Jacks' Dream



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It's way past bedtime but the Jacks are still wide awake and the room is a mess, you are here to create order and tuck everyone in for a good night's sleep

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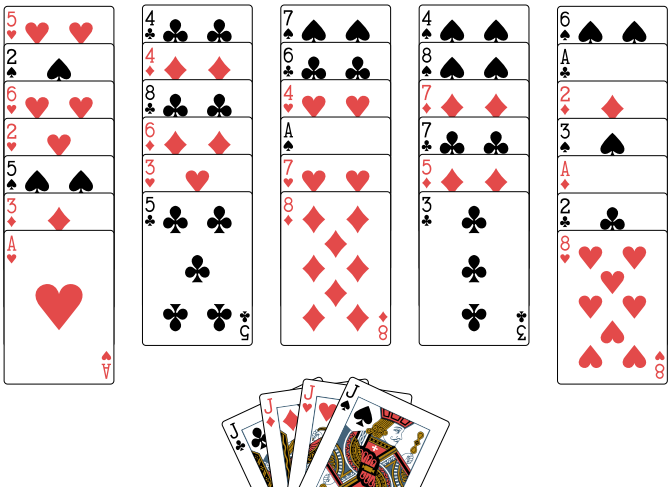
Objective

In this lightweight solitaire game you are trying to stack number cards into groups of four, with the help of Jacks to reach the intended table configuration.

Setup

- Separate the Jacks from the deck into a single pile
- Remove all cards ranked above 8 from the deck (all 9s, 10s, Queens and Kings)
- Shuffle the deck of 32 remaining number cards (from Aces to 8s)
- Deal 5 columns face up with 6 cards each
- Place the remaining 2 cards face up on top of the first and last column
- Take the four Jacks into your hand



Starting table state 5 columns of number cards with the Jacks in hand

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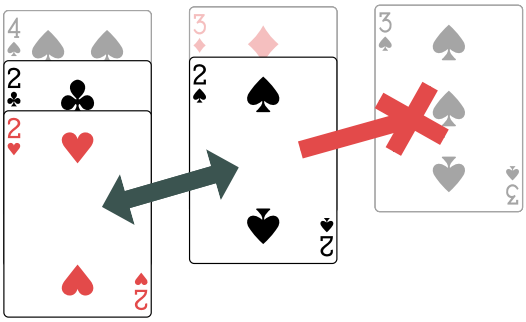
As with any solitaire, you are moving cards around to turn the initial chaos into order. There are three types of cards in this game, each with its own rule for movement.

Number cards

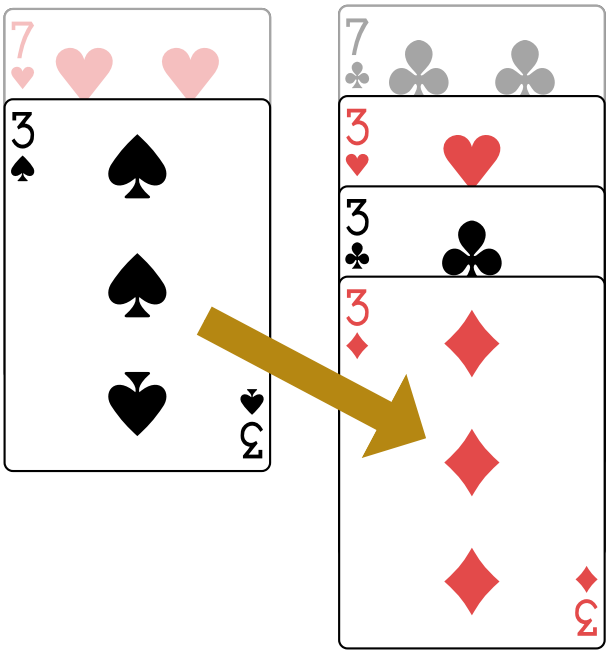
- ✶ Can be moved from the top of the columns onto other cards with the same rank
- ✶ Cards with the same rank form a stack that can be moved together
- ✶ Can be moved to empty columns when they become available



