

Bhabhi

3-8 players

52 cards

Difficulty: Easy

Duration: Medium

Shed all your cards to avoid being the last player (the Bhabhi).

SETUP

- Deal all 52 cards evenly.
- Player with the Ace of Spades starts.
- Some players may have one extra card.

SCORING

- Players who empty their hand drop out.
- Last player with cards is the Bhabhi (loser).

Tip: Void your shortest suits early to gain discarding flexibility.

ON YOUR TURN

- Follow the led suit if possible.
- Highest card of the led suit wins the trick.
- Discard any card if you cannot follow suit.

Bhabhi is a popular South Asian card game that blends shedding with trick-taking elements. Players aim to avoid being the last one holding cards, with the loser earning the title of 'Bhabhi.'

Objective

Get rid of all your cards before the other players. The last player remaining with cards loses and is called the Bhabhi.

Setup

1. **Players:** 3 to 8 players.
2. **Deck:** Standard 52-card deck.
3. **Deal:** Deal the entire deck evenly among all players. The player with the Ace of Spades starts.

Gameplay

1. **Step 1:** The player with the Ace of Spades leads it to start the first trick. Players must follow suit if possible.
2. **Step 2:** The highest card of the led suit wins the trick. The trick winner leads the next card. Players who cannot follow suit may discard any card (it cannot win).
3. **Step 3:** When a player runs out of cards, they drop out. Play continues until only one player remains holding cards.

Scoring

- The last player left with cards is the Bhabhi and loses the round.
- In multi-round games, losses can be tracked as penalty points.

Variations

- **Getaway:** A closely related variant popular in Pakistan where the trick loser (not winner) leads next.
- **Team Bhabhi:** Partners sit across from each other and cooperate to shed cards.

Tips and Strategies

- Lead with strong cards in suits where you have few cards so you can void that suit quickly.
- Void suits early to gain the ability to discard unwanted cards on others' leads.

Tips & Strategy

Focus on voiding short suits early so you can dump unwanted cards when others lead those suits. Keep track of which high cards have been played.

Voiding suits is the core strategy. Every suit you eliminate from your hand gives you more flexibility to shed cards on future tricks.