

A game by Scott Almes

Beer & Bread



for 2 players, ages 10 and up

RULE BOOK



Theme and object of the game

Founded on the fruitful lands of an erstwhile monastery, two villages have held up the dual tradition of brewing beer and baking bread. While sharing fields and resources, they still find pride in their friendly rivalry of besting each other's produce.



Each of you represents one of these villages. Over the course of six years - which alternate between fruitful and dry - you must harmonize your duties of harvesting and storing resources, producing beer and bread, selling them for coins and upgrading your facilities. However, in order to win, you must maintain the balance between your baked and liquid goods. Because, after the sixth year, you only score the coins collected from the type of good - beer or bread - for which you earned less. The village with the higher score wins.

Components

60 cards

30 beer cards

30 bread cards



Back



Back

there are
3 types of beer:

and
3 types of bread:



worth
4 or 5
coins



worth
6 or 7
coins



worth
8 or 9
coins



1 board



84 resource tokens

18 water tokens



18 wheat tokens



18 barley tokens



15 rye tokens



15 hops tokens



1 year marker



1 scoring pad



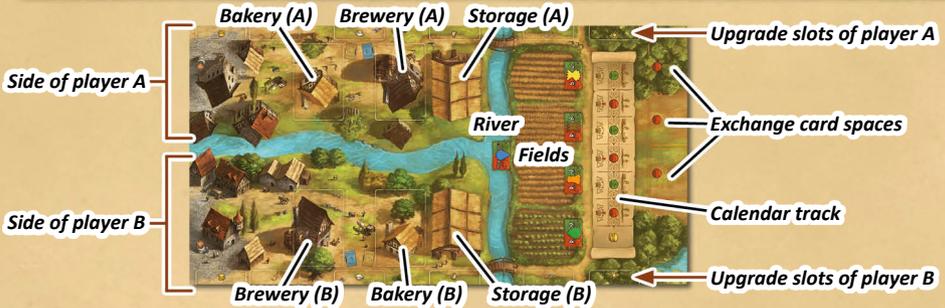
1 windmill



The windmill serves as the starting player marker.

Setup

- 1 Place the **board** horizontally between the players. Each player has their own side of the board, which includes their own *storage*, *bakery*, *brewery* and *upgrade slots*. The *fields* and *river* are shared by both players.

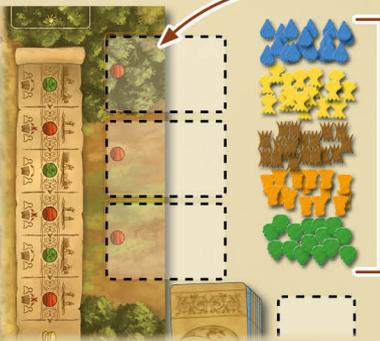


- 2 Shuffle all 60 **cards** and place them as a single **draw deck** beside the board, next to the forest with the lake on player B's side.



Beside the draw deck, leave room for a **discard pile**.

- 3 At the 3 **exchange card spaces**, make sure to leave room for cards that can be placed there during the game.



Next to it, create a **common supply** for the 5 types of **resource**:

- the blue water tokens
- the yellow wheat tokens
- the brown barley tokens
- the orange rye tokens
- and the green hops tokens

- 4 Place the **year marker** onto the first space of the **calendar track**. (Here, the rounds of the game will be marked.)



- 5 Choose a starting player and give them the **windmill**.



Playing the game

The game is played over six rounds (years). These alternate between **fruitful years** and **dry years**: Rounds 1, 3 and 5 are fruitful years, whereas rounds 2, 4 and 6 are dry years. Fruitful and dry years comprise the same **4 phases** but differ slightly in the way these phases are carried out:



Fruitful years:

- a) **Seeding phase** ▶ *The fields are seeded with many resource tokens*
- b) **Card phase** ▶ *Each player is dealt 5 cards from the draw deck*
- c) **Action phase** ▶ *Players play one card each, then swap their hands - this is repeated until all hand cards are played*
- d) **Windmill phase** ▶ *The player with fewer stored resources gets the windmill*



Dry years:

- a) **Seeding phase** ▶ *The fields are seeded with few resource tokens*
- b) **Card phase** ▶ *Players pick up the cards they played for harvest in the previous round and replenish their hands to 5; also 3 exchange cards are placed on the board*
- c) **Action phase** ▶ *Players play one card each until all hand cards are played (without swapping hands)*
- d) **Windmill phase** ▶ *The player with fewer stored resources gets the windmill; also the exchange cards on the board and all cards played for harvest are discarded*



Fruitful years

a) Seeding phase

To seed the fields on the board, add resource tokens **from the common supply** to them according to the **green** part of their wooden signs:

- Bring the number of **yellow wheat tokens** on the wheat field to **7**.
- Bring the number of **brown barley tokens** on the barley field to **8**.
- Bring the number of **orange rye tokens** on the rye field to **6**.
- Bring the number of **green hops tokens** on the hops field to **6**.
- Also add **all blue water tokens** from the supply to the river.



