



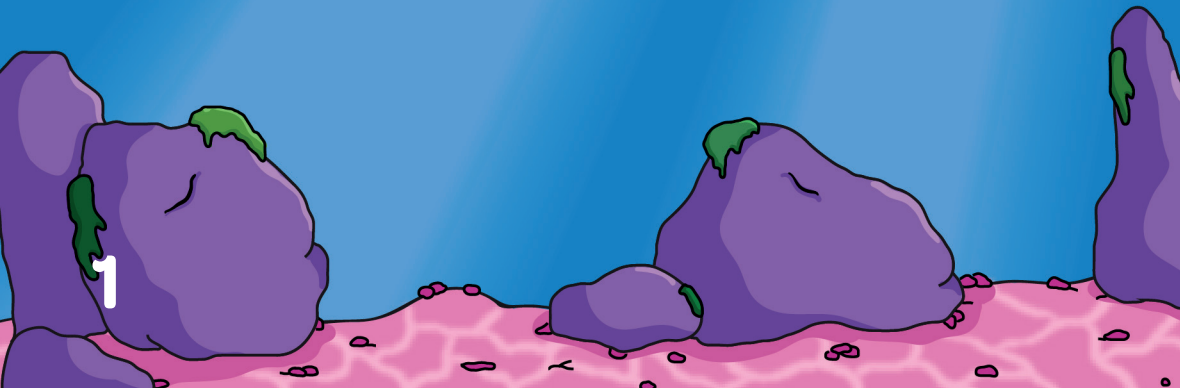
ULTIMATE Aquarium RULES

Overview

Build the ultimate aquarium by filling it with the perfect selection of sea creatures and decor!

Take turns selecting cards from the Aquarium Store and placing them in your Personal Aquarium. Cards in your Personal Aquarium add points to your score.

Once all rounds are complete, tally up your score and the player with the most points wins.

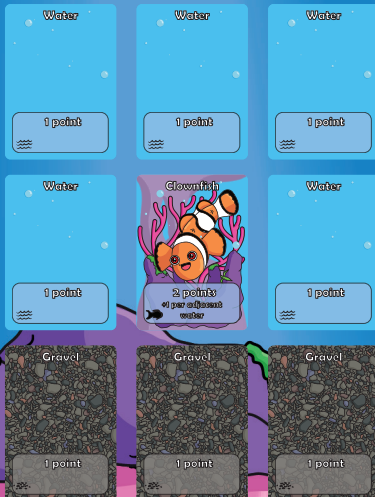


Setup

Separate the starter cards from the rest of the deck.
(Starter cards are the double sided Gravel, Water, Clownfish, Net, and Restock cards)

Give each player 3 Gravel cards, 5 Water cards,
and 1 Clownfish card.

Have each player arrange these cards in front of them
in the following configuration:



This forms each
player's Personal
Aquarium.

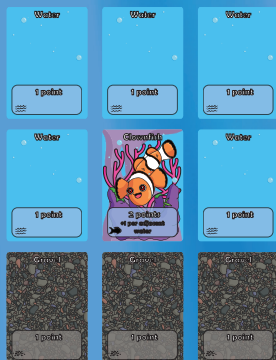
Put the Game Board and Starfish Token on the play surface. Flip the game board to the side that says the appropriate number of players.



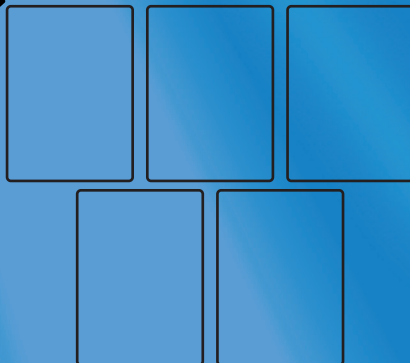
Place 1 Net card and 1 Restock card on the play area next to each player's Personal Aquarium



Choose a player to go first
and give them the fish
token.



Shuffle the Aquarium
Deck and place it
within reach. Leave
room to flip over cards.
(The Aquarium Deck
consists of all of the
cards with this
card back)

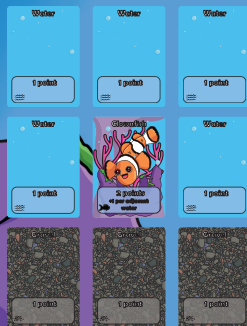


Start of Game:

Deal 5 cards from the Aquarium Deck to each player.

Each player selects 3 of their 5 cards to keep and discards the remaining 2. They then place the 3 cards into their Personal Aquarium, discarding the cards they replace.

