

The rule for winning at Red is simple: Have the best card! But will you still be playing the same game when your turn ends? If you're not winning by the current game's rule at the end of your turn, you're out, and the last person standing wins the round.

The deck consists of 49 cards numbered 1-7, in each of the seven rainbow colors. A 7 is always higher than a 6, but a Red 6 is higher than an Orange 6, and so on down the color spectrum (Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, Indigo, Violet). When comparing two cards, compare value first, then color.


To begin a game of Red7, deal out a seven-card hand to each player, and then deal one more card faceup in front of each player to start their Palette.

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Start the Canvas (discard pile) with the You are Playing Red card. The top card of the Canvas pile determines what the rules are. The player with the highest card on their Palette is currently the best at Red, so the player to that player's left goes first.


OPPONENT'S HAND


## CANVAS (DISCARD PILE)



DRAW DECK

## YOUR PALETTE



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On your turn, you must take one of the following actions:

1. Play a card faceup from your hand to your Palette.
2. Discard a card from your hand to the Canvas to change the game to the rule of the discarded card's color. You must be winning the new game after you do this. (see right)
3. Play a card from your hand to your Palette AND THEN discard a card to the Canvas. You must be winning the game after you do this.
4. Do nothing, and lose. You might want to do this intentionally when playing Advanced Red7 to limit the number of points an opponent will score. If your hand is empty, you must do this.

If you are not winning the game at the end of your turn, you lose and are out of the round. Place your hand cards and Palette cards facedown. If you are ever the last player in the game, you win the round!

You are currently winning a game if your Palette contains more cards that meet the current game's rule than any other player. To break a tie, look at each tied player's highest card that follows the rule, checking its value, then its color if necessary. If you have no cards (for Green or Violet) that follow the rule, you are not winning. Examples are to the right for each rule. If you have no cards in your hand at the start of your turn, you lose since you are unable to do anything to win by the end of your turn.

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| GAME | CANVAS RULE | EXAMPLE |
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| RED | HIGHEST CARD | $51{ }^{6} 4>3^{6} 11$ |
| ORANGE | CARDS OF ONE NUMBER | $\begin{array}{ll}22 & 2 \\ 3\end{array}$ |
| YELLOW | CARDS OF ONE COLOR | ${ }^{2} 86$ |
| GREEN | EVEN CARDS | ${ }^{4} 26^{6} 3>31^{6} 1$ |
| BLUE | CARDS OF ALL DIFFERENT COLORS | 7 5 4 <br> 6 8  |
| INDIGO | CARDS THAT FORM A RUN (I.E. 45 6) | 4 5 7 6 <br> 8    |
| VIOLET | CARDS BELOW 4 | ${ }^{1} 2{ }^{2} 3$ |

Once you've played Red7 a few times, you might be ready for some advanced rules, and scoring between rounds! Advanced Red7 has two additional rules.

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When you discard a card to the Canvas, if the number on that card is higher than the total number of cards in your Palette, you may draw an additional card from the Draw Deck (unless the Draw Deck is empty).

The winner of a round scores points. See next page for scoring structure.

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If you win a round, take all the cards from your Palette that meet the current rule and place them under your reference card. For example, if you won Blue by having the most differently colored cards on your Palette, take the highest card of each color from your Palette and place them under your reference card. The next hand is dealt without those cards, as they are now your score pile. Cards are worth their face value in points. If there aren't enough cards to deal out a new hand to each player, the game ends and the player with the highest score wins.


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 The four odd-numbered cards have icons in their corners. These represent an optional rule for actions, meant for experienced Red7 players. They can be mixed with either Basic or Advanced Red7. By these rules, when you play a 1, 3, 5, or 7 to your Palette, you MUST perform that card's action if you can.Choose a card from your Palette and either discard it to X 7 the Canvas or place it face down on top of the Draw Deck. Notes: If playing with Advanced Red7, do not draw a card for discarding. You may not discard a card unless you are winning the new color's game.


Play another card from your hand to your Palette.
5 Notes: If your hand is empty, do nothing. If the card has an action, perform it.

Draw a card from the Draw Deck.
$\leftrightarrows \square$ Notes: If the deck is empty, do nothing. You may use this action to try and find a card to discard.

Choose a player with fewer cards in their Palette than you.
 Take a card from another player's Palette, and place it face down on top of the Draw Deck.
Note: If you lose this turn, return the stolen card to their Palette.

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