If there are not enough tokens of a resource in the common supply, only add as many as there are.

b) Card phase

Deal 5 face-down cards from the draw deck to the player with the windmill.
Then deal 5 face-down cards from the draw deck to the other player.



Put your cards into your hand and proceed with the Action phase.

c) Action phase

Repeat the following 3-step sequence until all hand cards have been played:

1. The player with the windmill takes one turn (by playing a card and performing an action).
2. Then the other player takes one turn (also by playing a card and performing an action).
3. Then both players swap their hands (by exchanging their remaining hand cards with each other).



To take your turn, choose one card from your current hand and use it immediately to perform one of the following actions:

A) Harvest and Store

Play the chosen card face up in front of you. If you already have cards there, place this new card slightly offset on top of them, creating a **harvest column**, in which the **harvest section** of each card is still visible. Then check which types of resource are shown in the harvest section of the newly played card. Of **these** types, you **must** now collect as many tokens from the board as are shown in all harvest sections of your harvest column **combined**.

You can only collect resource tokens that are on the board's fields and river. If there are fewer tokens of a resource on the fields/river than you are supposed to collect, take as many as there are and forfeit the rest (unless you have upgrades that say otherwise - see next page).

After taking all harvested resource tokens, store them in your **storage**. Your storage consists of **storage units**. Each of your initial 9 storage units can hold one token of any type.

Harvest section

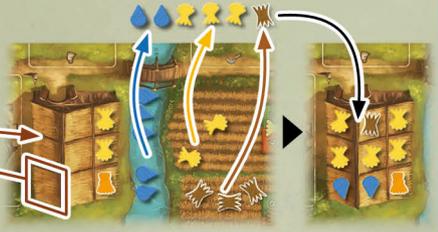


Harvest column



Example:

The card that Lin plays for harvest shows water, barley and wheat in its harvest section. Of these 3 types of resource, she collects as many tokens from the board as are shown in total in her harvest column (2, 1 and 3). Then she puts these in her storage.



Not enough storage?

Whenever you collect more resource tokens than you can store, choose from among all your tokens (the ones in your storage and the new ones) which to store - the rest you **must** offer to the other player now.

Of these offered tokens, the other player **may** take and store as many of their choice as they want and have free storage units for (they may not exchange them for any of their already stored tokens). Any excess tokens are returned to the **common supply**.

B) Produce and Sell

Play the chosen card to brew its beer or bake its bread by placing it face up onto your **brewery** space on the board (if it is a beer card) or onto your **bakery** space (if it is a bread card).

Then spend all resource tokens shown in the card's **recipe section** by returning them from your storage to the **common supply**.

If you cannot do so, you cannot play the card into your bakery/brewery.

After you've spent all necessary resource tokens, flip the played card face down. It has been **sold** now. However, it remains in its space until you clean the space up (see below).

Attention: In general, your bakery and your brewery can **each** only hold 1 card. So you cannot play another card onto such a space if there is already a card on it (unless you have upgrades that say otherwise).

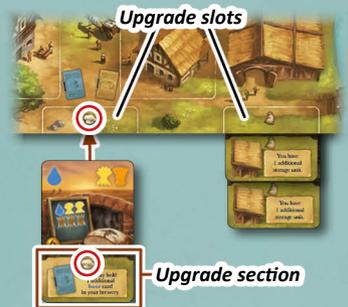


Example: Amber brews beer by playing a beer card onto her brewery. She discards 2  and 3  from her storage to the common supply and then flips the beer card face down.



C) Upgrade and Clean

Play the chosen card as an **upgrade** by sliding it face up under the board so that only its **upgrade section** is visible. The icon on top of the card's upgrade section shows which **upgrade slot** on your side of the board it should be slid under. The 6 slots correspond to the ability of the upgrades as each of them provides an continuous benefit in a certain aspect of the game. (For an overview of the upgrades, see pages 10 and 11.)



There is no limit to the number of upgrades that you can have at any slot. If you have more than one at the same slot, just arrange their cards in an overlapping column, in which the upgrade section of each is visible.

Right after playing a card as an upgrade, also **clean** your brewery and bakery by removing all sold cards (if you have any) from their spaces and placing them face down beside the board: right next to your town square with the well. Fan the cards beside the board out to show how many you've sold. You may look at the fronts of your sold cards at any time (but not the ones of the other player).



After each of you has played your last hand card, proceed with the Windmill phase.

d) Windmill phase

Give the windmill to the player who has **fewer resource tokens** in their storage units. In the case of a tie, the windmill goes to the player that did not have it this round.

