



Old Fish

2-6 Players

Make triplets but don't get stuck with the Old Fish!

Summary:

This game combines two classic games, Old Maid and Go Fish. By the way, you can play traditional "Go Fish" with this deck, but remember a set is not complete until it has all 5 cards of the same rank.

The Object:

Make triplets of three cards in a suit, but avoid getting the mismatched set. You get points for each book you play but a penalty if you are stuck with the incomplete book of "Old Fish".

The Deck:

Play with all cards, including the Jokers.

The Deal:

Deal five cards to each player. Deal the next card face down away from the other cards as the "Lost Fish". Nobody should know what this card is until the end of the game. Spread the remaining cards out face down as a "Lake" to draw "Fish" from.

The Play:

During the game, players make books of three Fish (cards) that are the same suit. Jokers count as two fish. As soon as any player has three cards in the same suit, or a Joker and another card in the same suit, they may play those immediately by setting the books in front of them. Take turns going clockwise starting with the player to the left of the dealer.

When it is your turn you may ask any player for cards you need to complete a book. You may only ask for a suit that you already hold in our hand. Request the cards by asking "Do you have any Rocks?" or "Do you have any Lizards?".

That player must pass all of the cards they have in that suit to you. If you can make a book of three cards (or one card plus a Joker) in the same suit, play your book and you can go again. If you can't make a book, your turn is over.



Game Name

2-4 Players

Brief description

If they do not have any cards in the suit that you asked for, they say "Go Fish!". Draw one card from the "Lake" and your turn is over.

If you ever have more than three cards in the same suit, remember to only make books with three cards at a time (or one card and a Joker).

If you ever play all of your cards, or a player takes your last card, draw five more cards from the Lake.

The End:

Keep playing until all cards have been drawn from the lake and only one player holds the cards from the incomplete book. These are the "Old Fish".

Scoring:

Each player earns 1 point for each book they completed. The player left holding the Old Fish gets three points subtracted from their score for that round. If the player with the Old Fish completed three or fewer books, their score is zero for that round.

In each round there should be 24 books and one Old Fish.

You may choose to play until the first player reaches 100 points or just play as long as you like and the player with the highest score overall wins.