

RAILROAD TILES



106 ROUTE TILES



28 OBJECTIVE TILES



1 STATION BOARD



18 TRAIN PAWNS



18 CAR PAWNS



18 TRAVELER PAWNS



10 STAR PAWNS



4 PLAYER PAWNS



7 PLACEMENT TOKENS



64 PRESTIGE TOKENS

(20x 1, 20x 3, 16x 10, 8x 20)



2-PLAYER TOKEN



1 BAG

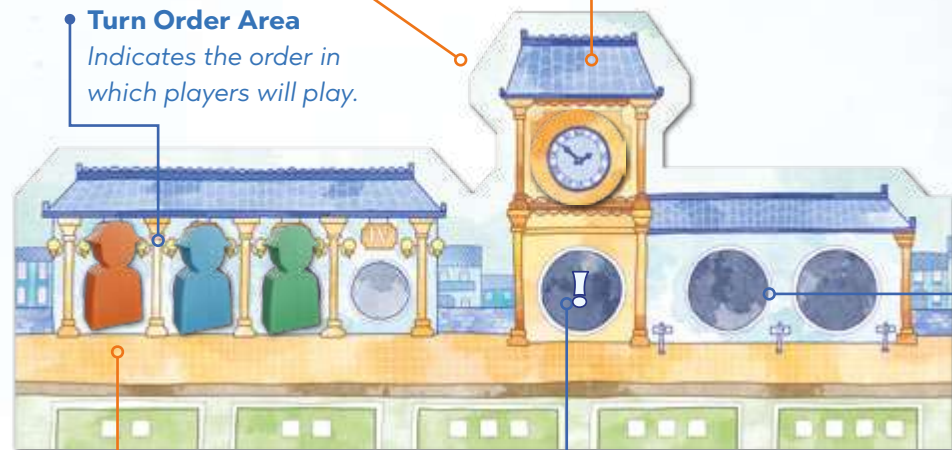
GAME SETUP

(3-player example)

1. Shuffle all the **Route tiles** inside the cloth bag.



2. Place the **Station board** in the middle of the table.



3. Shuffle all the **Placement tokens** face down. Then, create a face down pile and place it on the Clock space of the tower.

4. Create a pool of **Car, Train, and Traveler pawns** in reach of all players.



5. Create a pool of **Prestige tokens** in reach of all players.



6. Determine the starting turn order by randomly placing the Player pawns in the **Turn Order Area**, starting with the leftmost space.

STARTING TILES

- 7.** Reveal and set aside as many Route tiles from the cloth bag as players in the game. The revealed tiles must have different path configurations; if two tiles have exactly identical paths (e.g., double highway curve, or railroad T-junction), return one to the bag and draw another tile.

The starting tiles will be selected at the start of the Tile Selection phase in the first round (see page 5).



Active Area

The blue zone with 2 spaces beside the Waiting Room.



- 8.** Each player takes **1 Star pawn** and places it in their reserve. Place the remaining **Star pawns** in a common pool, in reach of all players.



- 9.** If you are playing a **3- or 4-player game**, the 2-player token is not used; return it to the box. It's used only in 2-player games.



- 10.** If this is your first game, return the Objective tiles to the box. Otherwise, check the rules on page 10 for more details on how to play with Objectives.

GAME OVERVIEW

A game of **Railroad Tiles™** unfolds over 8 rounds. Your objective is to construct the most efficient network of highways and railroads. Strategically connect your paths to ensure seamless travel for trains, cars, and travelers, while also forming groups of town tiles to create cities.



GAME ROUND

A game round consists of 4 phases played in this order:

- 1 ROUND SETUP**
Update the **Placement tokens** and reveal **Route tiles** to create a drafting pool.
- 2 TILE SELECTION**
Choose a set of tiles from the drafting pool and **place them** in your player area.
- 3 PAWN PLACEMENT**
Populate your player area with Cars, Trains, and Traveler pawns.
- 4 END OF THE ROUND**
Determine the player order for the next round.



1 ROUND SETUP

Reveal **Route tiles** from the cloth bag until you fill all the columns below the Station board. Each column must contain as many tiles as the number of square icons shown at the top of that column.

Then, reveal the topmost **Placement token** from the Clock pile and place it in the Waiting Room, the space immediately below the Clock. If the Waiting Room is already occupied by another token, move the obstructing token to the right into the left space in the Active Area. If that is occupied as well, keep pushing the tokens to the right. When all spaces are occupied and a new token is revealed, the last token in the line is pushed outside of the board and removed from the game (see example to the right).