Then move the year marker one space forward on the calendar track and continue with the following dry year.



Dry years

a) Seeding phase

According to the **red** part of their wooden signs, adjust the number of resource tokens on the fields (either by adding tokens to them **from the common supply** or removing tokens and placing them back in the common supply):

- Bring the number of **yellow wheat tokens** on the wheat field to **5**.
- Bring the number of **brown barley tokens** on the barley field to **4**.
- Bring the number of **orange rye tokens** on the rye field to **4**.
- Bring the number of **green hops tokens** on the hops field to **4**.
- Also add **all blue water tokens** from the supply to the river.

If there are not enough tokens of a resource in the common supply, only add as many as there are.



b) Card phase

Each player: Pick up the cards you played for harvest in the last round and add them to your hand. Then draw as many cards from the draw deck as it takes to bring your hand to a **total of 5** (the player with the windmill does this first).

Afterwards, place 3 cards from the draw deck face up on the 3 exchange card spaces of the board. These 3 cards are called **exchange cards**.



c) Action phase

Starting with the player who has the windmill, take alternating turns (by playing a card and performing an action) until all hand cards have been played. In this phase, you **do not swap hands**.



To take your turn, choose one card from your hand and use it immediately to perform one of the usual actions (see the blue boxes on pages 5 to 7).

Attention: Instead of playing a card from your hand, you can swap it for one of the **exchange cards** on the board and play that card instead. To do so, take any of the 3 displayed exchange cards and place your chosen hand card face up on its space (thus it becomes an exchange card itself). Then immediately play the taken exchange card to perform one of the usual actions (you may not add it to your hand).



d) Windmill phase

Give the windmill to the player who has **fewer resource tokens** in their storage units. In the case of a tie, the windmill goes to the player that did not have it this round.

Discard the 3 exchange cards from the exchange spaces and all cards that were played for harvest this round by putting them face up on the discard pile.

Then move the year marker one space forward on the calendar track and continue with the next fruitful year.

If the year marker moves to the space with the  icon, the game ends.



General notes

- If the draw deck runs out, shuffle the discard pile to form a new draw deck.
- You can look at the **backs** of any cards whenever you like, including the ones of the draw deck, but you cannot change their order or look at their fronts.
- You may look at the fronts of your own sold cards (in your brewery/bakery and beside the board) and the ones in your own harvest column (but never the ones of the other player).

End of the game

After the 6th round, the game ends.

Now, each player does the following:

Take all your sold cards (those from beside the board and any from your brewery and bakery) and place them face up in front of you, separated by beer and bread. Add up the numbers printed on the coins of your beer cards and write the result down on the scoring pad. Then do the same for your bread cards.

Afterwards, check the upgrades (if any) that you placed at your  upgrade slot and write down any extra coins that you gain for beer and bread.

Now you have a **total score for beer** and a **total score for bread**. The **lower** of the two is your **final score**.

Whoever has the higher final score wins the game. In the case of a tie, the player who has the higher total score for their other type of good wins.

If this does not break the tie, the player who does not have the windmill wins.



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Overview of the upgrades

The upgrades provide benefits in different aspects of the game. Most of them should be self-explanatory. For some of them, you'll find additional clarifications below.

General notes:

- If you have multiple copies of the same upgrade, their benefits add up if applicable.
- “Collect” a resource always means that you **must** take it from the fields or river and put it in your storage. If all tokens of a resource type are gone from its field, you cannot collect any more. If you do not have enough storage for all your collected tokens, you must offer any excess to the other player (see the brown box on page 6).

These upgrades pertain to rules regarding the different types of year and/or the Card phase.



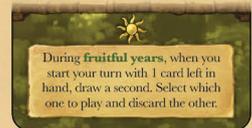
If you want to do this, wait until the other player has their 5 hand cards for the round.

Then put one of your hand cards face up on the discard pile and put the top card from the draw deck in your hand.



This means that you do not have to keep all the cards you played for harvest during the previous round.

Just put the ones you do not want face up on the discard pile before replenishing your hand to 5 cards.



Do this at the start of your last turn in the Action phase of a fruitful year. First put the top card from the draw deck in your hand. Then play one card and put the other face up on the discard pile.

Do this on your first turn in the Action phase of a fruitful year. Thus, when the first swap happens, you give the other player 3 normal cards + the inverted card. That card must remain inverted until you decide to play it on a turn in which you have it in your hand.



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These upgrades pertain to collecting resources from the fields and river.

These upgrades are also available for wheat, barley and rye.

If both of you have such upgrades, the player with the windmill collects first.

Whenever you collect this type of resource and it's gone from its field, you collect it from the common supply instead (if it is available there).

