Draft Rules and General Information

Category

Tableau Building, Hand Management, Hidden Information.

Player Numbers

2

Target Age

8+

Target Group:

Families, Casual and New Gamers, Warm up Game for Larger Game Groups

Theme and Summary

You are 2 competing Architects building towers for a medieval monastery and a head Abbot who has some very specific and eccentric ideas on what they want.

The Abbot has revealed certain criteria publicly to you both and has also given you both different secret tips on what type of towers they want to see.

On top of that, the Abbot also has a secret preference known to neither of you... yet. Using your limited and shared materials you must build the best set of towers to suit the Abbot's specific criteria.

Game Descriptors and Mechanics

Abstract Strategy, Hand Management, Tableau building, 18 Card Game

Components and Game Material

18 Tower cards

32 Rules cards

Duration

10-15mins

Complexity

Light.



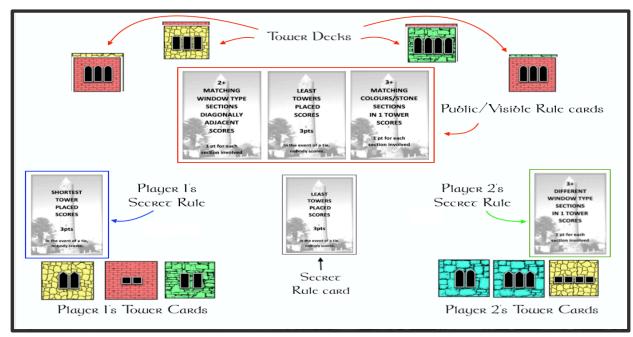
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GAMEPLAY SUMMARY and RULES

- Players must try to build Towers to score the most points, according to the scoring rules of that particular game.
- Players can see a shared set of scoring rules.
- Players each have one scoring rule which only they can see at the start of a game.
- There is one additional scoring rule which neither player can see... at first.
- Players must build their towers, while trying to hide their own information, and trying to guess their opponents hidden rule.
- Players with the most points at the end of a game, wins.

SETUP

- Shuffle and deal out 3 Tower cards to each player.
- Arrange the remaining Tower cards into 4 different decks face down.
- Reveal the top card of each Tower Deck.
- Shuffle the Rules deck.
- Deal out 3 Rule cards from the face up on the Table, for both players to see.
- Deal out 1 Rule card to each player, which only they can look at and then keep to themselves.
- Deal out 1 final Rule card face down on the Table, hidden from both players.
- Decide who goes first (and alternate first player for subsequent games).
- Begin...



GAMEPLAY

Players turns involve two basic actions,

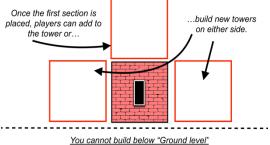
(a) BUILDING TOWERS (b) CHOOSING SECTIONS.

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BUILDING

- Building Towers involves players placing a single Tower Card/Section in front of them on their turn.
- Players should imagine a flat horizontal line in front of them which is the ground level. Towers must be built from the ground level up, not from the top down.

 Once the first section is placed, players can add to section is placed.
- You cannot place new sections vertically below, existing sections, or below ground level.
- Players can place Tower Cards horizontally across from each other, to create new towers, or on top of each other to make towers taller.



- After the first turn, all new towers must be placed on the ground level adjacent to an existing tower. (ie: you cannot leave a horizontal/vertical gap between two tower cards and fill it in later)
- Players can build as many new towers as they like or make one tower as tall as they like.

CHOOSING

- After building, players must replenish their hand by choosing 1 card from the top of one of the 4 Tower Decks.
- After drawing from the top of a tower deck, flip the next card on top of that deck.
- When a Tower deck is depleted it is gone. Players have one less deck to choose from.
- When all Tower decks are depleted players must use the remaining cards in their hand until empty.

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SACRIFICING and SPECIAL ACTIONS

- On their turn players can forego their building action and sacrifice any one of their Tower cards to perform <u>special actions</u>.
- Tower sections that are sacrificed are removed from play and can no longer be used in that game.
- Sacrificing allows a player to do <u>ONE</u> of the following.
 - o Look at the Shared Hidden Rule card.

Or

o Look at their opponent's Rule card

Or

 Swap out their hidden rule card for the top card in the rule deck. (The original rule card is then removed from play for that game).

Or

Swap the position of 2 tower sections that are already placed.

or

 Change the position of 1 tower section that is already placed. (Remember, there cannot be any vertical/horizontal gaps between tower sections)

WINNING

Game ends when both players hands are empty. All Rules cards are revealed and scores are added up. The winner is the player with the most points.