STARTING TILES

Only at the start of the first round, before selecting tiles as described on page 5, the players, in **reverse Turn Order**, select 1 Starting tile each and place it in front of them (see Setup, on page 3).



In a **2- or 3-player** game, do not place any tiles in the leftmost column as it won't be used.

In the second round, another token is placed in the **Waiting Room**, pushing the previous token to the **Active Area**.



In the third round, a new token is revealed and it pushes all others: **Waiting Room > Active Area > Active Area**.



In the fourth round, all tokens are pushed ahead, and the last token in the line is removed from the game.



2 TILE SELECTION

Following the turn order (defined by the order of the pawns in the Turn Order Area), on your turn you must choose a column of Route tiles, move your pawn to the top of the chosen column, and **take all the Route tiles in that column**. If any Star pawns are on your chosen column, you take them as well (see page 8).

You must then immediately place the **Route tiles** in your player area, one by one, in any order. To place your Route tiles, you need to follow these **placement rules**:

A Each tile you place must be **connected by one side** to at least one pre-placed tile. **Tiles CAN be flipped** (they are mirrored) **or rotated** as desired to better fit them to your plans.

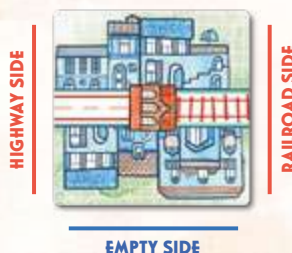
B Connect **similar to similar**. **Each side** of the tile must match the side of any other tile it touches. Railroad sides must be connected to Railroad sides, Highway sides to Highway sides, and Empty sides to Empty sides. You **can't connect Railroads to Highways**, and you can't connect **either to an Empty side**.

TILE ANATOMY

FIELD TILE
EMPTY SIDE



TOWN TILE
EMPTY SIDE



STATION



TRAVELER
PINPOINT



TRAIN
PINPOINT



CAR
PINPOINT

Each of the 4 sides of a tile can show different content: **Railroad**, **Highway**, or **Empty**. Depending on their **background**, tiles can also be **Field** or **Town** tiles; this classification doesn't affect the connection between tiles, it will only affect your City scoring at the end of the game (see page 9).

C You **must** place all the tiles you picked this round. If you **cannot connect a tile IN ANY WAY**, however, you must **discard it**.

D Just **twice in the whole game**, you can decide to **reject a tile** before placing it. This is useful if you believe the tile is causing more harm than good. Keep it in front of you to keep track of your rejected tiles.

1ST ROUND EXAMPLE

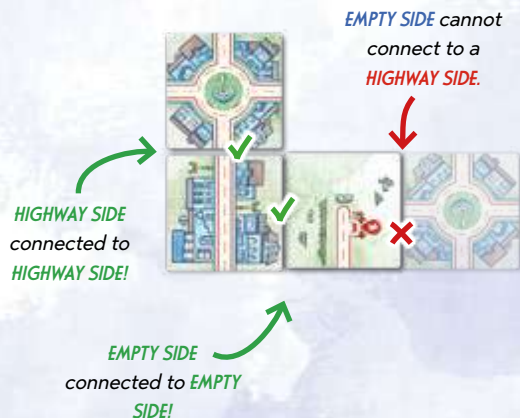
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Diane is the first player according to the Turn Order Area. She chooses to collect the 3 tiles in the second column, so she moves her orange pawn to the top of that column.



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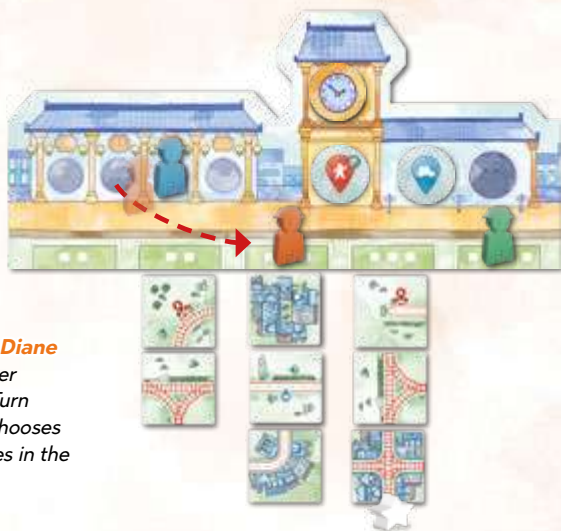
Now **Diane** must connect the tiles in any way she prefers, as long as she follows the connection rules.



