

Veg Patch Match

Contents:

8 large veg patch cards (4 fruits, 4 vegetables), 40 small veg patch cards (5 of each fruit or vegetable), 4 Mr Sprout cards, 1 veg patch leaflet

Object

To be the first player to match all four fruits and vegetables in their small veg patch to the large, central veg patch board. Players do this by taking turns to exchange their small cards with the cards that are spread out in the centre of the table.

Setting up

- Choose any four large veg patch cards and arrange them, face up, in the centre of the table, forming a circular veg patch board. The remaining large veg patch cards are put to one side.
- The small veg patch and Mr Sprout cards are shuffled and spread out, face down, on the table. Each player chooses four of the small, face down, cards from the table and arranges them face up, forming a small, circular veg patch.
- Players are encouraged to position fruits and vegetables in the same order as the central board to make matching easier.

To play

- The youngest player chooses one of the small cards from their veg patch, which they do not need and places it face down on the table. They then pick up another small card to replace it.
- Players are encouraged to remember where other players put down cards in case they need them for their own veg patch.
- The cheeky twist: If a player picks up a Mr Sprout card, they add it to their small veg patch, to be played on the turn of their choice. When they play this card, the player shouts **"Watch out it's Mr Sprout!"** and replaces one of the large veg patch cards from the central board with another of their choosing.
- The Mr Sprout card is then removed from play and the player picks up another small card from the table and adds it to their veg patch.
- Play then passes to the next person.

The winner

The winner is the first player to match all four cards in their small veg patch to the large, central veg patch board and shout **"Veg patch match!"**

NB: To simplify the game for younger players remove all of the tomato and sweetcorn cards (large and small).

For even more fun, players are encouraged to say the name of the fruit or vegetable as they pick it up, perhaps even giving it a funny name; see the included veg patch leaflet for name ideas.

After the game

Turn over the large veg patch cards and talk about the interesting facts about each fruit or vegetable.



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