Forty Thieves is a two deck solitaire game. The object is to build up each suit from Ace to King on the foundations (at the top). Forty cards are dealt out as shown above. Each card at the bottom of a pile, as well as the top card of the discard pile (located in the lower left corner of the window), is available to be moved. The cursor will turn into a hand when it passes over a playable card. Only one card may be moved at a time. There are three ways a card can be moved:

- A space made by clearing away an entire column may be filled with any available card.
- You may play a card onto the next higher card of the same suit. (For example, you can play the 4 of hearts onto the 5 of hearts)
- You can play cards onto foundations. (In suit, from Ace to King)