2ND ROUND EXAMPLE

1

In the next round, **Diane** is the second player according to the Turn Order Area. She chooses to collect the 3 tiles in the second column.



2

Now **Diane** must connect the new tiles to the previous ones:



3 PAWN PLACEMENT

After all players have placed their tiles, check the **Placement tokens** in the Active Area. For each **Placement token** in the Active Area, each player may **take 1 pawn of the corresponding type** from the general pool and place it on **any tile** they have with a matching empty **Pinpoint** (you are not limited to the tiles you picked this round). If you do not have any matching Pinpoint available, you cannot benefit from the Placement token.



Placement tokens indicate the type of pawn (**TRAIN**, **CAR**, or **TRAVELER**) that you can place in the current round.



This Placement token gives you a choice between 2 types (**TRAIN** or **CAR**).



Some tokens also show a **Flag Icon**. Ignore this additional symbol if you are not playing with Objectives (see page 10).

When placing a pawn, you **IMMEDIATELY SCORE PRESTIGE POINTS** as described below:



CAR PLACEMENT

Score 1 point + 1 point for each other Car that is connected to this pawn's Pinpoint only through Highways, up to a maximum of **5 Prestige points**.



TRAIN PLACEMENT

Score 1 point + 1 point for each other Train that is connected to this pawn's Pinpoint only through Railroads, up to a maximum of **5 Prestige points**.



TRAVELER PLACEMENT

Score 1 point + 1 point for each other Traveler that is connected to this pawn's Pinpoint through Highways and/or Railroads (freely switching only at Stations), up to a maximum of **5 Prestige points**.

Each connected pawn of the same type beyond the 5th is **still worth 5 Prestige points**. Stations and/or other pawns do not interrupt a connection.

STATIONS

An unbroken path of either 1 or more Highway or Railroad segments spanning over 1 or more tiles is referred to as a "network".



A Station allows you to link Highway networks to Railroad networks so Travelers can switch between them. They **do not interrupt networks** when scoring for pawn placements.



1

It is now the 3rd round and there are 2 Placement tokens in the Active Area: Traveler and Car.

2

Diane places a Traveler pawn on a tile she just placed this round. Since there are no other Traveler pawns on that network, she scores 1 Prestige point.



3

Diane can also place a Car pawn. She has a previously placed tile with a Car Pinpoint available, so she decides to fill that space. There is already another Car pawn in the same Highway network, so the newly placed Car pawn scores 1 + 1 = 2 Prestige points.

4 END OF THE ROUND

When all players are done placing pawns on their tiles, the round is over.

Add **1 Star pawn** to the column of tiles that was not chosen by any player. It will serve as an extra incentive for the next round: whoever chooses that column will also collect all the Star pawns in that column and add them to their reserve.



STAR PAWN

For each Placement token in the Active Area, during the Pawn Placement phase, you can discard 1 Star pawn from your reserve to place 1 pawn of your choice (Car, Train, or Traveler) instead of the one indicated by the token itself.

Each unused Star pawn in your reserve is worth **1 point** at the **end of the game**.

2-PLAYER RULE



In 2-player games, 2 columns will be left instead of 1. Before placing the Star pawn, flip the 2-player token like coin: the result indicates which of the 2 remaining columns will be discarded, left or right. Discard those tiles back to the game box.

Then, starting from the **leftmost Player pawn in the drafting area** at the bottom of the Station board, put each Player pawn in the leftmost available space in the **Turn Order Area**, thus preserving their current order. In other words, the player who took more tiles will play last in the next round.

END OF THE ROUND EXAMPLE



At the End of the Round, the 1st column on the board wasn't taken, so the Star pawn is added to it.



The Player pawns on the tile columns follow this order: **Andrew**, **Diane**, and **Jane**, so the same order is maintained and moved to the Turn Order Area.

END OF THE GAME

The last round begins when the last Placement token moves away from the Waiting Room, revealing the  icon. At the end of that round, the final score is calculated. The player with the **most points** wins!

END OF GAME SCORING

In addition to the points you scored for each pawn you placed during the game, you score additional points based on the City presence in your map and on the structure of your territory as follows:

CITIES – For each group of **3 or more** orthogonally adjacent Town tiles, **you score 5 points**; you don't get any additional points for Cities larger than 3.

