La Casa Solo Rules



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Solo Rules

Have you "Rubbed Out" all your friends in the latest gang war? No worries, you can always play La Casa in Solo Mode against the Robot.

You can play it straight or spice it up with the Six Solo Challenge cards.

Your Goal, unless specified otherwise on the Challenge Card, is to win at least 11 Tricks each round. Play continues until you have played 6 rounds or there are no more Challenges left. You must score 4 or more points to win.

How to Play

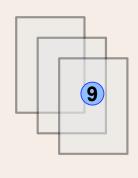
- You will be playing against a Robot Player. You play a card from your hand and the Robot will
 play one of the face-up cards from the Robot Tableau, or the Robot plays a card and you respond
 from your hand.
- Reveal the top Challenge card from the Challenge Deck at the beginning of each round and follow any special set-up instructions.
- Set up the game as shown on the next page. The Ruling Family is automatically determined by the Robot for each round. If the Challenge states that no election is held, the Robot simply places a card-face down forming the Casa.
- You lead the first Trick. After that, the winner of the last Trick will lead the next one.
- After each Trick, you will flip over any face-down cards at the bottom of the Robot columns, then draw a card from the Draw Pile into your hand. (You will always have 3 cards in your hand until the draw pile runs out near the end of the round.)
- A Round ends when all the cards have been played. The tricks are then counted and the winner determined.
- You can lead with any card from your hand but must follow whatever Family the Robot leads when possible.
- The Robot always follows four basic rules when playing.
 - 1. When Leading, the Robot will always play the highest value card.
 - 2. When responding to your Lead, <u>and able</u> to follow the Family you led, the Robot will either play the <u>highest</u> value card to win the Trick or the <u>lowest</u> card if it cannot win.
 - 3. When responding to your Lead, but unable to follow the Family you led, the Robot will either play the <u>highest</u> value card of the Ruling Family to win the Trick or the <u>lowest</u> card (*from any family*) if it cannot win.
 - 4. If more than one card meets the above criteria (ties), the card closest to the Casa will be played.



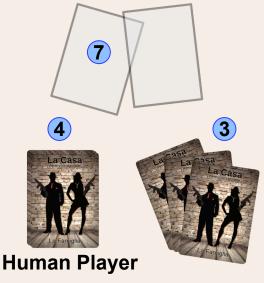


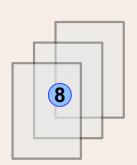












- 1 Deal out the Robot Tableau as shown. (Columns of 3,4,5 & 6 cards)
- Deal out one card as the Casa. This will be the Ruling Family for the round. (Unless instructed otherwise by the Situation card.) If the Mangia-Cake card is turned over in the Casa, there will be no Ruling Family for this Round.
- 3 Deal yourself a hand of 3 cards.
- 4 The remaining cards are placed face down, forming the Draw Pile for the round.
- The optional Challenge Deck is placed to the right of the Casa. This Deck stays in this position throughout the rounds. After each round, the old Challenge is removed from the game and a new one is displayed.
- 6 The Counter Cards are used to keep score.
- The Tricks are played in front of the Robot Tableau
- **8** The Tricks won by the Player are stored on the Player's side.
- The Tricks won by the Robot are stored on the Robot's side.



Betrayal - Solo

- Before Dealing, remove the four #1 (*Bruto*) cards from the deck and deal one out randomly, face up, to the robot Casa and one' face-up, to yourself.
- The remaining #1 cards will be added back into the deck and the cards are dealt out as normal.
- There will be no Ruling Family this round. (The #1 card in the Casa
 is for reference only and is not the Ruling Family.)
- Any Tricks that you've won containing cards from the same family as your #1 reference card are not valid do not count.
- You must win the most valid Tricks to score a point.
- In the event of a tie, whoever captured the Mangia-Cake will win.

Capitano - Solo

There is a power struggle among the Capitanni.



Standard Deal



No Ruling Family is Selected (The Casa card is face-down)

When a Capitano (#5) is played, that family becomes the Ruling Family until another Capitano is played to change it.

Capitano - Solo

- Cards are dealt out as normal.
- There will be <u>no Ruling Family</u> at the start of this round. The Casa card is placed face down.
- The Mangia-Cake will still be considered one of the Ruling Family.
- Whenever a Capitano card (#5) is played, the Family of the Capitano will immediately become the Ruling Family.
- It is possible for the Ruling Family to change more than once during a challenge, if another Capitano is played.

Carita - Solo

It's time to make a show and give to Charity.



Standard Deal



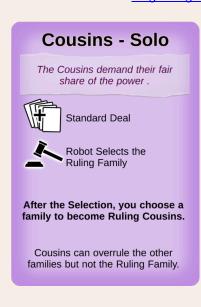
Robot Selects the Ruling Family

Try not to win any Tricks.

Win fewer Tricks than the Robot to score.

Carita - Solo

- The cards are dealt out as normal.
- The Robot will Select the Ruling Family.
- You are trying <u>not</u> to win any Tricks.
- You must win the fewest number of Tricks to score a point.
- In the event of a tie, whoever captured the Mangia-Cake will win.



Cousins - Solo

- The cards are dealt out as normal.
- After the Robot Selects the Ruling Family, you will Elect a secondary ruling family. (The Cousins)
- The Ruling Family will outrank all the other families when played, including the Ruling Cousins. The Ruling cousins will outrank the remaining two families, much like the Ruling Family.

Minions - Solo

The Workers are "up in arms" and must be brought back under control.



Standard Deal



Robot Selects the Ruling Family

Only captured Bruto cards and the Mangia-Cake (#0,#1,#2) will count.

Capture the more Minions (#0,#1,#2) than the Robot to score.

Minions - Solo

- Cards are dealt out as normal.
- The Robot will Select the Ruling Family.
- Only the Bandit cards (#1,#2) and the Mangia-Cake card (#0) count towards victory this round.
- At the end of the Round, You and the Robot count all of the Bandit and Mangia-Cake cards captured.
- You must have the **most** Minions (#0, #1. #2) to score a **point**.
- In the event of a tie, whoever captured the Mangia-Cake will win.
- In the unlikely event that Mangia-Cake is revealed in the Casa, the cards are gathered and re-dealt.

Revenge - Solo

The Zii want revenge, they're coming for their pound of flesh



Standard Deal



Try not to capture any Zio or Zia (#4) cards.

Capture fewer Zii (#4) cards than the Robot to score a point.

Revenge - Solo

- Cards are dealt out as normal.
- The Robot will Select the Ruling Family.
- You must try not to capture any Zio or Zia cards. (#4)
- At the end of the Round, count all of the Zio and Zia cards you have captured.
- You must have the fewest (#4) cards to score a point.
- In the event of a tie, whoever captured the Mangia-Cake will win.