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# KINAPA

A game of 2 to 8 players  
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## RULES

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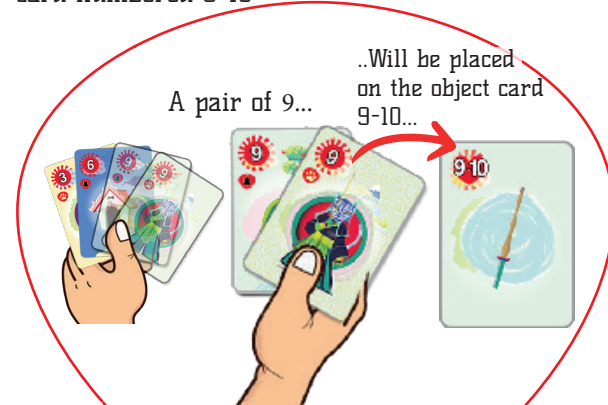
## THE GAME

### GOAL OF THE GAME:

The aim is to be the first player to put down all of their pairs on the same number as the corresponding object cards before the other players.

### Example:

A pair of 9... or 10 ... Will be placed on the object card numbered 9-10



### CONTENTS:

16 animal cards numbered from 1 to 16  
16 shelter cards numbered from 1 to 16  
16 object cards numbered from 1-2, 3-4, ... 15-16  
1 «Emperor» card represented by a white deer  
2 «Minister» cards represented by a fox  
8 «Sheep» cards  
2 game aid cards

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## SETUP

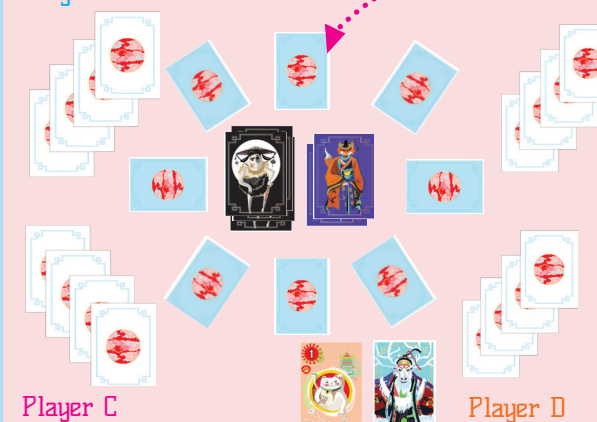
### RULES

for 4-8 players

### Example :

Player A

Player B



### WHO STARTS?

«The Maneki-Neko (Cat #1) indicates who will be the first Emperor (here it is player D who has it)».



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## PREPARATION OF THE CARDS

1. **SEPARATE** the object cards (blue backs) from the other cards (white backs).



2. To determine which cards to play with, multiply the number of players by 2.  
**Example:** Here, there are 4 players therefore you **PLAY** with cards numbered 1 to 8.

3. **SHUFFLE** and **PLACE** the Minister and Sheep cards in the centre of the table, then the object cards face down in a circle around them.

4. **SHUFFLE** the animal cards and shelter cards together and **DEAL** 4 cards per person.

«The Emperor is the only one who can put down their pairs».

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## START OF THE ROUND

1- Emperor's Announcement 3- Putting pair(s) down  
2- Exchanging cards 4- Choosing the new Emperor

The Emperor says «KINAPA a ...?» then a number, and counts 3 seconds aloud giving players the time to choose an action.

**Example:** «KINAPA a 7? 1-2-3»



or



\* Raise your hand

\* Do nothing

«I don't have the card» «Maybe I have it, maybe not»  
The number of players who have not raised their hands (i.e. those that may or may not have the card 7 in this case) will influence with whom the Emperor will be able to exchange a card.

2 or more players don't raise their hand

The Emperor then designates one of these players from whom they take a card at random and gives them in return the one of their choice.

1 or 0 players don't raise their hand

The Emperor orders the announced card to be given: the player who possesses it must hand it over and the Emperor gives them the card of the Emperor's choice in return.