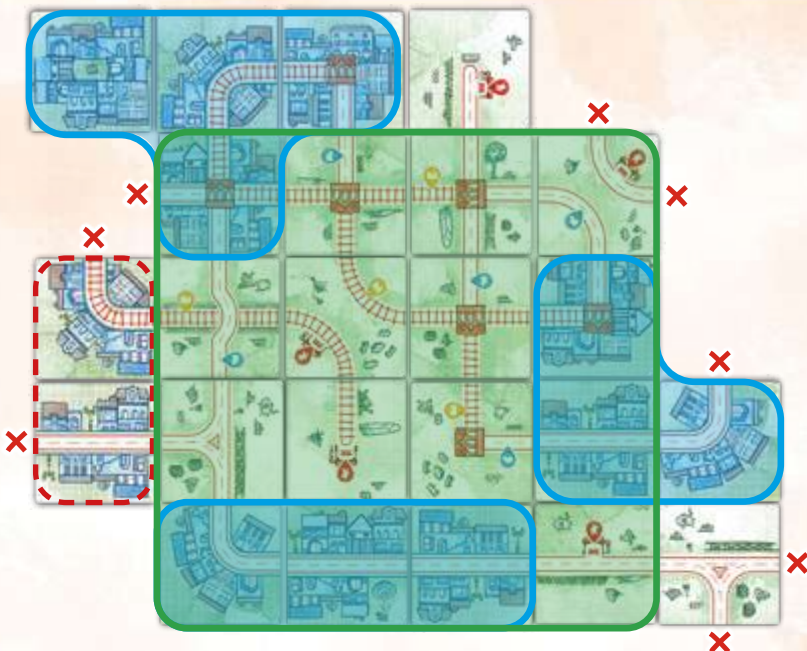
BIGGEST RECTANGLE – Find the **biggest rectangle of tiles without holes** in your territory. You score **1 Prestige point for each tile** that is part of that rectangle (squares count as rectangles).

OPENING PENALTIES – Each end of a path that does not connect with any other path is called an Opening. You are allowed up to 5 Openings, but you **lose 1 Prestige point for each Opening** exceeding the 5th.

STAR PAWNS – Each unused Star pawn in your reserve is worth **1 point at the end of the game**.



In case of a tie, the player in the leftmost column is the winner.



END OF THE GAME EXAMPLE

In this example, *Jane* has 3 groups with 3 or more Town tiles, forming 3 Cities, so she gains $3 \times 5 = 15$ Prestige points. Then, she adds up her biggest rectangle, a 4×4 square, for 16 Prestige points.

Then, she counts up her Openings for a total of 8, so she loses 3 points (-1 point for each Opening exceeding the 5th).



PLAYING WITH OBJECTIVES

Once you've played a few games and you are familiar with the core rules, we suggest adding Objective tiles to your games: they grant additional points when you fulfill specific placement conditions.

Each set includes 4 identical tiles; each player receives 1 tile from each Objective set in play.

For a game featuring Objectives, you'll play with 3 sets at once.

DURING SETUP

- 1 Choose or randomly determine 3 sets of Objective tiles to play with.
- 2 Give 1 tile from each set in play to each player. Keep these tiles in front of you.

DURING TILE SELECTION

If the Placement token in the Waiting Room shows a **Flag icon**, you **must place 1 of your Objective tiles** (if you have any available) in addition to this round's Route tiles. You can freely choose which Objective tile to play. Placing Objective tiles follows the same placement rules as regular Route tiles. If you cannot place any Objective tile when instructed to, you must discard 1 of your unplayed Objective tiles to the game box.



*When the Placement token in the Waiting Room shows a Flag icon, players **MUST** play 1 of their Objective tiles.*

DURING END GAME SCORING

You earn 5 Prestige points for each Objective for which you have **fulfilled the scoring conditions**.

SCORING CONDITIONS



CITY HALL

The City Hall must have at least 2 adjacent tiles in each of the four orthogonal directions (up, down, left, right).



METROPOLIS

The Metropolis must be part of a City made of at least 5 Town tiles.



CENTRAL STATION

The Central Station must be connected to at least 5 Stations only counting Railroad paths.



STADIUM

The Stadium must have at least 3 Traveler pawns in the tiles that surround it.



AIRPORT

The Airport must be placed in the same row or column as at least 1 Town tile that is part of a City.



TEMPLE

The Temple must not have any Car nor Train Pinpoints on the tiles that surround it.



GAS STATION

The Gas Station must be part of a continuous path with at least 8 connected Highway segments; in case of looping paths, the same Highway segment cannot be counted more than once.

