



Beginner Blackjack Cheat Sheet

Quick-start reference for the objective, card values, table flow, and first decisions.

Four-Step Beginner Scan

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| 1 Hand Hard, soft, pair, natural, 21, or bust. | 2 Dealer Read the visible upcard before acting. | 3 Rules Check double, split, surrender, and soft 17. | 4 Action Hit, stand, double, split, or surrender. |
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Quick Reference

| Concept | Plain-English Read | Practice Prompt |
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| Goal | Get closer to 21 than the dealer without busting. | Say the goal before each rep. |
| Hard total | No flexible ace counted as 11. | Build 10 + 6. |
| Soft total | An ace can count as 11 without busting. | Build A + 6, then add cards. |
| Natural blackjack | Only two-card ace plus 10-value card. | Compare A + K with 9 + 2 + K. |
| Table flow | Deal, read, act, dealer resolves, reset. | Name each phase out loud. |

Keep in Mind

- 1 Face cards count as 10.
- 2 Aces can count as 1 or 11.
- 3 One result does not prove the decision.

Next step

Use the Strategy Chart after this sheet to study hard, soft, pair, and upcard decisions.