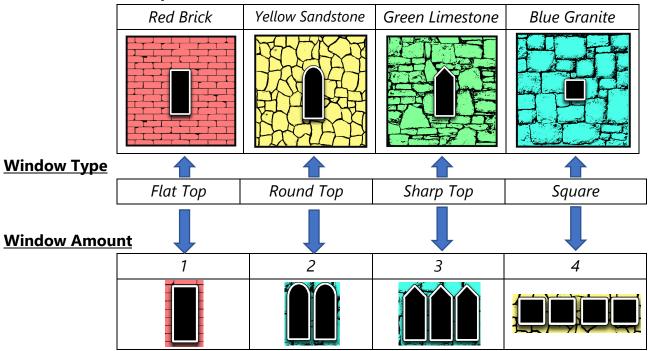
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HOW SCORING WORKS

TOWER CARD FEATURES

Tower Cards each have three features on which they are scored

Colour and Brick Shape



Full Examples:

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-	1 Window	-	4 Windows	-	3 Windows	-	4 Windows
-	with a Flat Top	-	with Round Tops	_	with Sharp Tops	-	<u>Square</u>
-	in Red Brick	-	in Green Limestone	-	In Blue Granite	-	In Yellow Sandstone

MARBLE AND OBSIDIAN

There are two Tower cards that are unlike the others. These are the Marble and Obsidian sections. They do not offer any special abilities but depending on the scoring rules in place they can help with building towers or provide opportunities to sacrifice.

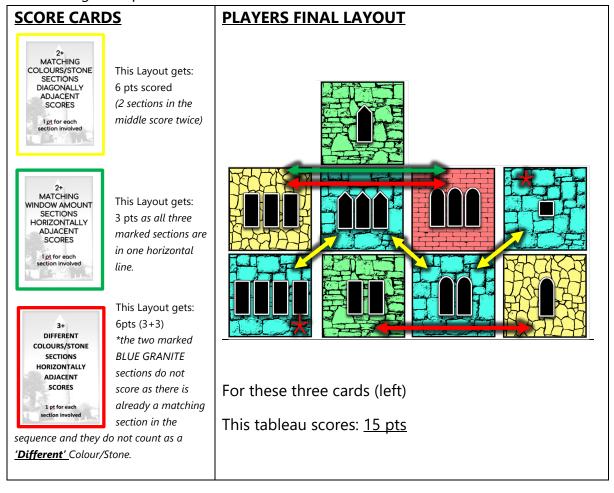
MARBLE	OBSIDIAN		
- 0 Windows	- 0 Windows		
- No window type	- No window type		
- White Marble	- Black Obsidian		

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SCORING CARD COMBINATIONS

- All Scoring rule cards are designed to be added together, even if they seem contradictory.
 - example: If both 'Tallest tower' and 'Shortest Tower' scoring rules are played they both apply. The same player could claim points for both if they have both the tallest tower and the shortest tower.
- Some scores are given for MOST or LEAST of a particular feature. Only one player can score these and in the event of a tie, neither player scores.
- Most scoring cards award points for SECTIONS. However, there are 4 scoring cards that award for amount windows.
 - 1-2= Most / Least Windows in one Tower
 - 3-4= Most / Least Windows Overall.
- Individual Tower sections can score multiple times for different score cards.
- Diagonal scoring applies to each adjacent diagonal, so the same sections could score twice if placed correctly.

Full Scoring Example



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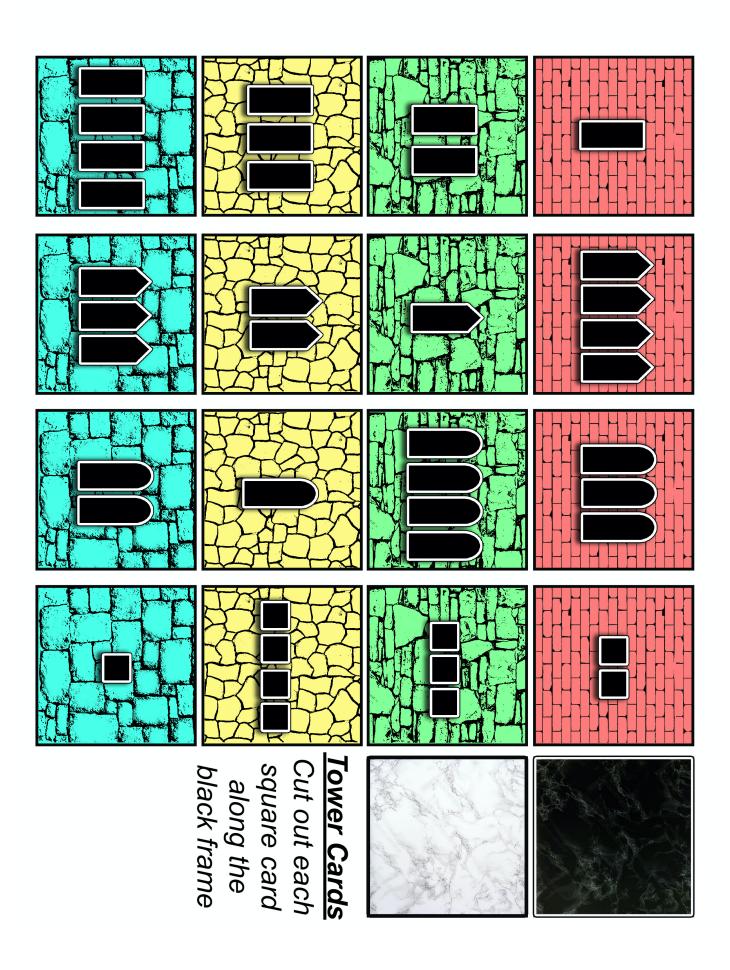
SCORING EXAMPLE (1)

