

Baker's Dozen Solitaire

1 players

52 cards

Difficulty: Medium

Duration: Medium

Build four foundation piles from Ace to King by suit.

SETUP

- Deal all 52 cards face-up into 13 columns of 4 cards each.
- Move any Kings to the bottom of their columns before play begins.

SCORING

- Win by completing all four foundation piles.
- Win rate is about 75-80% with careful play.

Tip: Free Aces and Twos as quickly as possible and plan 5-10 moves ahead before acting.

ON YOUR TURN

- Move only the top card of each column.
- Build columns in descending rank regardless of suit or color.
- Build foundations up by suit from Ace to King.
- Empty columns cannot be refilled.

Baker's Dozen is a thoughtful solitaire game where all 52 cards are dealt face-up into 13 columns of 4, with Kings moved to the bottom. With complete information from the start, every game is a pure puzzle.

Objective

Build four foundation piles from Ace to King by suit.

Setup

1. **Players:** 1 player.
2. **Deck:** Standard 52-card deck.
3. **Tableau:** Deal all 52 cards face-up into 13 columns of 4 cards each.
4. **Kings Rule:** Before play begins, move any Kings to the bottom of their columns.
5. **No Stock:** All cards are visible from the start.

Gameplay

1. **Moving Cards:** Only the top card of each column can be moved.
2. **Tableau Building:** Build columns in descending rank only (suit and color do not matter).
3. **Foundations:** Build up by suit from Ace to King.
4. **No Empty Columns:** Once a column is empty, it stays empty — no card can fill it.

Tips and Strategies

- With all information visible, plan extensively before making moves.
- Freeing Aces should be your first priority.
- The empty column restriction means every move matters — do not create empty columns carelessly.

Tips & Strategy

Freeing Aces and Twos quickly is critical. Plan 5-10 moves ahead to avoid blocking essential cards.

Since empty columns cannot be refilled, treat every move that empties a column as permanent. Only empty columns when the remaining cards all have homes.