

# Klondike

1 players

52 cards

Difficulty: Medium

Duration: Medium

Move all 52 cards to four foundation piles, sorted by suit from Ace to King.

## SETUP

- Deal 7 tableau columns: 1 card in first, 2 in second, up to 7 in the seventh.
- Top card of each column face-up, rest face-down.
- Remaining 24 cards form the stock pile.

## SCORING

- Win by completing all four foundation piles.
- Win rate is about 80% (draw-1) or 33% (draw-3) with perfect play.

*Tip: Prioritize uncovering face-down cards over moving cards to foundations early.*

## ON YOUR TURN

- Move face-up cards between columns in descending rank, alternating colors.
- Build foundations up by suit from Ace to King.
- Draw 1 or 3 cards from the stock to the waste pile.
- Turn over face-down cards when uncovered.

*Klondike is the world's most famous solitaire game — when people say 'Solitaire,' they almost always mean Klondike. Players build foundation piles from Ace to King while managing a cascading tableau of face-up and face-down cards.*

## Objective

Move all 52 cards to four foundation piles, each built from Ace to King in a single suit.

## Setup

1. **Players:** 1 player.
2. **Deck:** Standard 52-card deck.
3. **Tableau:** 7 columns — column 1 has 1 card, column 2 has 2, etc. up to column 7 with 7 cards. Only the top card of each column is face-up.
4. **Stock:** Remaining 24 cards form the draw pile.
5. **Foundations:** Four empty piles, one for each suit.

## Gameplay

1. **Tableau Building:** Build columns in descending order, alternating red and black. Move single cards or properly sequenced groups.
2. **Revealing Cards:** When a face-down card is uncovered, turn it face-up.
3. **Stock Drawing:** Draw 1 or 3 cards (depending on variant) from the stock to the waste pile. The top waste card is playable.
4. **Foundations:** Play Aces to foundations, then build up by suit through King.
5. **Empty Columns:** Only a King (or a sequence starting with a King) can fill an empty tableau column.

## Winning

Win when all four foundations are built from Ace to King. Not all deals are solvable — estimated win rate is about 80% with perfect play (draw-1) or 33% (draw-3).

## Tips and Strategies

- Always play Aces and Twos to foundations immediately.
- Prefer revealing face-down cards over moving cards from the stock.
- Avoid filling empty columns unless you have a King ready to place.
- Think carefully before moving cards to foundations — they may be needed for tableau building.

## Tips & Strategy

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Focus on uncovering face-down cards in the longest columns first. Every revealed card is a new opportunity.

The hardest decisions involve whether to play a card to a foundation or keep it in the tableau. A red 3 on a foundation cannot help you move a black 4.