PLAYER A's secret	PLAYER B's secret			
Score Card	STIT (KEE	O CARDS	Score Card	
MOST 1 WINDOW SECTIONS PLACED SCORES 3pts In the event of a tie, nobody scores.	TOWER PLACED SCORES SCORES In the event of a tie, nobody scores. These three cards are	3+ MATCHING COLOURS/STONE SECTIONS IN 1 TOWER ORES or each Involved e visible from the start CARD* revealed at end	2+ MATCHING WINDOW TYPE SECTIONS HORIZONTALLY ADJACENT SCORES 1 pt for each section involved	
PLAYER A's F	inal Tableau	PLAYER B's Final Tableau		
	A's Score	PLAYER B's Score		
	d left to right)	(for each card left to right)		
3 N/A 4+3 3 2 0 TOTAL SCORE: 15		0 N/A 3 3 3+3 2+2 TOTAL SCORE 16		
X - Player A Sacrifice to view the Hidden S (but too late)		Player B believed A was aiming for the Tallest Tower score, attempting to neutralise with Marble		

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SCORING EXAMPLE (2)

		CARDS	PLAYER D's Score	
Card	Card		Card	
3+ MATCHING WINDOW AMOUNT SECTIONS IN 1 TOWER SCORES 1 pt for each section involved	WINDOW TYPE SECTIONS IN 1 TOWER SCORES 1 pt for each section involved 2+ MATCHING COLOURS/STONE SECTIONS HORIZONTALLY ADJACENT SCORES 1 pt for each	LEAST WINDOWS IN ONE TOWER SCORES OWER Or each involved E visible from the start CARD* revealed at end	MOST TOWERS PLACED SCORES 3pts In the event of a tie, nobody scores.	
PLAYER C's I		PLAYER D's Final Tableau		
	A's Score	PLAYER B's Score		
	d left to right)	(for each card left to right)		
3 3+4 0 0 3+2 TOTAL SCORE: 18		0 4+3 4+3 3 (for Obsidian sectors) 2 TOTAL SCORE: 22	tion)	
X – Player C Sacrifice view the Hidden Sco		Player D placed Obsic claim both ' Most To t Windows'		



TÚIR SCORE CARDS cut out along thin black frame

TALLEST
TOWER
PLACED
SCORES

3pts

In the event of a tie,
nobody scores.

SHORTEST
TOWER
PLACED
SCORES

3pts
In the event of a tie, nobody scores.

MOST
TOWERS
PLACED
SCORES

3pts

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nobody scores.

LEAST
TOWERS
PLACED
SCORES

3pts

nobody scores.

MOST
SHARP TOP WINDOW
SECTIONS
PLACED
SCORES

3pts

In the event of a tie,
nobody scores.

MOST
FLAT TOP WINDOW
SECTIONS
PLACED
SCORES

3pts

In the event of a tie,
nobody scores.

MOST
ROUND TOP WINDOW
SECTIONS
PLACED
SCORES

3pts

In the event of a tie,
nobody scores.

MOST
SQUARE WINDOW
SECTIONS
PLACED
SCORES

3pts

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nobody scores.

MOST
RED BRICK
SECTIONS
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3pts

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MOST
YELLOW SANDSTONE
SECTIONS
PLACED
SCORES

3pts

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MOST
BLUE GRANITE
SECTIONS
PLACED
SCORES

3pts

In the event of a tie, nobody scores.

MOST
GREEN LIMESTONE
SECTIONS
PLACED
SCORES

3pts

In the event of a tie, nobody scores.

MOST
4 WINDOW
SECTIONS
PLACED
SCORES

3pts

In the event of a tie, nobody scores.

MOST
3 WINDOW
SECTIONS
PLACED
SCORES

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In the event of a tie, nobody scores.

MOST
2 WINDOW
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MOST
1 WINDOW
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MOST
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In the event of a tie, nobody scores

LEAST WINDOWS OVERALL SCORES

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