If the card was in the possession of a player who raised their hand, the Emperor shouts «Liar!» and the player who lied is punished (see the «LYING» section).

**IMPORTANT!** During an exchange, the Emperor must give back a different card to the one that they have just received.

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## SPECIAL CASE

If the Emperor announces «KINAPA» followed by a number that they already have the pair of and all the other players raise their hands, the Emperor then keeps their cards. There is no exchange this round.

### Example :

The Emperor, player A, announces « KINAPA a 2 ? » when they already have the pair in hand.



Player B



Player C



Player D

All the other players raise their hands. The Emperor shows their pair of 2s and does not exchange any cards with players.

However, if at least one player has not raised their hand, the Emperor shows their pair. They have the obligation to take a card at random from the deck of one of the people who has not raised their hand and gives in exchange a card of the Emperor's choice.

### Example :

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Player B



Player C



Player D

One of the players did not raise their hand. The Emperor shows their pair of 2s, then takes a card at random from Player D's hand and in return gives them a card of the Emperor's choice. They then finish their turn normally.

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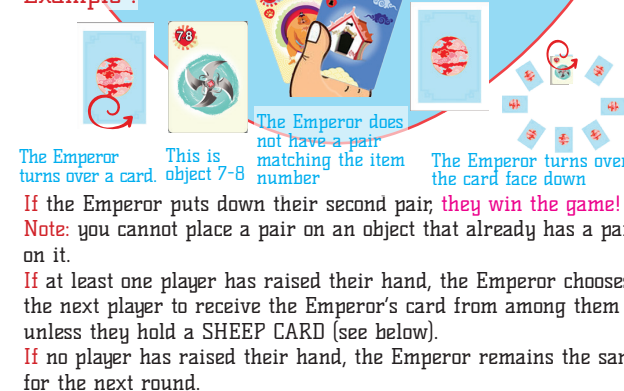
## END OF THE TURN

The Emperor, at the end of their turn, turns an object card over on the table in a way that is visible to all.

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If the Emperor puts down their second pair, they win the game!  
**Note:** you cannot place a pair on an object that already has a pair on it.  
If at least one player has raised their hand, the Emperor chooses the next player to receive the Emperor's card from among them unless they hold a SHEEP CARD (see below).  
If no player has raised their hand, the Emperor remains the same for the next round.

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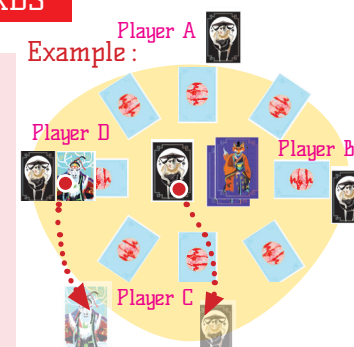
## SHEEP CARDS

Sheep cards ensure that everyone has the chance to have the Emperor card. When a player becomes the Emperor, they also receive, if they do not already have one, a Sheep card that they place on the table in front of them.

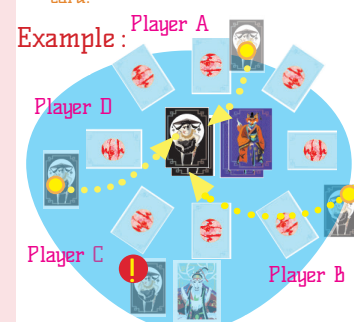
When the current Emperor finishes their turn and chooses their successor from among the players who have raised their hand, they must first choose among those who do not have a Sheep card.

If a player has lied by raising their hand, has been punished and does not have a Sheep card, that player will be prioritised to become the next Emperor.

When all players have a Sheep card, they are put back in the centre of the table except the last Sheep distributed, and from there we start the process again.



At the end of player D's turn, the player who has priority to become the new Emperor receives the Emperor's card as well as a Sheep card.



As all other players also have a sheep card, they put them back in the centre of the table..