Your Personal Aquarium will always have 9 cards (in a 3x3 grid). Cards going into your Personal Aquarium always replace a card.



Your starting aquarium



An aquarium after the game starts with 3 cards replaced.

Once everyone has selected and placed their first 3 cards into their Personal Aquarium the first round begins.

Rounds

Start of Round:

Move the Starfish Token up one space on the game board to indicate which round is beginning



The starfish token is moved onto the "1" space to indicate round 1 has started.

Flip over cards from the top of the Aquarium Deck to stock this round's Aquarium Store. The number of cards varies with number of players.

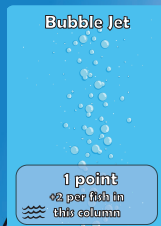
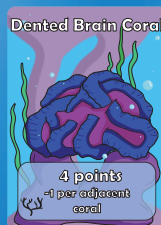
2 & 3 players: Flip over 5 cards

4 players: Flip over 6 cards

Discard Pile

Aquarium Deck

Aquarium Store (4 Player example)



Turns:

Each player takes 1 turn per round. The player with the fish token is the first to take their turn during the current round.

On Your Turn:

Take 1 card from the Aquarium Store. You must place it into your Personal Aquarium. The card in your Personal Aquarium that the selected card replaces is put into the Aquarium Store. You can't replace a card with a card of the same name.

End of Round:

After every player has taken a turn the round ends. Move the fish token clockwise to the next player.

Discard any cards remaining in the Aquarium Store.

End of Game

The game ends after all rounds are complete. 2 and 4 player games last 8 rounds. 3 player games last 9 rounds.

Players add up their score on a scoring sheet. The player with the most points wins.

Net

Each player has a net card that can be used at any time throughout the game to swap the position of two cards in their Personal Aquarium. The net card can only be used once per game. Set it aside once it has been used.



Restock

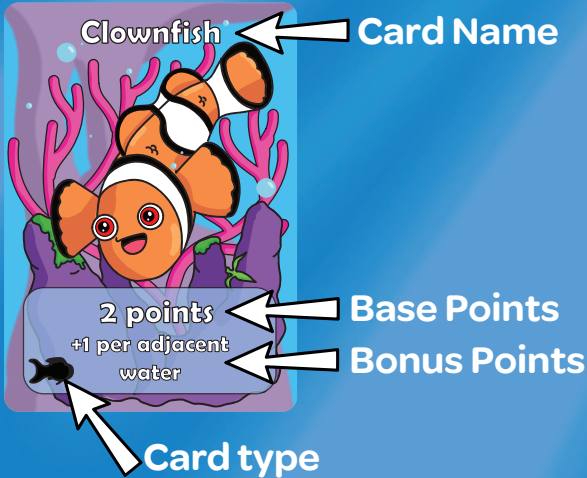
Each player has a Restock card that can be used on their turn to discard all of the cards from the Aquarium Store and stock it with new cards before they select a card. The Restock card can only be used once per game. Set it aside once it has been used.



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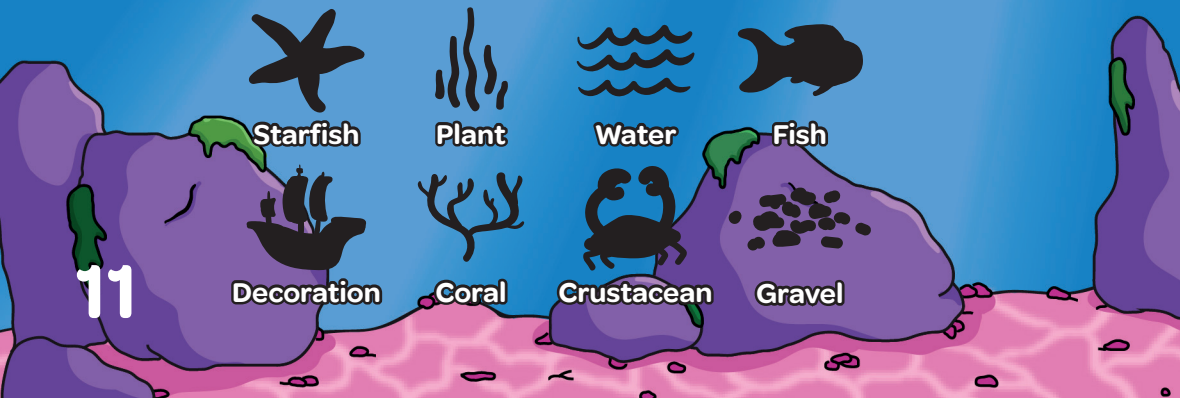
Cards



Cards in your Personal Aquarium add points to your score. A card's total points are equal to its base points + its bonus points.

