

Stealing Bundles

2-4 players

52 cards

Difficulty: Easy

Duration: Short

Collect the most cards by capturing and stealing bundles.

SETUP

- Deal 4 cards to each player.
- Place 4 cards face up on the table.
- Keep the deck nearby for redeals.

SCORING

- Count all cards in your bundle.
- Most cards wins.

Tip: Always go for the biggest bundle when you have a matching card.

ON YOUR TURN

- Play one card from your hand.
- Steal an opponent's bundle if your card matches the top card, or capture a table card.
- Leave the card on the table if there is no match.

Stealing Bundles is a simple and exciting children's card game where players capture cards by matching values and can steal each other's bundles. It is a great introduction to fishing card games for young players.

Objective

Collect the most cards by capturing from the table and stealing opponents' bundles by matching the top card.

Setup

1. **Players:** 2 to 4 players.
2. **Deck:** A standard 52-card deck.
3. **Deal:** Deal 4 cards to each player and place 4 cards face up on the table.

Gameplay

1. **Step 1:** On your turn, play one card from your hand face up.
2. **Step 2:** If your card matches the top card of any opponent's bundle (capture pile), steal their entire bundle and add it to yours.
3. **Step 3:** If no bundle can be stolen but your card matches a face-up table card, capture that card.
4. **Step 4:** If no match exists, leave your card on the table. When all hands are empty, deal 4 more cards to each player and continue until the deck runs out.

Scoring

- Count the total number of cards in each player's bundle at the end.
- The player with the most cards wins.

Variations

- **Friendly Bundles:** Remove the stealing mechanic so younger children only capture from the table.
- **Double Bundles:** Players keep two separate bundles and choose which one to add captures to, adding a layer of strategy.

Tips and Strategies

- Pay attention to the top cards of all opponents' bundles so you can spot steal opportunities.
- When you have a choice, steal the largest bundle for maximum benefit.
- Try to place a card on your bundle that opponents are unlikely to match.

Tips & Strategy

Always target the largest bundle when you have a matching card. Keep track of what is on top of each opponent's bundle to plan your steals.

The key tension in Stealing Bundles is deciding between a safe capture from the table and waiting for a bigger steal opportunity. Managing the top card of your own bundle defensively matters too.