SOLO MODE

HOW TO PLAY

Follow the standard game rules with the following exceptions:

- 1 During setup, you don't have to draft a starting tile.
- 2 You will use 3 columns: one with 2 tiles, one with 3 tiles, and one with 4 tiles.
- 3 If you choose the 2-tile column, you also gain a Star pawn. You can add a Star pawn to that column as a reminder.
- 4 If you choose the 3-tile column, you also gain a Prestige point. You can add a Prestige point to that column as a reminder.
- 5 After selecting your tiles, discard all remaining tiles in the other columns. You don't have to place a Star pawn on any column.

CHALLENGES

The solo mode of *Railroad Tiles* includes 15 challenges, each with 1 specific mission or limitation and 3 scoring thresholds.

- 1 At the beginning of a solo game, choose a challenge. You will be able to achieve only the chosen challenge during this game.
- 2 If you break the limitation or fail to complete the mission, you score 0 points.
- 3 If you meet or exceed a specific scoring threshold, mark the thresholds you have achieved.

CHALLENGE	MISSION	1★	2★	3★
MEGALOPOLIS	Create a City made of at least 10 Town tiles.	30	40	50
ROUTE 66	Create a continuous Highway path with a length of at least 14.	40	50	60
TRANS EUROPE EXPRESS	Create a continuous Railroad path with a length of at least 14.	40	50	60
PERFECTION	End the game with 3 Openings or less.	40	50	60
FLAT EARTH	Place your tiles so that the height of your play area does not exceed 3 tiles.	40	50	60
VOLCANO	Leave a 2 x 2 empty area completely surrounded with tiles in the middle of your play area.	30	40	50
HOLES	Leave 3 empty 1-tile areas completely surrounded by tiles in the middle of your play area.	30	40	50
DISTANT FRIENDS	Have at least 2 connected Travelers at a distance of 12 or more tiles from each other, with no other Travelers between them.	40	50	60
STATION MAYHEM	Create a network that connects at least 10 Stations.	40	50	60
CAR HEAVEN	Create a Highway network that connects at least 8 Cars.	40	50	60
TRAIN PARADISE	Create a Railroad network that connects at least 8 Trains.	40	50	60
4 CITIES	Create at least 4 Cities.	40	50	60
STRICT RULING	Do not place more than 1 pawn of the same type in each row of your play area.	35	45	55
TRAFFIC CONTROL	No network in your play area contains more than 2 pawns of the same type connected to each other.	30	40	50
LAZY TRAVELERS	When you place a Traveler pawn, you get points only for Travelers connected to it via the same type of path (Highway or Railroad).	40	50	60

GAME SUMMARY

A game of **Railroad Tiles™** unfolds over 8 rounds.

GAME ROUND

A game round consists of 4 phases:

- 1 ROUND SETUP**
Reveal the topmost **Placement token**, place it in the Waiting Area below the pile, pushing any Placement tokens to the right if needed. Reveal **Route tiles** to create a drafting pool according to the quantity indicated for each column.
- 2 TILE SELECTION**
Following the turn order: Choose a column of Route tiles, move your pawn to the top of it, **take all the Route tiles and Star pawns in that column**, and immediately place them in your play area. Each tile you place must be connected to at least 1 pre-placed tile. Tiles can be freely flipped or rotated. You must connect **similar sides to similar sides**: each side of the tile must match the side of any tile it touches.
- 3 PAWN PLACEMENT**
For each **Placement token in the Active Area**, each player may **place 1 matching pawn on any tile** with an **empty matching Pinpoint** (you are not limited to tiles placed in the current round). Each pawn placed scores you **Prestige points** immediately, according to its rules (up to a **maximum of 5 points**).
- 4 END OF THE ROUND**
Place **1 Star pawn** on the only column that wasn't chosen by any player (in a 2-player game, flip the 2-player token like a coin to discard the extra column). Move the Player pawns to the **Turn Order Area**, preserving their current left-right order.

END OF THE GAME

CITY POINTS

For each group of 3 or more orthogonally adjacent Town tiles, **you score 5 Prestige points**.

BIGGEST RECTANGLE POINTS

Find your **biggest rectangle of tiles without holes** and score **1 Prestige point for each tile**.

OPENING PENALTIES

You are allowed up to 5 Openings, but you **lose 1 Prestige point for each Opening** exceeding the 5th.

STAR PAWNS

For each unused Star pawn in your reserve **you score 1 point**.

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