

a Weaver in the Forest of Wyr

A Solitaire game lasting 15 to 20 minutes by Todd Sanders

You are a Weaver of Wyr,
responsible for herbal medicine and magic spells and potions. Your garden beneath the trees of Wyr grow the flowers and herbs you need for your craft.

In the time of harvest you set out to gather what you will require for those you care for. You have a day to harvest all you will need while trying to stop the mischievous Keiju from causing havok in your Garden.

If you can find the right combination of flowers and herbs to satisfy them, they will consider you a friend and move elsewhere.

To Win:

The goal of the game is to harvest all but one of the Nature cards from the Garden and entice all the Keiju to leave.

Setup:

Shuffle the deck of 8 Keiju cards and draw 4 of them. Remove the others from the game. Place these 4 drawn Keiju on top of the pile of 44 Nature cards and shuffle this deck of cards and lay them out face up in 4 rows of 12 cards each (*You are playing with one long row of cards broken into four rows for convenience*). This area is the **Garden**.

Leave room for 5 cards below these rows. This area is the **Basket**.

You will also create a discard pile - the **Harvest** - during the game.

To Play:

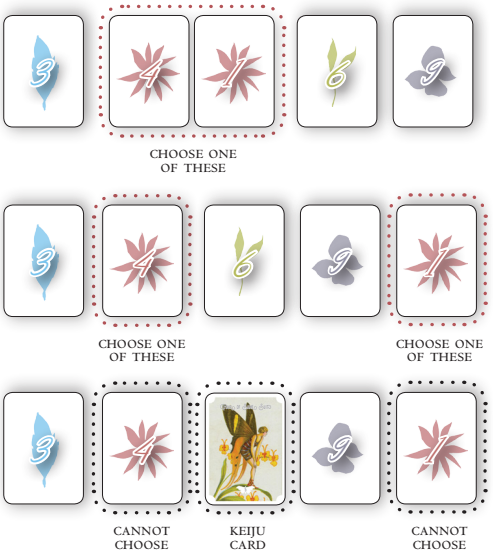
You may choose one of any two matching cards from any of the rows if your choice is: two adjacent cards within the rows, sharing the same suit or number **OR** if there are exactly two other adjacent **Nature** cards between the pair you are choosing to remove one of (*Note: A Keiju card may not be one of these in between cards*).

Only one of these two cards is chosen and is then placed either in the **Harvest** or the **Basket**. Each time you remove a card from a row, slide any cards to the right or left of the removed card to fill in any gaps across the rows. Cards are moved from the bottom rows upward or the top row downwards as a gap is filled.

The Harvest - This is a discard pile, you will receive one point for each card in this pile at the end of the game.

The Basket - Instead of placing cards in the Harvest you may place a card instead in one of 5 card 'piles' in your Basket. Cards in your Basket are used to entice the Keiju in your Garden to leave.

Keiju must be removed in numerical order, lowest to highest. If, at any time, cards on top of the piles in the **Basket** match a request as shown on the next consectuive numbered Keiju card in the Garden, you may remove that Keiju to the **Harvest** where it is worth 10 points at the end of the game.



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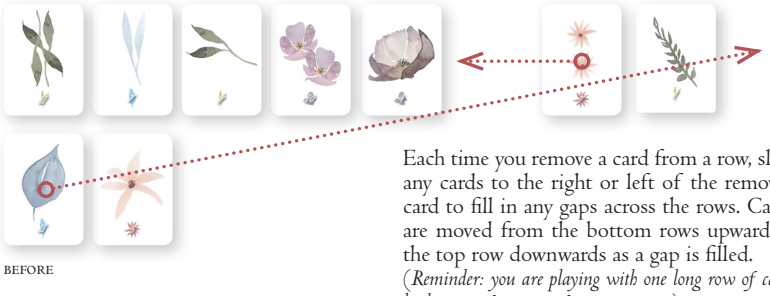

Each time you remove a card from a row, slide any cards to the right or left of the removed card to fill in any gaps across the rows. Cards are moved from the bottom rows upward or the top row downwards as a gap is filled.
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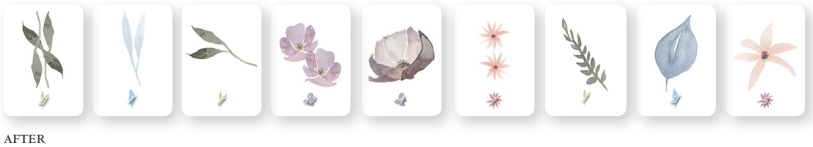

The four or five cards used to bribe the Keiju are then removed from the game and will not score any points.

Keiju do not have suits. They will form blocked areas in the rows of cards which can affect how you remove the suited cards.

From cards within your Basket, the Keiju are enticed as follows:



1. You offer four cards which neither match suit nor number.
ex. Red 2, Green 4, Blue 7, Purple 9



2. You offer one pair of cards matching numbers and one triplet of cards matching numbers.
ex. Red 2, Blue 2, Green 3, Blue 3, Purple 3



3. You offer two pairs of cards. Each pair has a matching number. The pairs numbers do not match each other.
ex. Red 3, Green 3, Red 7, Purple 7



4. You offer two cards which must be numbered 1 to 5, three cards which must be numbered 7 to 11.
Red 2, Blue 4, Green 7, Blue 8, Purple 11



5. You offer any four cards of a matching suit.
ex. Red 2, Red 4, Red 7, Red 9



6. You offer five cards which must all be odd numbers.



7. You offer four cards with consecutive numbers. Each card is of a different suit.
ex. Red 2, Green 3, Blue 4, Purple 5



8. You offer five cards which must all be even numbers.

As you play cards to the Basket you will cover up previous cards played there, which can then only be revealed once they are used to entice Keiju.

Scoring:

At game end you will receive:

1 point per Nature card in the Harvest.
10 points per Keiju in the Harvest.
Any Keiju left in the Garden are -5 points each.
Any Nature cards left in the Garden are -1 point each.
Cards remaining in the Basket count neither for nor against you.

Traditional Card Deck Variant:

If playing with a traditional card deck, use Ace (1) through Jack (11) of each suit as the Nature cards and the four Kings and Queens as the following numbered Keiju:

K♠ 1. You offer four cards which neither match suit nor number.

Q♠ 2. You offer one pair of cards matching numbers and one triplet of cards matching numbers.

K♣ 3. You offer two pairs of cards. Each pair has a matching number. The pairs numbers do not match each other.

Q♣ 4. You offer two cards which must be numbered 1 to 5, three cards which must be numbered 7 to 11.

K♦ 5. You offer any four cards of a matching suit.

Q♦ 6. You offer five cards which must all be odd numbers.

K♥ 7. You offer four cards with consecutive numbers. Each card is of a different suit.

Q♥ 8. You offer five cards which must all be even numbers.

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