

CARRY ON THE FLAME

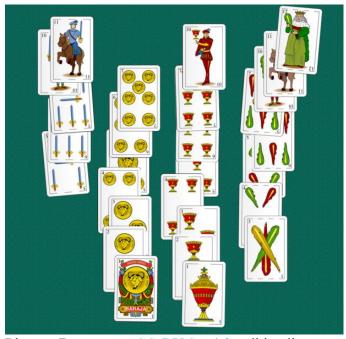


CINQUILLO - A card game from Spain -

All cards are dealt to the players, even if as a result some players have one card more than others. The owner of the seven of hearts begins by playing it. Similarly, the other three sevens may later be played as the first cards of their respective suits. After that, cards may be added in sequence down to the ace and up to the king. A player who cannot place a card passes.

The game is well suited for parties of mixed ages; with small children it can be played until all players have finished. It often makes sense for players to avoid playing cards close to 7, in order to force others to play cards in other suits in which the blocking player may hold high or low cards. Scoring, if desired, can be done by simply counting the remaining cards in players' hands. Other methods of scoring such as counting the remaining pips (Jacks, Queens and Kings each contributing 10, Aces contributing 15) may lead to greater attention to high-scoring cards.

The Spanish variant known as "Cinquillo" is played with the Spanish deck of 40 cards. In this game the sequences start with the four fives, and the five of oros must be played first.



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