

Negative Space

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3-8 players | 20-30 minutes | Age 6+

Overview:

Arrange your hand of cutout cards to create an object in negative space. If another player can guess what it is, you both win a point.

Components:

- 100 cutout cards
- 50 double sided category cards
- 90 second timer

Set up:

- Shuffle the subject cards and put them in a face down pile.
- Shuffle the cutout cards and reveal the top 8 cards ready for the first round.

How to play:

Players take it in turns to be the active player.

On your turn:

- Secretly look at a category card.
- Set the 90 second timer.
- Create a picture in negative space using some or all of the 8 cutout cards available to you. The picture you are creating should fit in the category on the category card. (For example, if the category is “Something you might find in a bathroom”, you could aim to create a picture of a toothbrush.)
- As you work, other players shout out guesses about what you are creating.
- If a player says a word that fits into the category on the category card, your turn finishes. The player who made the correct guess takes the category card and adds it to their scoring pile. You also take a category card and add it to your own scoring pile.
- Discard any cutout cards that have been used to create this picture and add new cards to replace them, ready for the next player.

End game and scoring:

The game ends when one at least one player has got five cards in their scoring pile. This player is the winner. Ties are friendly, share the victory.

Simultaneous Play Variation

All players create pictures on every round.

On each round

- Flip the top subject card over.
- Set the 2 minute timer.
- Each player creates a picture in negative space using some or all of the 6 shape cards available to them. Pictures should fit in the category shown. For example, if the category is “Something you might find in a bathroom”, you could create a picture of a toothbrush.
- When the time is up, look at each player’s picture in turn. Players should feel free to explain their picture and explain why it fits well into the subject matter.
- Countdown from 3 to 0 and on 0 all players vote for another player by pointing at them. Players should vote for the picture they think is the most impressive and best fits the category.
- The player(s) with the most votes get(s) a victory point, which is noted down on a piece of paper.
- Each player chooses one cutout card and passes it to the player on their left.
- Now a new round begins.

First to five points (cards) wins.