These only apply when the resource type is collected during a Harvest and Store action.

Collect your water token after the other player has finished their Harvest and Store action.



These upgrades give you additional storage units.

In these 2 storage units, you can only store water. If a water storage unit is vacant, you may move a water token to it from any of your other storage units at any time.

These upgrades pertain to brewing beer and baking bread.

1 You may hold 1 additional **beer** card in your brewery.

1 You may hold 1 additional **bread** card in your bakery.

Whenever you brew **beer** or bake **bread**, you may spend 2 as either 1 or 1 as often as you like.

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Whenever you brew **beer** or bake **bread**, you may spend 3 as 1 OR 3 as 1 as often as you like.

Usually you can only have a maximum of 1 card in your brewery and 1 card in your bakery. Each of these upgrades increases that card limit by 1 for the corresponding type.

You can use these benefits multiple times during the same action and even combine them: For example, if you have these upgrades, you could spend 4 wheat to replace 2 hops, then use these 2 hops to replace 1 rye in a recipe. Be aware, though, that this is not a trade: You only substitute needed resources virtually, never actually take them from the fields.

These upgrades pertain to cleaning your brewery/bakery.

Whenever you remove any **beer** cards from your brewery while cleaning it, collect 1 .

Whenever you remove any **bread** cards from your bakery while cleaning it, collect 1 .

Whenever you remove **only beer** cards while cleaning your brewery/bakery, collect 2 .

Whenever you remove **only bread** cards while cleaning your brewery/bakery, collect 2 .

Whenever you remove **both beer and bread** cards while cleaning your brewery/bakery, collect 2 .

These take immediate effect (and even apply to sold cards that you clean up during the same action as you placed the upgrade). They do not apply to cards that you take from the brewery/bakery at the end of the game.

These upgrades pertain to the scoring at the end of the game.

4/5 At game end: For each of your sold cards which is worth 4 or 5 coins, gain 1 extra coin for its type of good.

6/7 At game end: For each of your sold cards which is worth 6 or 7 coins, gain 1 extra coin for its type of good.

8/9 At game end: For each of your sold cards which is worth 8 or 9 coins, gain 1 extra coin for its type of good.

At game end: For every 2 **beer** cards that you sold, gain 1 extra coin for **beer**.

At game end: For every 2 **bread** cards that you sold, gain 1 extra coin for **bread**.

"Its type of good" means: If the sold card is a beer card, gain 1 coin for beer; if it is a bread card, gain 1 coin for bread.

If you meet the mentioned requirement, you can choose for which type of good you want to gain the 2 extra coins (naturally, the one that increases your final score). You cannot split the 2 coins between the types of good.

If both of you have the same number of upgrades, the requirement is not met.

The 3 types of bread:



The 3 types of beer:



At game end: If you've placed **more cards** as upgrades than the other player, gain 2 extra coins for either **beer** or **bread**.

At game end: If you have at least 2 more **resource tokens** in your storage units than the other player has in theirs, gain 2 extra coins for either **beer** or **bread**.

At game end: If you've sold at least one card of each of the **3 types of bread**, gain 2 extra coins for either **beer** or **bread**.

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Overview of the game

The game is played over six rounds (years), alternating between fruitful and dry years.

Fruitful years (see pages 4 to 7)



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| a) Seeding phase | Seed the fields and river with resource tokens from the common supply. |
| b) Card phase | Deal 5 cards from the draw deck to the player with the windmill. Then deal 5 cards to the other player. |
| c) Action phase | The player with the windmill takes one turn. Then the other player takes one turn. Then swap hands with each other. Repeat until all hand cards are played. |
| d) Windmill phase | The player with fewer stored resource tokens gets the windmill. |

Dry years (see pages 7 and 8)



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| a) Seeding phase | Seed the fields and river with resource tokens from the common supply. |
| b) Card phase | Each player picks up their cards played for harvest, then replenishes their hand to 5 cards. Place 3 exchange cards from the draw deck on the board. |
| c) Action phase | The player with the windmill takes one turn, then the other player. Repeat until all hand cards are played (do not swap hands with each other). |
| d) Windmill phase | The player with fewer stored resource tokens gets the windmill. Discard the 3 exchange cards from the board and any cards played for harvest. |

On your turn in the Action phase, play 1 card to perform one of these actions:

A) Harvest and Store

(see pages 5 and 6)

OR

B) Produce and Sell

(see page 6)

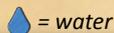
OR

C) Upgrade and Clean

(see pages 6 and 7)

The game ends when the 6th year has been completed.

Each player reveals their sold cards (including any on their brewery/bakery) and calculates their total score for beer and their total score for bread - the lower of the two is that player's final score. The player with the higher final score wins.



= water



= wheat



= barley



= rye



= hops



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