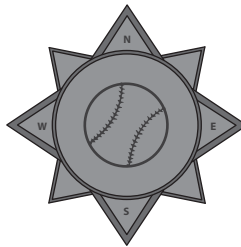


SHUFFLING CARDS

A skill that every Trekker needs to take with them is the ability to shuffle a deck of cards. The toy stores are full of fun card games and every one of them requires the ability to shuffle the cards. I think that no one should be better at shuffling cards than a Trailblazer.

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EARN THIS NUGGET

- Demonstrate your shuffling skills to your parents of both the overhand method as well as the riffing method.
- Challenge your parents to a game of your choice.

There are several ways to shuffle cards, but we are going to go over two very popular methods.

The Overhand Method.

- Start by holding the pack of cards horizontally in your non-dominant hand. If you are right-handed, that is your left hand. If you are left-handed, that is your right hand. You should hold the cards so that your thumb is on one short end and your fingers are on the opposite short end.
- Now place the deck of cards with the long edge on the palm of your dominant hand.
- Lift a little over half of the pack upwards and place them on the opposite side of the deck. Your thumb of your dominant hand is used to help guide some cards off of the front of the deck.
- Now the thumb moves out of the way and the cards are brought down again and a few more cards are then guided off of the front of the deck by the thumb.
- This continues until the number of cards is depleted and the process starts again.



For fun you can also try the riffle.

- For this, divide the pack into two halves.
- Place the stacks next to one another on a hard surface and with one stack in each hand lift and flex the long side up.
- Now here is the trick - riffle the cards so that the cards pass each of your thumbs, but position them in such a way that as they are riffing, the corners of the two stacks of cards are becoming blended.
- Now, square up the cards to make one stack and repeat the process several more times.