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Portable Game Prices: 1 Game, pieces, rules & carrying pouch: \$20.00

Buy 2 get \$5.00 off each additional game

Any 3 games: \$55.00

4 games: \$70.00,

5 games: \$85.00

6 Games: \$100.00

All 7 Games: \$115.00

Shipping:

\$3.00 for Pope Joan

\$2.00 for other single games

\$5.00 for multi-game sets

All 7 games shipping \$7.00

Machine-Washable

Board Games!

Our travel sets are decorated with Celtic knot-

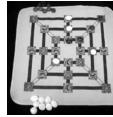
work. Printed on fabric with a durable heat-set

ink, they can be washed as many times as a

favorite T-shirt! We include game pieces, rules,

Perfect for traveling, or camping

and a brief history of the game.



In 1932 a board was found in Ballinderry Ireland. It contained a 7 X 7 grid of holes, and was decorated with designs dated to the 10th century. It is believed it to be a Fidchell (also spelled Fithcheal, or Fitchneal) game mentioned in early Irish legends, and related to Scandinavian Tafl games. These were the games of choice in Northern Europe prior to the introduction of Chess. The set includes 4 different game variations in rules as well as a simulated sheep knucklebone for use as a die for the Welsh variation.

Backgammon 32 variations -some date to ancient Rome!

Known as "tables" until the 1700's, variations on Backgammon using a recognizable board have been popular for at least 2000 years. 12" X 18" Board



Cribbage 13 Variations! - Up to 6 players!

In Irish Draughts you must move one of your checkers the number of spaces indicated by rolling a die -even if it endangers your piece! Dice included. 12" X 12" Board.

Checkers

With dice? You

bet! We include

rules for 14 dif-

ferent games!

Standardized in the 1600's, rules for a 15th century version, 3 versions of Solitaire Cribbage and rules for 3, 4, or 6 players! (Cards not included.) 12" X 18" Board

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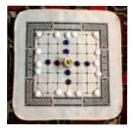
MacGregor Historic Games



Morris One man's oldest strategy games. The oldest boards come from Egypt. It was first brought to America by English

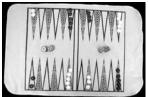
settlers and is played to this day. Simple enough for children, yet can hold the interest of chess players. Players take turns placing pieces, trying to form "mills" - 3-in-a-row. When a player creates a mill, they capture an opposing piece. Players win by reducing the opponent to just 2 pieces. 12" X 12" Board

Fidchell An Ancient Irish Game



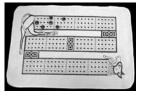
Ringo

A German game based on a battle between unequal forces. A smaller army is given an advantage in movement to make up for its small size. A circular board and "safe zone" adds intriguing twists to this 2-player strategy game. 12" X 12" Board



Pope Joan Set 3 card games in 1 set!

An ancestor to Tripoly or Michigan Rummy. Easy to learn, but fast enough to be fun. The name is from a myth that Pope John VIII was a woman. The board is divided into 8 "bowls." Players win "coins" from the bowls as they play the face cards of the trump suit. 2 - 6 players. Poch -Dating to the 1400's, Poch is a cross between Pope Joan and betting games like Poker. 4 to 8 players. Queen Nazareen -A related 17th century game. 4-10 players. 12" X 18" Board (Cards not included.)



No other company includes as many variations in rules for these classic games of the past.



18th Century English Playing Cards



The backs are blank, as was common on most early decks, and printed in just red & black. Although jokers were not used until the 1800's, we have included jokers inspired by the face cards for games that require them. This is a very classic deck, and very similar packs date from the 1600's, to the 1800's in both England and the U.S.

• Uncoated for the historical purist \$5.00 ea. Shipping \$1.00.

Early Card Games

A booklet of 12 simple card games, all dating prior to 1700 including early versions of Cribbage, and a short history of playing cards.

\$5.00 ea shipping \$0.75 Shipping free if ordered with cards!

Mini Visconti Tarot



The earliest, and most complete surviving tarot deck it was commissioned by the Dukes of Milan in the 1450's. Contrary to popular belief, tarot cards were used for games long before they were used for fortune telling. They were the ancestors to modern trump, or trick-taking games. This is a miniature version of the full 78-card deck. It is about 3.25 inches tall. The size makes it easier to hold a 12-card hand that many tarot games use, or for divination, the cards can be laid out in minimum of space. We also include our booklet with a short history of Tarot cards, and six games that can be played with them.

\$20.00 ea+ shipping \$1.00

Tarot of Marseilles

An 18th century design. Lower-class tarot cards do not survive from earliest days of Tarot games. Scholars believe these are the example that is closest to decks that may have been used by the commoners during earlier centuries. Includes a pamphlet with a short history of Tarot cards, and 5 games that can be played with them.

\$20.00/deck + \$2.50 shipping

16th Century German Cards



Dating to 1588 this 52-card deck is based on the work of the German artist Jost Amman. German printers experimented with a wide range of suit symbols, this deck uses Books, Jars, Printers' Ink Pads and Cups. As was common in German decks, there are no jacks and queens, but rather the German equivalents of an "unter", and Ober.

