

# Accordion Solitaire

1 players

52 cards

Difficulty: Hard

Duration: Short

Compress all 52 cards into a single pile.

## SETUP

- Deal all 52 cards face-up in a single row.

## SCORING

- Win by compressing all cards into one pile.
- Win rate is less than 1%, so fewer piles is a partial success.

*Tip: Prioritize 3-position jumps over adjacent moves for more efficient compression.*

## ON YOUR TURN

- Place a card on the card directly to its left or 3 positions to its left.
- Cards must match by suit or rank to be stacked.
- When a card moves, subsequent cards shift left to fill the gap.

Accordion Solitaire is a deceptively simple patience game where the entire deck is dealt in a row and you must compress it into a single pile by stacking cards that match by suit or rank with their neighbor or the card three positions to the left.

## Objective

Compress all 52 cards into a single pile.

## Setup

- Players:** 1 player.
- Deck:** Standard 52-card deck.
- Layout:** Deal all 52 cards face-up in a single row (or deal one at a time as you play).

## Gameplay

- Matching:** A card may be placed on top of the card directly to its left, or the card three positions to its left.
- Match Criteria:** Cards must match by suit or rank to be stacked.
- Compression:** When a card is moved, all subsequent cards shift left to fill the gap.
- Continue:** Keep compressing until no more moves are possible.

## Tips and Strategies

- Prioritize moves that jump 3 positions (longer compression) over adjacent moves when possible.
- Look for chain reactions — one move may create new opportunities.
- Winning is extremely rare, so aim to end with as few piles as possible.

## Tips & Strategy

Three-position jumps compress more efficiently. Always check for them before settling for adjacent moves.

The order of moves matters enormously. A move that looks good now may block a better chain of moves later.