



Tic-Tac-Rock

2-4 Players

**Get three in a row
before your opponents!**

Summary:

A simple game of three in a row, but instead of playing Xs and Os, you can win with any suit.

The Object:

Be the first to play a card that completes a line of three in a row (across, down, or diagonal) in any suit.

The Deck:

Remove the Jokers

The Deal:

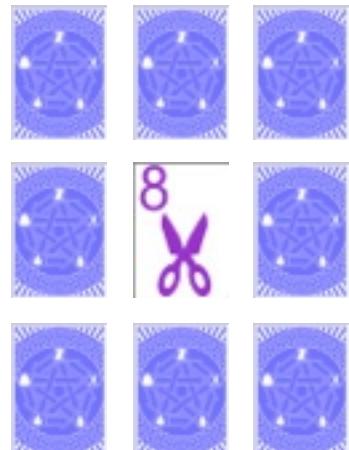
Deal three cards to each player then turn one card face up in the center of the table. The remaining cards remain stacked face down as the draw pile.

The Play:

The card turned up is the center of the tic tac toe board (see diagram). Cards can be played in any of the spaces shown by the blue cards. Starting with the player to the left of the dealer, players take turns playing one card from their hand on the board. They may play in any empty space or on a card already on the board. To play on top of a card, the card played must be a stronger suit than the card it is going onto. (Only a Rock or Water suit can go on top of the 8 of Scissors) After a card is played, the player draws a new card from the draw pile and the play goes to the next player.

The End:

When a player plays a card that completes three in a row they say "Three in a row of... (the suit)!" The player wins that round. If players run out of cards without anyone winning, the game ends in a draw. After every player has been the dealer, the winner of the most rounds wins the game.





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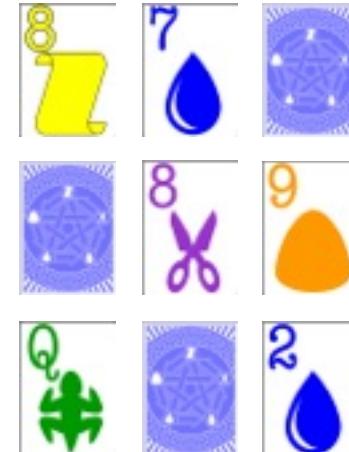
Sample game:

The diagram on the top right shows a sample game in progress. The player is holding the 4 of Scissors, 3 of Water, and the 10 of Rock.

The player may play any of his cards in any of the empty spaces.

The 4 of Scissors could be played on the 8 of Paper (Scissors cuts Paper) or the Queen of Lizard (Scissors decapitates Lizard). The 3 of Water could be played on the 8 of Scissors (Water rusts Scissors) or the 9 of Rock (Water erodes Rock). The 10 of Rock could be played on the 8 of Scissors (Rock dulls Scissors) or the Queen of Lizard (Rock crushes Lizard).

After the player plays the 10 of Rock the board looks like the bottom diagram. If you have a card in the Rock Suit, play it in the center on the 8 of Scissors (Rock dulls Scissors) and say “Three in a row of Rock!” to win the round!



Variations:

Make sure that everyone agrees on the rules before you begin playing!

Player's hand



Easy version: (For kids or beginners):

Remove the Water and Lizard suits to only play with Rock, Paper and Scissors.

Joker version:

Use the jokers and follow Joker rules when playing any Joker, or when playing on top of any Joker. In the sample on the bottom right, a Joker of Rock can not be played on the 8 of Scissors, but it could be played on the Paper or Water suits instead.

“Numbers Count” version:

Players can win with three in a row of any suit or any number. In the sample game on the right, if you play the 8 of Lizard on the 2 of Water (Lizard drinks Water) say “Three in a row of Eights!” to win the round.

No choice version:

Players do not get any cards at the start of the game. Instead they draw one card from the pile on their turn and play it immediately.

Combinations:

Combine two or more of the versions above for more fun!

