

# Bura

2-4 players

36 cards

Difficulty: Easy

Duration: Short

Be the first to accumulate 31 or more points from captured trick cards.

## SETUP

- Use a 36-card deck (6 through Ace) with 2 to 4 players.
- Deal 3 cards each; the bottom card of the stock sets trump.
- After each trick, draw back up to 3 cards from the stock.

## SCORING

- Aces: 11, Tens: 10, Kings: 4, Queens: 3, Jacks: 2.
- Reaching exactly 31 and declaring Bura wins instantly with a double victory.
- First player to reach 31+ points wins the round.

*Tip: Play aggressively with strong trumps early to accumulate points before opponents build their hands.*

## ON YOUR TURN

- Play 1, 2, or 3 cards to a trick (multiple must share a suit or all be trump).
- No obligation to follow suit; play any cards you choose.
- The highest card of the led suit or highest trump wins.

Bura is a fast and aggressive Russian card game where players compete to capture point cards through tricks. Known for its rapid pace and dramatic swings, it rewards bold play and quick thinking over cautious strategy.

## Objective

Be the first player to accumulate 31 or more points from captured trick cards. A player who reaches exactly 31 can declare 'Bura' for an instant win.

## Setup

1. **Players:** 2 to 4 players.
2. **Deck:** 36-card deck (6 through Ace in each suit).
3. **Deal:** Each player receives 3 cards. After each trick, players draw back up to 3 cards from the stock pile.
4. **Trump:** The bottom card of the stock pile is turned face-up to indicate the trump suit.

## Gameplay

1. **Leading:** The trick winner leads the next trick. The first lead goes to the player left of the dealer.
2. **Playing cards:** Players may play one, two, or three cards to a trick, but only if the multiple cards share the same suit or are all trumps.
3. **Following:** There is no obligation to follow suit. Players may play any card or cards from their hand.
4. **Winning a trick:** The highest single card of the led suit or the highest trump wins, unless a multi-card play creates a higher combined value.
5. **Drawing:** After each trick, all players draw from the stock to refill their hands to 3 cards.

## Scoring

- **Aces:** 11 points each.
- **Tens:** 10 points each.
- **Kings:** 4 points each.
- **Queens:** 3 points each.
- **Jacks:** 2 points each.
- **Declaring Bura:** If you reach exactly 31 points and declare it, you win instantly with a double victory.

## Tips and Strategies

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- Play aggressively when you hold strong trump cards since the game rewards quick accumulation of points.
- Track the total points you have captured so you can declare Bura at the optimal moment.
- Multi-card plays can overwhelm opponents, but they also leave your hand vulnerable on the next trick.

## Tips & Strategy

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Aggression pays off in Bura. If you draw strong trumps early, press your advantage before opponents can build up their hands from the stock pile.

Knowing when to play multiple cards in a single trick versus conserving them is the core skill. Overcommitting to one trick can leave you defenseless for the next.