

# Top It! with Shape Cards

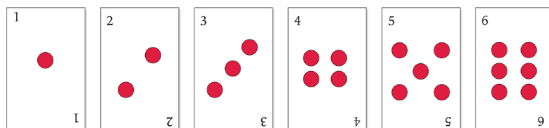
Players 2-4    Ages 4+    5-10 min

## GOAL

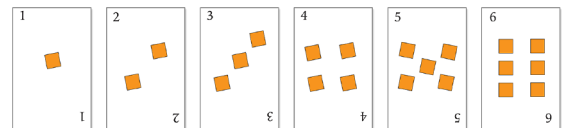
Collect all of the cards by turning over higher number cards than other players.

## CARDS TO USE

Start with:

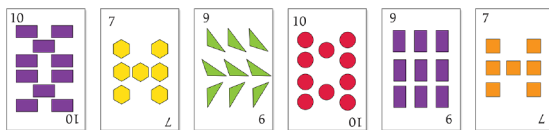


Circles 1-6



Squares 1-6

For later games: use more shapes and higher numbers:



## HOW TO PLAY

1. Select and shuffle the cards.



2. Pass out the cards face-down into equal piles for each player.  
Don't look at your cards yet!



3. Then say, "We're each going to turn over the top card in our pile. Whoever has the highest number on their card wins this round and gets to keep all of the cards. Ready?"

Each player turns over the top card and puts it in the center for all to see.



4. Ask, "Which card has the highest number? Who gets to keep all of the cards? How can we tell?"

Players can either compare the numbers on the cards or they can count the number of shapes.



5. If two players flip over the same highest number, those players flip over their next top cards. Whoever has the highest number wins all of the cards from both rounds.
6. The game ends when one person has all the cards.

### TIPS FOR PLAYING

- Sometimes you need to end the game before one player gets all the cards. You can stop playing at any time and count the cards that each player has won so far. The player with the most cards at that point wins the game.
- Once you go through all the cards in your hand, you can pick up the cards you've won, shuffle them, and keep playing.

### WHAT CHILDREN ARE LEARNING

- In this game, children practice recognizing written numerals. If they aren't familiar with the written numbers, they can count how many shapes there are on the cards and compare which

has more that way.

- Children also get lots of practice comparing which number is larger or smaller, an important early math skill.

## MATH TOPICS

Shapes and Geometry

Sorting and Attributes

## VIDEO



### Watch Game Video

View the QR code in your smartphone's camera app or QR code reader to watch a video that shows how to play Top It with Shape Cards.