

## The ultimate strategy game for 2 players

### 1 List of parts

The game comprises the following items:

- a game board with 196 squares,
- 42 pieces (two different colours with 21 pieces each),
- 2 storage trays

Each of the 21 pieces in each colour has a different shape. There is 1 piece with one square, 1 piece with 2 squares, 2 pieces with three squares, 5 pieces with four squares and 12 pieces with five squares (figure 1).

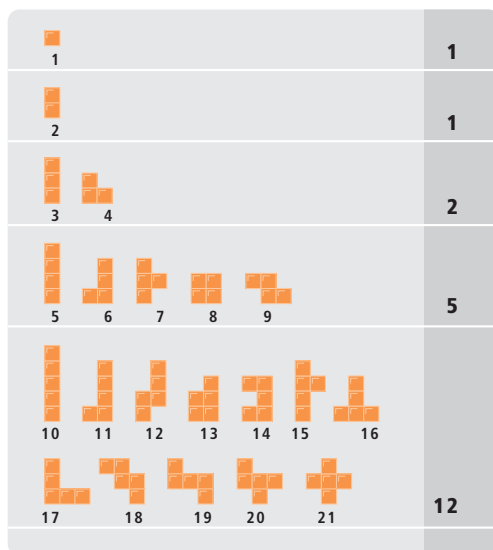


Figure 1

The board has 196 squares with two starting points (figure 2).

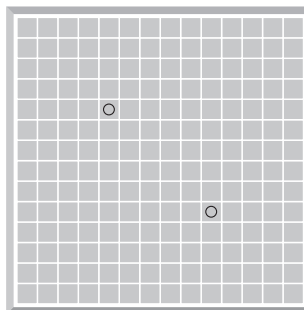


Figure 2



### 2 Goal

Each player should place a maximum number of pieces on the board.



### 3 Game

Each player takes 21 pieces of the same colour. The players draw lots to see who will start first. The first player places the first piece of their choice so that it covers one of the starting points and the second player does the same (figure 3).

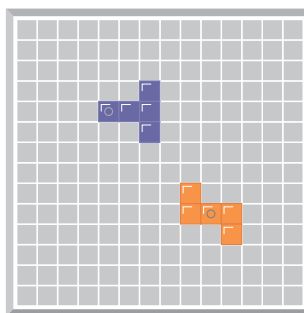


Figure 3

For the rest of the game, each new piece placed on the board must touch a piece of the same colour by one or more corners, never by their sides. However, pieces which are not of the same colour can touch along the sides (figure 4).

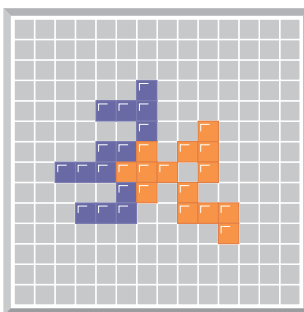


Figure 4

The pieces can be placed on the board in any direction. Once a piece is placed on the board, it remains in that position until the end of the game.



### 4 End of the game

When a player is blocked and can no longer place a piece on the board, they retire from the game and let the other player continue until they are also blocked. When the two players are blocked, each one counts the number of squares they were able to place on the board and calculates their score:  
-- 1 point for each square which was not placed on the board  
+15 points if all 21 pieces were placed on the board  
+20 points if the 21 pieces were placed on the board and the single square was placed last.

Figure 5 shows a finished game:

- The player with the orange pieces was able to place all their pieces and placed the single square last: +20 points
- The player with the purple pieces was unable to place two pieces with 3 squares and a piece with 4 squares : -10 points

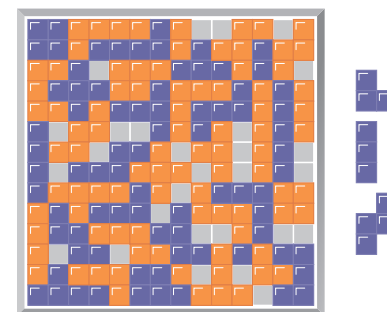


Figure 5



### 5 Duration of a game

Games usually last 15 minutes.

#### Strategy Tips:

In theory, all of the pieces can be placed on the board. The board comprises 196 squares and the total surface area of the 42 pieces in the game corresponds to 178 squares. However, each player will hinder their opponent as they place their pieces on the board so it will be difficult for you to put down all of your pieces. Do not let yourself get boxed in by your opponent and ensure that you keep several escape routes open during the game.

Try to place your big pieces on the board at the beginning of the game rather than at the end because the available areas quickly disappear. Learn to use the characteristics of your pieces: they are all different and have different potential, so make the most of them.

Play the game taking into account not only your own remaining pieces, but also those of your opponent.

Do not forget that finishing a colour will earn you fifteen points, or even twenty points if you finish with the single square.

Blokus Duo is a variation on the Blokus Classic game.

Blokus Classic has won many awards and has been sold throughout the world. It is designed for 2, 3 or 4 players with four sets of game pieces, following the same basic game rules as outlined here for Blokus Duo.

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