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Announcing the new King's Keys deck

The 4x4x4 deck from the designer of the Janken Deck

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The King's Keys deck reimagines playing cards for a new generation of card games. It's described as a 4x4x4 deck because it has 64 cards with 4 colors, 4 numbers and 4 items. This new card system offers different ways to match and combine cards that you can't do with a standard 52 card deck.

The most striking detail about the cards is that there are no "suits" like red hearts or black clubs. Instead there are 4 color kingdoms: The Yellow Sun, Red Mountains, Green Forest, and Blue Ocean. Each of these kingdoms have a set of Keys, Axes, Shields and Coins. Each Color and Item combination has cards numbered from 1 to 4, for example 1 red coin, 4 blue axes, or 2 green keys. There are also 4 jokers and 4 banner cards that represent each kingdom.

The deck plays over 20 original games including the title game "King's Keys", an epic game of stealing and collecting resources from neighboring kingdoms. Gather supplies and pillage your neighbors' kingdoms until you complete your set of keys, axes, shields or coins. There are also solitaire games, family games, and simpler games just for kids so there's something for everybody.

"I was really surprised at how differently the games played when I first started testing this deck," says designer Jeff Daymont. "Discovering and developing new card game mechanics was challenging, but rewarding."

The King's Keys deck plays a variety of games for ages 6 and up. Number of players and play times depend on the game. The deck includes 64 playing cards, 4 Jokers, and 4 Kingdom cards. The instruction sheet has rules for three different games including "King's Keys". The deck is supported by a website (www.JankenDeck.com) where more game rules and how-to-play videos can be found.

The King's Keys deck is available for the retail price \$16 at JankenDeck.com and on Amazon.

King's Square Solitaire (featuring the King's Keys deck) is coming to all major mobile devices this fall. A free demo version will be available that can be upgraded to a pro version with online achievements and leaderboards. There are no micro-transactions or pay-to-win mechanics, just a fun solitaire game with new scoring rules.

About designer Jeff Daymont

Jeff Daymont explores what card games would be like if cards used a different math. His first game project, the Janken Deck, uses 5 suits and rock-paper-scissors rules. The five new suits are rock, paper, scissors, water and lizard (inspired by the game Rock-Paper-Scissors-Lizard-Spock) and the face cards feature kings and queens from around the world.