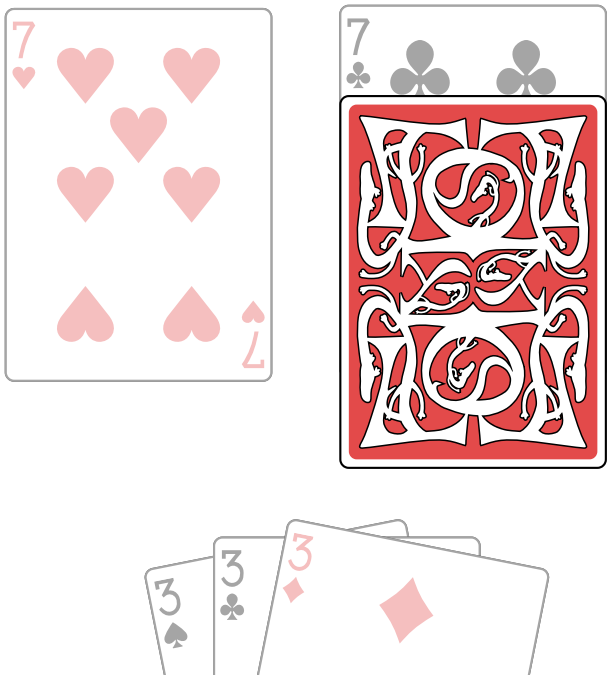
Both the 2♠ could be moved onto the stack of 2♣ 2♥ or the stack onto the 2♠.
Neither could be moved to the 3♠.

Pillows

- If a stack grows to have all 4 cards of the given rank, it becomes a pillow
- Turn one card of the stack face down and set aside the rest
- A pillow can only be moved onto a Jack or an empty column
- Multiple pillows do not stack on each other
- You cannot place number cards and their stacks on pillows



The 3♠ placed onto the stack of 3s completes a pillow



One of the four cards becomes the pillow, the rest is out of the game.

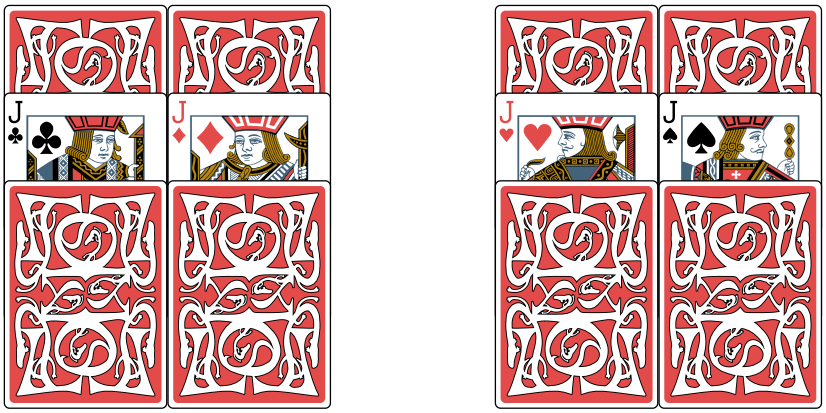
Jacks

- Jacks can be placed from your hand onto columns any time
- Put them on a pillow or onto any column without another Jack
- You can move them to other columns following the rule above
- Any number card, stack or pillow can be put onto a Jack
- You cannot take back Jacks into your hand once placed

Ending

If you reach the following configuration you win the game:

- ✶ all number cards have been turned into pillows
- ✶ Jacks lie on separate columns with a pillow underneath and a pillow above



All Jacks tucked in, ready for dreams of cards and Queens.

Sleep Harder!

If you wish to raise the difficulty of the game, you can forbid moving Jacks onto columns with other Jacks, even if there is a pillow between them.

> *Note, listening to calm music while putting the Jacks to sleep is reported to make reaching the goal easier, it might even improve your own sleep as well!*

▼ Glossary

Term	Meaning
jacks	The four Jack cards that help you move around number cards and stacks and free up columns.
pillow	A collapsed group of four number cards becomes a pillow: a face down card that can only be moved onto Jacks or empty places.
stack	A vertical stack of number cards with the same rank, they can be moved together.