

HOW TO PLAY **BLACKJACK**



Blackjack is one of the most popular casino table games because it is easy to learn and exciting to play!

OBJECT OF THE GAME

The object of the game is to draw cards that add up to 21 or as close as possible without ever going over.

A Blackjack is an ace and any ten-value card on the first two cards dealt. Blackjack pays one and a half times your bet.

You can draw as many cards as you like. If a hand goes over 21 it is called a "bust" and the dealer automatically wins; if your hand is the same as the dealer's it's a "push" (tie) - you do not win or lose; and if your count is closer to 21 than the dealer's count, you win!

HOW TO PLAY

Kings, queens and jacks count as 10. Aces count as 1 or 11. All other cards are counted at their face value.

The dealer starts the game by giving two cards. The dealer's hand always has one card face-up and a card face-down.

If you are satisfied with the total of your two cards, you can "stand" (draw no more cards). If not, you can "hit" (draw one or more cards, one at a time) by making a slight movement with your hand toward you. You may "hit" until you feel that the total count of your hand is closer to 21 than the cards the dealer will draw.

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After each player takes a turn, the dealer turns up his/her "hole" (face down) card. If the hand totals a soft 17 or less, the dealer must "hit" (draw additional cards) until he/she reaches a hard 17 or more. If the hand totals a hard 17 the dealer must "stand" (take no additional cards).

TERMS USED IN BLACKJACK

Splitting Pairs- If you are dealt two cards with equal value or any two ten-value cards, you may "split" them into two separate hands.

You must match your original bet if you "split." Once "split," the two hands must be played separately completing the first hand before going on to the second. You may "split" a pair up to three times, making four separate hands (with the exception of aces). You can take as many "hits" as you like on each hand. If you "split" a pair of aces, you will receive only one card on each of the hands. If you receive any ten-value card on a split ace, the hand has a total of 21 (it is not a Blackjack).

Doubling Down- You may increase your wager by "doubling down." After receiving your first two cards, you may "double down" by increasing your wager up to the amount of your original bet, receiving only one additional card. You may "double down" on any two cards except for a natural Blackjack. You can also "double down" after "splitting" a pair.

Hit or Draw- Signal that you want another card by making a slight movement with your hand towards you.

Insurance- If you decide to take insurance you are insuring your hand in the event the dealer has a Blackjack.

Insurance pays 2 to 1- You can wager any amount up to half your original bet. Therefore, if you have a \$10.00 original bet, your maximum insurance wager would be \$5.00 (1/2 of the original bet). If the dealer has a Blackjack you lose your original bet, but you are paid 2 to 1 on your insurance. If the dealer doesn't have a Blackjack, your original wager remains in play and only the insurance bet loses.



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