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Welcome to **Friday the 13th Solitaire**!

Friday the 13th Solitaire is a unique and entertaining solitaire card game played with a single, standard deck of 52 playing cards.   For complete game rules, strategy tips, and related information, click on one of the following keywords:

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Rules For Playing This Game

The Layout

There are 13 <u>foundations</u> located in two rows across the top of the screen.   The <u>foundations</u> range from the Jack through the 10.   When beginning a new game, a Jack, Queen, King, and Ace are dealt to the first four <u>foundations</u>, respectively.

The remainder of the deck is located below the foundations.   Cards are turned over one at a time to be played.   Once all of the cards have been played, one more redeal is allowed.

The Object of the Game

The object is to build upon the <u>foundation</u> cards in such a way as to play all cards, and build at least one card on every <u>foundation</u>.

Valid Moves

Each empty <u>foundation</u> is labeled with a number, ranging in order from Jack through 10. The first card to be played to an empty <u>foundation</u> must match the <u>rank</u> labeled on the empty <u>foundation</u>.

Cards are turned over from the hand one at a time.   If the card can not be played, it should be moved over to the adjacent <u>waste pile</u>.   The top card on the <u>waste pile</u> can be played at any time.

Build upon cards on the <u>foundations</u> upwards regardless of suit (i.e. move any 5 onto any 4).

A card can be played to an empty <u>foundation</u> only if all <u>foundations</u> of a lower <u>rank</u> (<u>foundations</u> to the left) are already filled with at least one card.   For example, at the beginning of the game, a 2 card can be played onto the 2 <u>foundation</u> because all <u>foundations</u> to the left (the Jack, Queen, King, and Ace) are already filled.   A 4 card could not be played onto the 4 <u>foundation</u> until the 2 and 3 <u>foundations</u> are filled with at least one card each.

Winning the Game

The game is won when all the cards have been moved to the <u>foundations</u> , and all of the <u>foundations</u> are filled with at least one card, before the cards run out on the second redeal.

<u>Click here for strategy tips</u>

The ordinal position of a card in its suit.   For numbered cards, this is the value listed on a card (rank of a 2 of spades is 2).   The rank of an Ace is 1.   For face cards, a Jack is ranked 11, the Queen 12, and the King 13.

Strategy Tips For This Game

Since all of the <u>foundations</u> must be filled, it is always better to move a card to an empty <u>foundation</u> when possible, rather than playing it on top of another card.   For example, at the beginning of the game, it is preferable to move a 2 onto the empty 2 <u>foundation</u> than to move it on top of the Ace.

Keep an eye on the cards that are being played -- make sure to leave unused cards to play onto empty <u>foundations</u> later.   If all four cards of a particular <u>rank</u> are on top of other cards, there won't be one available to play onto an empty <u>foundation</u> later.

Remember that there is one additional redeal on the cards, so occasionally it's better to not play a card on top of another card if it's the only one left that can be played on a <u>foundation</u> later -- skip the card and play it the next time around.

How To Use This Software

Menu Options

Most features are accessed through the "File..." menu.

* The "New" menu option causes a new game to be started and the cards to be shuffled and dealt.

* The "Undo" menu option allows the player to take back and change a move.

* The "Options" menu item allows the player to customize the game environment, such as the animation speed and color schemes.   Note that selecting the fastest animation speed effectively disables animation, which is useful for improving performance on slower machines.

* The "Quit" menu option ends the current game, but leaves the software running so that a new game can be played.

Moving Cards

There are several ways to move cards in this game.   Most players use a combination of techniques -- please feel free to use those features that seem most comfortable.

Drag and Drop.   This game supports visual dragging and dropping of cards.   Just click on a card and while holding the left mouse button, drag the card to where it should be placed, then let go.   If the move is valid, the card will be dropped into that area.

Point and Click.   As an alternative to drag and drop, click once on a playable card and let go. The card will turn gray to show that it's selected.   Move the mouse to where the card should be moved.   If that is a valid move, the mouse cursor will change to a vertical arrow.   Click once on that spot and the selected card will be moved.

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The foundations are the thirteen areas that are laid out across the top of the screen in two rows.

The waste pile contains cards which are unplayable at the time.   The top card of the waste pile is always available for play on the foundations.