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Ages

Players

Minutes

Family Fun

The game of Honeycombs™ comes with fifty-two hexagon shaped tiles. Each tile has six symbols on it and no two tiles are the same. Honeycombs™ has three distinct ways to play, each varying in speed and competitiveness. Choose the one that's right for you.



How to play

The object of honeycombs™ is to connect your tiles together by matching their symbols. The more matches you make the more points you will earn. If the symbols do not match, the tiles cannot be connected. The only exception is the honeybee; which is wild and can be matched with any other symbol. Each tile has the potential of being matched on all six sides.

Version A - Worker Bee Fast-paced competition between opponents (2-4 players / 2-4 teams of 2)

- Divide tiles evenly among all players/teams.
 players = 26 tiles each, 3 players = 17 tiles each, 4 players = 13 tiles each
- 2. Each player places their tiles face-down in front of themselves.
- On the word 'go' players turn over their tiles and connect as many matching symbols as possible. It's a race to complete your honeycomb before your opponents complete theirs.
- The first player to connect all their tiles together yells "HONEYCOMBS". This signifies the end of the round and all other players must immediately stop.

Worker Bee cont'd

- 5. Players quickly check the honeycomb of the player nearest to them to see if anyone has broken rules 1 and/or 2 (see rules 1 & 2 in the next column). If so, deduct points accordingly. However, if the player finishing first is in violation of the rules, the round resumes until someone finishes with a mistake free honeycomb.
- Next, each player calculates their points for the round - (See Scoring) and tells the scorekeeper. The scorekeeper keeps a running tally of everyone's points.
- 7. Return all tiles to the bag to prepare for another round.
- 8. The player with the most points after 3 rounds is crowned Queen Bee.

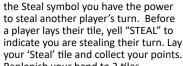
Version B - One Big Honeycomb A leisurely competition, one turn at a time (2-4 players / 2-4 teams of 2)

- 1. Players take turns to build one big honeycomb while collecting individual points.
- 2. Draw one tile and place it face up in the center of the table.
- 3. Each player draws three tiles from the bag.
- 4. Moving clockwise, players choose one of their three tiles and connects it to the honeycomb. One point is earned for every match made and it is added the player's total.
- 5. After each turn, players draw one tile from the bag to replenish their hand.
- When all 52 tiles have been connected to the honeycomb, the game is over and the player with the most points is the champion.
- Some tiles have special powers which are indicated in the center of the tile. To maximize their value, be strategic in how you use them.



Double Points: When playing a tile marked with the Doube Points symbol, all points earned are doubled.

Steal: When playing a tile marked with





your 'Steal' tile and collect your points. Replenish your hand to 3 tiles. Continue with the next scheduled player.



Extra Turn: After taking your normal turn, you can play the Extra Turn tile right away. It is a bonus turn and does not affect your next turn. Replenish your hand to 3 tiles.



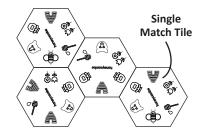
Wild Tile: Player chooses 1 symbol on this tile to become wild. It can now be matched with any symbol.

Version C - Honeycombs Puzzle Work together to build a creative honeycomb

- 1. All tiles are placed face up on the table as you would with a puzzle.
- Players work together to build one honeycomb. The object of this game is to make as many connections as possible.
- 3. Tiles can be moved around at any time, by any player.
- Work at your own pace as everyone contributes at the same time.
- 5. When all tiles are connected to the players' satisfaction the game is over.
- 6. This is a non-competitive version; count the total points and record your score if you want.

Rule I: Single Match (Applies to Worker Bee Version Only)

When a round is finished, only one tile in a players honeycomb can have a single match. A single match is a one that is isolated (the symbols on either side of it are not matched). This means you cannot string tiles together in a train to finish quickly.



Rule 2: Mismatched Connection

If a mismatched connection is discovered when the round ends, the player must remove the tile with the mismatch without receiving any points for it. In this example, the player removes the tile and forfeits 2 points even though 1 of the connections was a match.

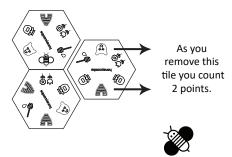


Scoring

1 match = 1 point 1 core connection = 5 points Unused tile = minus 1 point (Worker Bee Version Only)

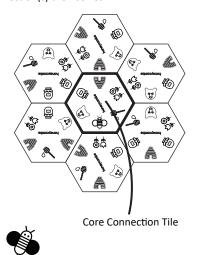
How to Score

- 1. Count your core connection points first
- Count your matches. To ensure accuracy when counting, points should be tallied while you disassemble your honeycomb. As you remove each tile, count the number of matches it has. (see piture below)
- 3. Minus your negative points.



Core Connection

A core connection is a tile that has matched all 6 sides. In the One Big Honeycomb version, the player who placed the 6th and final tile earns the core connection bonus of 5 points. This bonus is in addition to the points received from the connection(s) themselves.



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