

Marriage is like the Devil

A homage to the tribulations of weddings.

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Estimated time play: 45 minutes

Number of players: exactly 2.

Inspiration: *This game is based on what has happened to us during the arrangements of our civil and church wedding. Having done these during the morning of Saturday at the Global Game Jam, we found this to be the perfect setting to create a board game, just for fun, just to share couples' frustrations when doing these.*

Game components:

- Set of 25 life tiles.
- Set of 10 requirement tiles.
- Set of 17 Life Roulette cards.
- Board with guides to lay out life tiles. Plus two starting tiles. Plus a wedding day tile.
- Set of X question cards.
- 2 game pieces.
- 20 love coins. 10 for each player.
- A 6-sided dice.

Object of the game:

Get both the groom and the bride to arrive the wedding day. Both must attain all the requirements for that, by answering questions about each other's life, tastes and dislikes.

Setup of the game:

1. Shuffle life tiles, event and question cards.
2. Lay down the board. Put both love coin columns in front of each player.
3. Lay life tiles face down on board.
4. Put each player piece in a starting point.
5. Throw a dice to determine who will start.

Progression of play:

1. Each player rolls the dice, and moves his/her pieces that number of times around the board. Players can move only horizontally or vertically.
2. Lift the tile the piece falls in, and execute its contents.

3. Replace that tile with another life tile, except if the tile says it stays up.
4. Some life tiles will tell you to spin the Life Roulette, which means you must take a Life Roulette card, and do whatever the card tells you to do. See card reference for more details on these cards.
 - a. Sometimes the card tells you to answer a question from your partner. Get a question card, which holds a question about your partner's life. If you answer correctly, you will get a requirement for the wedding, otherwise you will lose a love coin.
 - b. Other event cards prevent from certain things happening when you lift a life tile. Keep them in your belt until you need them. You can share this card if your partner falls in such situation.
5. Each requirement is a tile that gets you nearer the wedding day. After completing all requirements, you go the second phase of the game. You must advance through the life tiles, one step at a time, each turn answering a partner question in the question deck.

Resolution of the game:

1. If any of the two runs out of love coins, the relationship is ended, and the game is lost.
2. If both arrive to the wedding day, both win. (It's a player-vs-system kind of game)

Card reference

Life tiles

- Ex-boyfriend / Ex-girlfriend: they block the wedding day by settings themselves up on top of it. Can only go with a bad memory card, or by answering a question in the second phase of the game.
- Mom / Dad: Mom gives you all life coins back. It always resets to 10 love coins. If you visit again with full energy, she will do nothing. Dad does the same, but only gives one coin. When Mom is played, that card cannot be lifted anymore.
- Godfather/Godmother: both cards let student pick a life tile, say if they like it, or put it to the highway, and the nature do the driving.
- Sexy Mama / Sexy Papa: Once it's been discovered, the corresponding genre must move what the dice says between 9.
- Father-in-law/ Mother-in-law: Your piece goes back to start, and you lose a coin. If you have a whisky card, you can prevent the Father-in-law project with this.
- Work boss. Takes 3 love coins for both.
- Civil Registry Receptionist: takes away a requirement you already have for civil wedding.
- Good priest: same as god-father.
- Evil priest: takes away a requirement you already have for your church wedding.
- Bankrupt: takes 3 coins from each one.
- Pick a Life Roulette Card! (10 of these)

Requirement tiles

- 3 church wedding cards: baptismal certificate, witnesses, confirmation certificate.

- 7 civil wedding cards: birth certificate, residence certificate, communal council certificate, lawyer, ID copy, ID-size pictures, “We’re single” certificate.