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## LYING

The player who lied by raising their hand receives the 2 Minister (Fox) cards as they will be penalised for two turns. As long as they have Fox cards, their other cards remain revealed, and **they can no longer raise their hand**. They give the Emperor the requested card and receive in exchange a card that can remain hidden.

If they do not have a Sheep card, they will have priority to receive the Emperor's card at the end of the round. Starting in the next turn when the Emperor's card switches from one player to another, the punished player removes a Fox card and places it in the centre of the table.

**Example :** The Emperor, **Player A**, asks « KINAPA a 7 ? »

**Player B**  **Player C**  **Player D** 

Only one player - D - did not raise their hand. The Emperor therefore demands the card from player D because logically, if they did not raise their hand, then they should be holding a 7 (Remember that it's KINAPA - Who Doesn't Have), unless of course they are lying. Player D claims that actually they do not have the requested card. The Emperor then shouts « liar! » and the player who actually holds it must announce themselves, in this case Player B who is obliged to give their card 7 to the Emperor, being then punished for their lie.

**Player B's cards are placed like this on the table in front of them:**



The cards that Player B had in hand.

The card exchanged just now with the Emperor

The 2 «Fox» cards

The Emperor normally finishes their turn by turning over one item card and choosing the next Emperor - as player B does not have a Sheep card, they have priority to be the next Emperor.

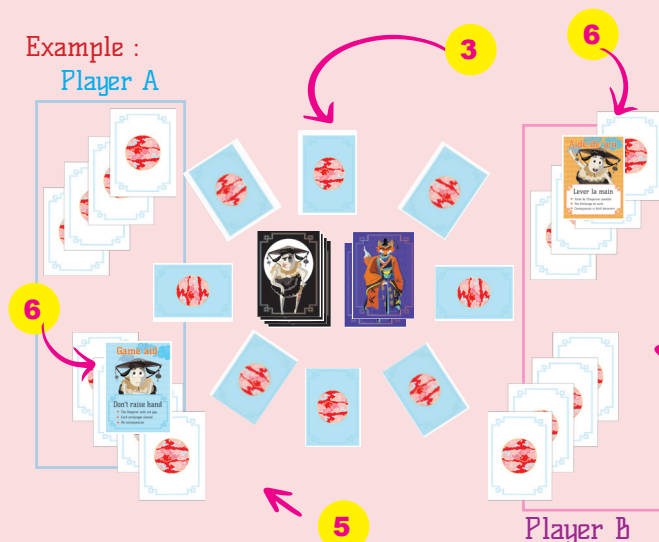
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## SETUP

## RULES

## For 2 Players

**Example :**  
**Player A**



The player with the Maneki-Neko # 1 Cat card becomes the Emperor, receives a Sheep card and starts the game.

If the Maneki-Neko is not in the players' hand, both players perform a **Switch**.

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## GOAL OF THE GAME

The winner is the one who gets rid of their hands of cards first.

**1. TAKE** cards numbered 1 to 8 and 1-2 to 7-8.

**2. SEPARATE** double-numbered object cards from other cards (1-2, 3-4 etc.).

**3. SHUFFLE** and place the cards face down in the centre of the table.

**4. SHUFFLE** animal cards and shelter cards together.

**5. DISTRIBUTE** 2 decks of 4 cards to each player.

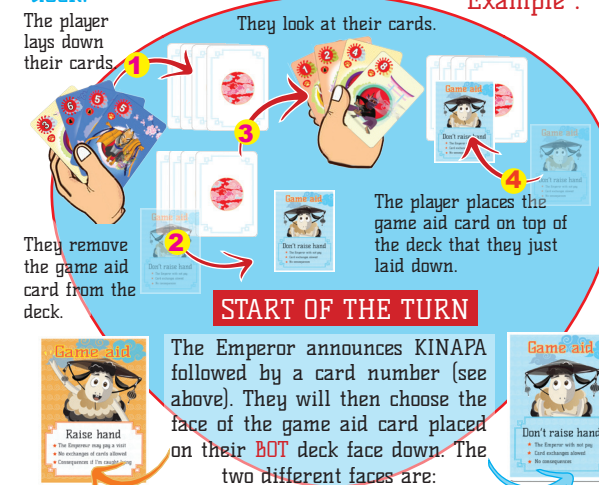
**6. PLACE** a **game aid** card on one of the decks of cards (called the **BOT**) adjacent to each player without looking at that deck and pick the other one up.