Oftentimes bonus points are awarded based on the card types and positions of other cards in your Personal Aquarium.

Card Types



Positions

Many cards reference the position of themselves or other cards when evaluating their points.

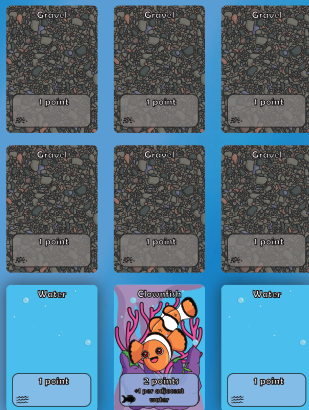
Adjacent

Adjacent refers to a card that is one space to the left, right, above, or below another card. It does NOT include diagonals.



Beside

Beside refers to a card **ONE** space to the left or right of another card.

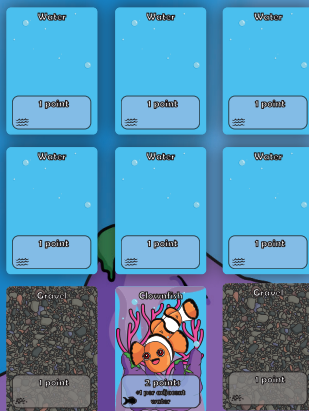


The 2 Water cards are beside the Clownfish card.

Above This Row

Above this row refers to any card in any higher row.

Note: Rows are horizontal; columns are vertical.



The Water cards are all above the row of the Clownfish card.

Directly Above/Below

Directly Above refers to a card that is **ONE** space above another card.



The Water card is directly above the Clownfish card.

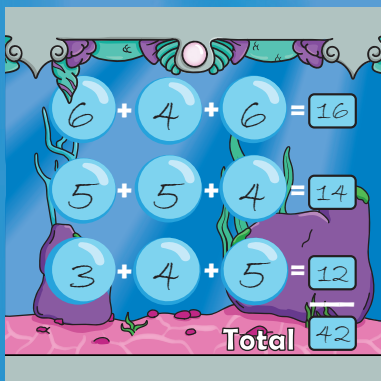
Directly Below refers to a card that is **ONE** space below another card.



The Water card is directly below the Clownfish card.

Scoring Example





Total: 42 points

6 points from
Driftwood.

3 points base
+3 from plants

4 points from the
spaghetti algae.

4 points base
-0 from
adjacent fish.

6 points from
Driftwood.

3 points base
+3 from plants

5 points from
Cardinalfish.

3 points base
+2 from being beside
a crustacean.

5 points from
Hermit Crab.

2 points base
+3 from
adjacent plants

4 points from
Manatee Grass.

3 points base
+1 from crustaceans
in the same row.

3 points from Pink
Gravel.

3 points base
+0 since it's not
directly under a plant

4 points from the
spaghetti algae.

4 points base
-0 from
adjacent fish.

5 points from Pink
Gravel.

3 points base
+2 since it's directly
under a plant

Components

92 Aquarium Cards

(4 Anthias, 4 Clown Goby, 4 Cardinalfish, 6 Moray Eel, 4 Seahorse, 4 Triggerfish, 2 Brine Shrimp, 2 Peppermint Shrimp, 2 Harlequin Shrimp, 2 Hermit Crab, 3 Pink Gravel, 3 Rainbow Gravel, 3 Neon Gravel, 4 Shell Gravel, 3 Cabbage Coral, 3 Sun Coral, 3 Dented Brain Coral, 4 Bubbly Water, 4 Bubble Jet, 4 Flowing Water, 2 Skull Cave, 2 Sunken Ship, 2 Driftwood, 2 Treasure Chest, 2 Diver, 3 Manatee Grass, 2 Spaghetti Algae, 2 Mermaid's Fan, 2 Mangrove, 3 Dragon's Tongue Algae, 2 Asterina Starfish)

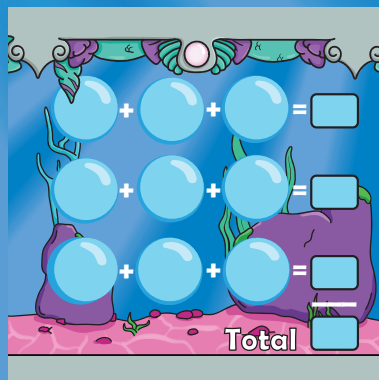


44 Starter Cards

(20 Water Cards, 12 Gravel Cards,
4 Clownfish Cards, 4 Restock Cards,
4 Net Cards)



1 Score Pad



1 Game Board



1 Starfish Token



1 Fish Token





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