



HOW TO READ AN
AMERICAN MAHJONG CARD
A Beginner's Visual Guide

THE ANATOMY OF A WINNING HAND

A winning hand has 14 tiles
Which consists of a combination of these sets

PAIR

2 of a kind



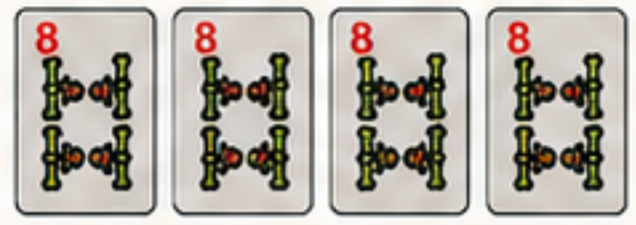
PUNG

3 of a kind



KONG

4 of a kind



QUINT

5 of a kind
(at least 1 Joker)



SEXTET

6 of a kind
(at least 2 Jokers)



THE SUITS

Three numbered suits:

BAMS



DOTS



CRAKS



HONORS

Not part of any suit.

WINDS



DRAGONS



FLOWERS



SAMPLE ROWS

22 4444 666 8888 (Any 2 Suits) X 25
FF 222 444 66 8888 (Any 2 Suits) X 25
FF 2222 4444 6666 (Any 1 Suit) X 25

222 444 666 888 DD (Any 2 Suits) X 25
FF 2222 DDDD 2222 (Any 1 Suit) X 25
22 44 66 88 222 222 (Any 3 Suits) C 30

HOW TO READ A ROW

Always read from left to right.
Break the row into groups (sets)
and 1 pair. Then check the
notes for suit rules and points.

F = Flower tile D = Dragon tile



EXPOSED OR CONCEALED?

Look in the X / C column.

X = Exposed (may be melded or called)
C = Concealed (must be self-drawn)

SUIT RULES (IN THE NOTES COLUMN)

(Any 1 Suit) = All tiles in one suit
(Any 2 Suits) = Tiles in any two suits
(Any 3 Suits) = Tiles in all three suits

UNDERSTANDING THE CARD

The notes column tells you what suits are allowed.

SUIT RULES EXPLAINED

EXAMPLE HANDS (FICTIONAL)

ANY 1 SUIT

All 14 tiles are in one suit.



(Any 1 Suit)

ANY 2 SUITS

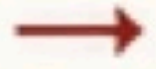
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(Any 2 Suits)

ANY 3 SUITS

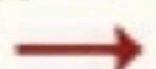
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(Any 3 Suits)

LIKE NUMBERS

All sets use the same number.



(Any 3 Suits)

CONSECUTIVE NUMBERS

All sequences are in order.



(Any 3 Suits)

MATCHING SETS

Same suit and same group type.



(Any 1 Suit)

MIXED SETS

Any combination of groups.



(Any 3 Suits)

HONORS QUICK GUIDE

WINDS

East, South, West, North
Can be used in any hand.



DRAGONS

Green (發), Red (中), White (白)
Can be used in any hand.



FLOWERS

Used only in the hands that specifically list them.



REMEMBER



Mahjongg is a game of skill, strategy and a little bit of luck—most of all, it's about having fun and enjoying time with friends!



PRACTICE • LEARN • IMPROVE
ENJOY THE GAME!