line Help!)

Where is a good place to start reading?

You do not have to start from the beginning and read to the end. It is less of a novel and more of a handbook. We enjoy the Gospel of John as a starting point in the New Testament, and Proverbs is filled with wonderful nuggets of wisdom!

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