

FlowerBed - Introduction

FlowerBed is a solitaire card game. It is not easy to win, but it is a lot of fun to play.

To learn how to play the game, click on the topics below.

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On the **Game** menu, click **New**.

All the cards are dealt so that they are face up and visible.

The cards are arranged into six <u>columns</u> of six cards.

The remaining cards are spread out along the bottom of the window. These cards are called the <u>hand</u>.

The four spaces on the right are called <u>foundations</u>. There is one foundation for each suit.

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FlowerBed - The Rules

Like many other solitaire games, the object of FlowerBed is to use all the cards in the deck to build up the four foundations in ascending order from Ace to King. The trick is to move the cards around so that the proper cards become available for moving onto the foundations.

A card is available to be moved if it is:

- in the <u>hand</u>,
- the top card of any the <u>columns</u>, or
- the top card of any the foundations.

Cards are moved by dragging and dropping with the mouse, or by using shortcuts.

Any available card may be moved onto a column if the value of the card being moved is one less than the value of the card on the top of the column. It does not matter what suit the cards are. For example, any available Jack may be moved onto any Queen that is on top of a column.

A card may not be moved to the hand.

A card may be moved from a foundation to a column.

Any available card may be moved to an empty column.

Click on a card with the alternate mouse button to get a menu of available legal moves for that card.

When all the cards in all the columns are in descending order, the game is won. The game is lost when the player decides to give up.

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When building a descending sequence of cards on a column, try to use cards of the same suit whenever possible.

Try to remove all the cards from a column. An empty column is a good thing. Two empty columns are more than twice as good as one empty column.

You can undo a move. In fact, you can undo as many moves as you like. So if you get stuck, back up by undoing a bunch of moves and then try something else.

If a card can not be identified because not enough of it is visible, hold down the alternate mouse button on the card.

Open IMPOSSIBLE.FBG and see how many cards may be moved.

Save a game that you found particularly challenging and email it to a friend.

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Double-click on an available card (on a column or in the hand) to move the card to the foundation.

Double-click on a card on a foundation to move all available cards of the same suit to the foundation.

Double-click on the window background to undo a move.

Click on a card with the alternate mouse button to get a menu of legal moves for that card.

Click on the window background with the alternate mouse button to get a menu of available actions for the game.

If there are one or more empty columns, try moving a descending sequence of cards from one column to another. The number of cards that may be moved depends on the number of empty columns.

If there is a descending sequence of cards of the same suit on top of a column, try moving the sequence to a foundation.

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The four areas at the right of the window. Cards are stacked in ascending order, beginning with Aces. For example, the Six of Clubs may be put on the Five of Clubs. The top card of a foundation may be moved.

The six stacks of cards at the top of the window. Cards are stacked in descending order, regardless of suit. For example, the Six of Clubs may be put on the Seven of Hearts. The top card of a column may be moved.

The row of cards at the bottom of the window. Cards may not be moved to the hand. Any card in the hand may be moved.



FlowerBed - Uninstall

- Follow these instructions to uninstall FlowerBed:

 Click the Start button on the taskbar and select Settings/Control Panel.

 Double click on Add/Remove Programs.

 Select FlowerBed from the list and click the Add/Remove button.



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