

OLD MAID

Card Game

Rules

2 to 4 Players
Ages 4 & Up

Object:

Don't be the player left holding the Old Maid at the end of the game.

Set Up:

- Shuffle and deal out the deck. It doesn't matter if one or two players have an extra card.
- Everybody go through your cards and look for pairs.
- Remove the pairs from your hand and lay them down in a row nearby.

Play:

- Take all your remaining cards and fan them out in your hand. Hold them so they're facing you, and nobody else can see them. One player will be holding the Old Maid.

- The player left of the dealer goes first by drawing one card from the hand of the player on his left.
- If the drawn card completes a pair in his hand, he may lay the pair down, and his turn ends. Play passes to the left.
- If the drawn card doesn't complete a pair, his turn ends.
- Players may act silly and try to get their opponents to choose a certain card, particularly the Old Maid.
- Play continues in this manner until all the pairs are laid down, and one player is left with the Old Maid.

Winning:

If you have the most pairs at the end of the game, you're the winner! But if you're left holding the Old Maid, you lose.



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