

SOLITARIX

In french: SOLITIX

Blaise Muller - 1 to 8 players



Special feature: Can be played with 2 to 8 players as a cooperative game.

PLAY WITH: The full deck except for the pink alphabet (setting the help cards aside).

***FIRST** read the Toutilix basic principles!

OBJECT: A game of Patience in which you get rid of your cards by forming words.

SET UP: Place the 3 **firecrackers** nearby, face up. Shuffle the deck and place it face down to form a draw pile. Turn over 7 cards in a row on the table to form columns you will build on. Next, take cards from the top of the draw pile and turn them over face up to cover half of each card in each column, except for **blue letters** and **stars**, which can't be covered. Keep doing this in whatever order you'd like, until all the columns end in either a blue card or a star.

PLAY IN 3 STEPS:

1/ Form a word using at least 4 cards from the bottom of the columns. See below for examples.

Set these cards aside (face up if the word contains a star so you remember how many are still in play).

2/ Fill in the empty columns. A good strategy could be to start by using a card from the bottom of any column to free up letters. Otherwise, take a card from the top of the draw pile to fill in the empty space.

3/ Taking from the top of the draw pile, once again cover half of each card at the bottom of each column (except for **blue letters** and **stars**). Keep doing this until all the columns end in either a blue card or a star.

Try to find a new word, and repeat the steps above.



Keep playing as long as there are at least 4 cards you can use, either in the columns on the table or the draw pile.

Some ways to form words:

Use the cards that are available at the bottom of the columns.

Complete an empty column while you form a word to free up some letters.

Take cards in any order.

Star: Stands in for all the letters. You can only use 1 star per word. And you can't use a star in your last word!

Firecracker: Stands in for all the letters. You can use 1 to 3 firecrackers per word, whenever you want, but they can also penalize you – see below.

For example: **GUARD**, taking the letters G U A D and using a star to stand in for the R.

YOU WIN when you use **all the letters and stars but no firecrackers!**

Success is even sweeter when you finish with very few words (even just eight!)

When you start, you may need to use 1, 2, or even 3 firecrackers. Or you may not win at all! Patience!