



Ninety-Eight

Ages: 7-12

Building Skills In: mental math, addition

Number of Players: 2+

Materials: deck of cards including face cards

Brief Description: Players try not to allow the discard pile to add up to 98!

Directions:

1. Three cards are dealt to each player. The remaining cards are left face down in a draw pile.
2. The person left of the dealer starts play.
3. Every turn, a player has to play a card. There is no passing. Each card has a value (listed below) which is added to the sum of all the cards already in the discard pile. For example, if player one plays a 9 and player two plays a 6, the total of the discard is now fifteen. If player 3 plays an eight, the total of the discard pile is now 23.
4. After a player puts a card on the discard pile, they pick up another card. They always need to have three cards in their hand.
5. Whoever is forced to play a card that makes the total go ninety eight or above loses the game.

Variations:

- Only keep cards lower than 5 and change the target to smaller than thirty for kids just starting adding.
- Choose a larger target.

Card Values:

Ace = 1

Jack = 10

2-9 = face value

Queen = 0

10 = - 10 (subtract)

King = 10