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## THE SWITCH

The **Switch** means that the player will put their cards in hand on the table to take their second deck.

**Example :**



## START OF THE TURN

The Emperor announces KINAPA followed by a card number (see above). They will then choose the face of the game aid card placed on their **BOT** deck face down. The two different faces are:

The side used of the **game aid** card will determine the action of the **BOT** deck of the cards face down. Once the Emperor has made their choice, the other player does the same with their **game aid** card, then raises their hand or not.

The number of hands lowered (that of the opposing player as well as those of the 2 **game aid** cards) will determine with whom the Emperor will be able to exchange one of their cards in hand.

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## EXPLANATION OF CARD EXCHANGES

\* If at least two players (or in a two-player game at least one player and one **game aid** card with the corresponding side displayed) have their hands lowered.

The Emperor chooses from these a card at random and exchanges in return a card from their hand of their choice.

\* If only one hand is lowered, the Emperor demands the card from this deck.

- If the lowered hand side is used on the Emperor's **game aid** card: The Emperor secretly looks at the cards that are under their **game aid** card. If the requested card is there, they exchange with one of their cards in hand.

- If the lowered hand **game aid** side is used on the deck of the opponent: the latter secretly looks at the cards that are under their **game aid** card. If the requested card is there, they exchange it with a card given by the Emperor.

- If the opponent has a lowered hand and they have the requested card in hand, they give it and the Emperor who will exchange it in return with the card of the Emperor's choice.

\* If it turns out that the card is not in the deck with the hand down, the Emperor demands the card from the others. The deck with the card is obliged to give it and will be punished.

\* If all 3 hands are raised,



The Emperor also demands the card from all players if they do not already have it.

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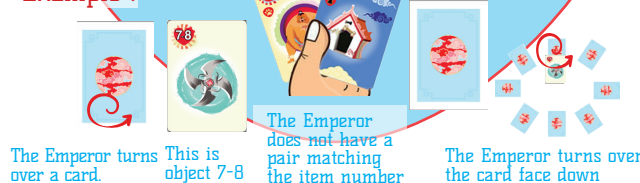
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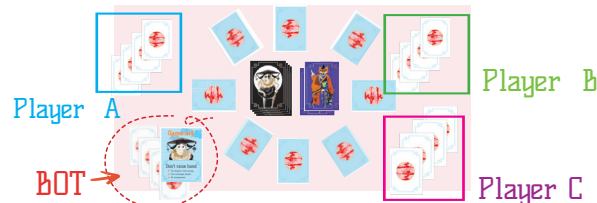
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## RULE for 3 PLAYERS and «BOT» VARIANT



Place a **game aid** card on the fourth hand of cards that does not belong to any player (**BOT** Deck).

If at startup, the Maneki-Neko Cat # 1 is not in one of the 3 player hands, you call for Cat # 2, and so on until you find the lowest cat number owned by one of the 3 players.

We determine thus who is the first Emperor: The moment the Emperor asks the Kinapa question, they choose whether the sheep in the **BOT** deck raises their hand.

If at some point in the game, the Emperor must, or decides to, give the emperor to the **BOT** deck, they designate which of the two opponents must switch their deck with the **BOT** deck and put it in their hand. The opponent who does the **SWITCH**, also exchanges their situation as if they were starting to play instead of the **BOT**, with the rest of the rules being unchanged.

It is also possible to use this **BOT** to increase the complexity of the game from 4 to 7 players to simulate a game of 5 to 8 players.

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WHERE is  
your  
KINAPA BOX?



HAVE FUN!