

Diloti

4 players

52 cards

Difficulty: Medium

Duration: Medium

Capture tens, twos, and sweep the table to outscore the opposing team.

SETUP

- Form two teams of two, seated alternately.
- Deal 6 cards to each player.
- Place 4 cards face up on the table.

SCORING

- 1 point per ten, 1 point per two, 1 point per sweep.
- 3 bonus points for the team with the most captured cards.

Tip: Track the tens and twos carefully and coordinate with your partner to set up sweeps.

ON YOUR TURN

- Play one card from your hand.
- Capture all table cards that match its value.
- If no match, leave the card on the table.

Diloti is a Greek partnership fishing card game played by four players in two teams. Players capture cards from the table by matching values, with special emphasis on collecting tens and twos.

Objective

Working with your partner, capture cards to score the most points, focusing on tens, twos, and sweeps of the table.

Setup

1. **Players:** 4 players in two partnerships, seated alternately.
2. **Deck:** A standard 52-card deck.
3. **Deal:** Deal 6 cards to each player and place 4 cards face up in the center of the table.

Gameplay

1. **Step 1:** On your turn, play one card from your hand to the table.
2. **Step 2:** If your played card matches the value of a table card, capture both cards. If multiple cards share that value, you must capture all of them.
3. **Step 3:** If no capture is possible, leave your card face up on the table.
4. **Step 4:** After all hands are exhausted, deal another round of 6 cards each. The last player to make a capture takes all remaining table cards at the end.

Scoring

- 1 point for each ten captured (4 available).
- 1 point for each two captured (4 available).
- 1 point for each sweep (called a diloti, taking all table cards).
- The team with the majority of cards gets 3 bonus points.
- Games are played to an agreed target, often 61 points.

Variations

- **Open Diloti:** Partners may show each other one card at the start of each round to aid coordination.
- **Speed Diloti:** Played with a timer on each turn to add urgency and excitement.

Tips and Strategies

- Coordinate with your partner by paying attention to which suits and values they seem to be collecting.
- Prioritize capturing tens and twos, as these form the bulk of the scoring.
- Try to set up sweeps by leaving the table with only cards your partner can easily capture.

Tips & Strategy

Focus on capturing tens and twos, as they carry the most points. Work with your partner to set up sweeps and deny the opposing team key captures.

Expert Diloti players track which tens and twos remain in play and time their captures to deny the opposition. Communication through play patterns with your partner is essential.