\$5.00/deck + \$1.00 shipping

16th Century French Cards

Our own reproduction of a 52-card deck from 1567 based on cards printed in Rouen. France. The cards of Rouen are significant because many were exported to Britain. In 1628 England banned the importation of cards, and English printers used Rouen face cards as inspiration for their own decks which have evolved into the standard motifs used in many modern decks."



\$5.00/deck + \$1.00 shipping

Solitaire Cards

The size (Only $2-5/16'' \times 1-3/4''$) makes them great for playing Solitaire or "Patience" in a

small space. \$5.00/deck + \$1.00

them also. shipping

face cards are so beautiful we couldn't resist carrying \$10.00/deck + \$1.00 shipping.

Fancy Playing Cards

A modern design, but the portrait-like designs of the



Oak Hnefatafl Game



A Hnefatafl ("King's Table")

game with "bone" game pieces inspired by a surviving English mutton bone game piece. These games were played by Norse cultures as early as 400 A.D., and were imported by the Vikings to Iceland, Britain, Ireland, and Wales. These were the primary strategy game in Northern Europe until the introduction of Chess. Tafl games involve a single king and his defenders surrounded by attackers twice their number. We include a pair of facsimile sheep knucklebones for rule variations which require dice. The board is about 1" thick oak and 14-inches square.

> Oak Hnefatafl Game \$100.00 Shipping: \$12.00

Our hnefatafl boards are made from "recycled" oak -wood salvaged from a furniture maker.

1864/Civil War Era Cards



facsimile of deck of cards originally printed by Lawrence and Cohen, they include square-cut corners and two aces of

spades (The original blue-colored ace with an American eagle, and a more standardlooking ace) Packaged in a box printed with a facsimile of the original tax stamps with an 1864 cancellation mark.

\$6.00 + \$1.00 shipping



playing cards. The original deck is about 250 years old, and was painted on thin slices of ivory with images from the Kama Sutra. The original art has been digitally re-touched and printed in the U.S. on modern playing card stock. A standard deck of 52 cards plus 2 jokers.

\$10.00/deck + \$1.00 shipping



Dragon Dice

Our poor dragon must has not only gambled away his hoard, but has been compressed into a standard 6-sided die. Available in 3 colors: "bone," red, or green. \$5.00 ea. or \$10.00/pair





Nightmare **Dice**TM

A die with a stylized skull on each side. Black pips make up the eyes and noses. Available in red, or bone.

\$5.00 ea or \$10.00/pair

Lord & Lady DiceTM

This little Adam & Eve are a recreation of a bawdy set of German dice from the 15th century.



Molded in durable resin to simulate the ivory of the originals. \$10.00 / pair

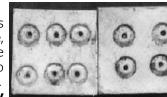
Put & Take

A centuries-old variation on dice. Players ante to the pot, then take turns spinning the top. The side that lands up tells you if must "put" more into the pot, or if you can "take" coins from it. Molded to simulate bone

\$5.00 ea

"Ancient" Dice

Dice with "bulls-eye" markings as pips date back to ancient Rome, and continued to be used until the Middle Ages. Molded in resin to simulate bone. About 3/4" in size. We offer them individually



for \$5.00 each.+ \$0.39 shipping or save \$5.00 and buy a set of 5 for \$20.00 + \$2.00 shipping.



Wholesale information available upon request.









Knucklebones/Dice Set

Our "bones" are molded from actual sheep bones, and simulate the earliest dice. The set comes in a pouch with 5 bones, 6 standard wooden dice, and a 19-page booklet of period dicing games. \$20.00/ set. +\$2.00 shipping







Dice shipping: \$0.75/ pair

Complete Dice Set

Save \$5.00!

Includes: 5 Knucklebones • 6 Wooden Dice • 1 pair Lord

& Lady Dice • 1 pair "Ancient" Dice • 2 Nightmare Dice • 2

Dragon Dice • 1 Put & Take • Booklet of period dice games

\$60.00 +\$3.00 shipping

Game Rule Booklets

\$5.00 + \$1.00 shipping each



Our own booklets of rules for historic game includes a history of the game as well as numerous historic and regional variations on the game.

Current Booklet Selection Backgammon, Cribbage, Checkers, Dominos, Early Card Games. Early Dice Games, Mancala, **Tarot Card Games**

"Rules for **Games of the** Past" CD-Rom

\$20.00 + \$2.00 shipping



We have updated the rules for all of the games we sell and burned them on to CD-roms in PDF format. Mac and Windows compatable.

Includes histories and multiple variations in rules for:

Backgammon (32 variations) Checkers (20 variations) **Cribbage (14 variations)** Dominos (19 variations) • 13 Early Card Games • 18 Early Dice Games Mancala(20 variations) • Tarot Card Games • Pope Joan (and two related games) • 9-Man & 12-Man Morris (plus two other variations) plus rules for Hnefatafl, Fidchell, and Ringo.