How to Play Go Fish

The Go Fish card game is a simple matching game where players collect sets of four cards of the same rank, known as books.

On your turn, you ask other players for specific cards. If they have them, you take them. If not, you go fish and draw from the deck.

The goal is straightforward: collect more books than anyone else before the game ends.

Setup and how to get started

Before the game begins, you only need a standard deck and a few players.

Game setup

Players	2–6
Deck	Standard 52-card deck
Objective	Collect sets of four cards

- Shuffle the deck
- Deal 5–7 cards depending on players
- Place remaining cards as draw pile
- Keep cards hidden

How a round works

- Ask a player for a rank you hold
- If they have it, take all cards
- If not, draw one card
- If match, continue turn
- Create books of four cards

Running out of cards

- Draw new cards if possible
- Wait if deck is empty

Ending the game

- All books completed or no cards left
- Most books wins

Tips

- Track requests
- Ask smart
- Remember plays
- Stay unpredictable