

MEXICAN TRAIN RULES

2 to 8 players · a double-12 domino set · 13 rounds · lowest score wins

1. **Start in the middle.** Put the double-12 in the center. It's the engine for round one.
2. **Draw your tiles.** Turn the rest face down and mix them up. Draw your tiles (see the table). The rest is the boneyard.
3. **Play one tile a turn.** Match an open end on your own train, on the Mexican Train, or on any train with a marker.
4. **Can't play? Draw one.** If it fits, play it. If not, put your marker on your train. Anyone may play there until you play on it again.
5. **Doubles get covered.** Play a double sideways, then play one more tile. Nobody plays anywhere else until the double is covered.
6. **Go out.** The round ends when someone plays their last tile, or when no one can play and the boneyard is empty.
7. **Count down the rounds.** Next round, start with the next double down: double-11, double-10, all the way to double-blank.

Tiles each

2 to 4 players	15
5 or 6 players	12
7 or 8 players	10

Groups vary. Everyone draws the same number.

Scoring

Add up the dots left in your hand. Going out scores 0. Double-blank: 0, or 50 if that's your house rule. After 13 rounds, the lowest total wins!

Smaller sets: double-9 = 10 rounds, double-6 = 7 rounds.



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