

Exploding Kittens

· Card-game survival · 2–5 · 15 min · **Barking** + **Imploding**

BEFORE YOU START

The base game and the separate Barking and Imploding expansions are covered below. Check your Barking card printing.

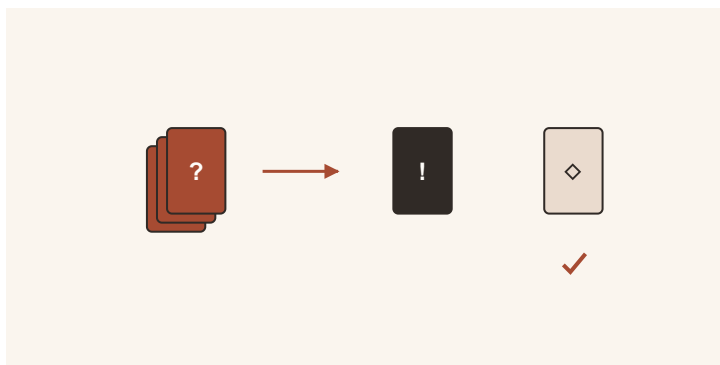
GOAL

Do not explode. The last living player wins.

YOUR TURN

Deal each player 1 Defuse and 7 other cards. Put player-count minus 1 Exploding Kittens into the draw pile, then shuffle remaining Defuses back in (with 2 or 3 players, add only two extras and remove the others). On your turn play any number of cards—or none—then you must draw the top card.

Reveal an Exploding Kitten immediately. A Defuse saves you: discard it and secretly reinsert the kitten anywhere in the deck; without one, you are out. Nope cancels another card action, including another Nope, but cannot stop Exploding or Imploding Kittens.



The danger is hidden in the deck; the shield is a separate saving card. The diagram is original.

Imploding Kittens

- The first time an Imploding Kitten is drawn, reveal it and reinsert it face-up without using a Defuse. Everyone can now see it coming.
- Whoever must draw the face-up Imploding Kitten is immediately out; it cannot be defused. The expansion supports a sixth player and adds Reverse, Alter the Future and Feral Cat. In the two-player variant, use one Exploding and one Imploding Kitten; the first player eliminated loses.

Barking Kittens and mixing

Current Barking Kitten rule: when played, the holder of the other Barking Kitten explodes and must Defuse or die. Older printings instead transfer half a hand; follow the text on your copy and agree before play.

When mixing expansions, first build the normal deck with one fewer exploding threat than players, with Imploding, include the Imploding Kitten in the total threats (players minus one), replacing one regular Exploding Kitten. With Streaking, use as many total threats as players. Set up the Tower of Power, crown and Barking-specific cards from that expansion's instruction card.

Sources: [Exploding Kittens — base rules](#) · [Imploding Kittens — official rulebook](#) · [Official card field guide](#)