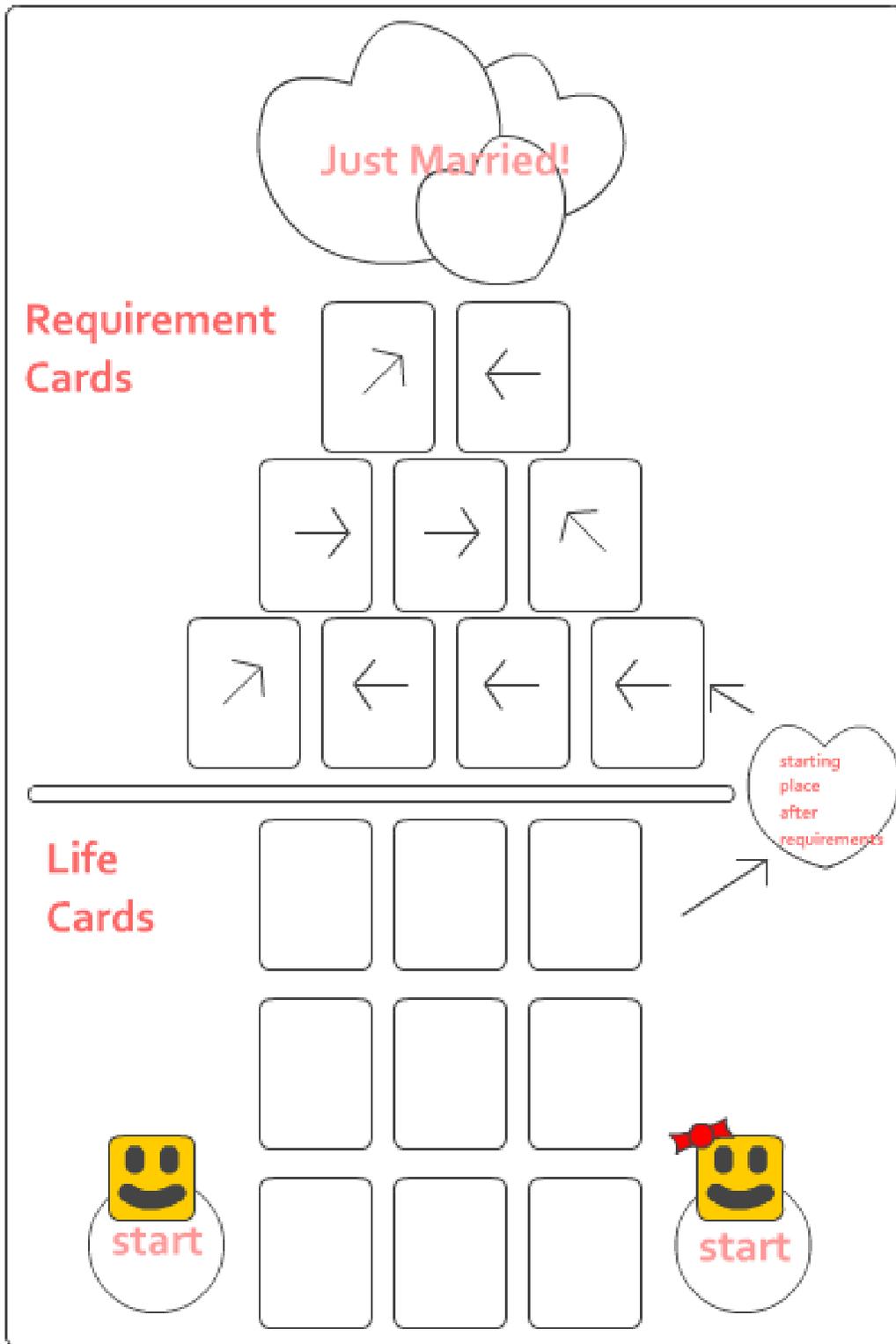
Life Roulette cards

- Answer one question from your partner. (-1 love coin from you if you’re wrong, 1 requirement if you’re right, 7 cards of these)
- Answer three questions from your partner. All three answers must be right to win a requirement, or else the player will lose 3 love coins, 3 of these)
- Chocolate card: keep this and use it to prevent the effects of the Civil Registry Receptionist.
- Bible card: keep this and use it to prevent the effects of the Evil Priest.
- Quitting Letter card: keep this and use it to prevent the effects of the Work boss.
- Whisky card: keep this and use it to prevent the effects of the Father-in-law.
- University Degree card: keep this and use it to prevent the effects of the Mother-in-law.
- The Sad Memory card: keep this and use it to prevent the effects of the ex-boyfriend or ex-girlfriend. (2 of these)

Question cards

- What’s your mom’s birth date?
- What’s your dad’s birth date?
- What is the animal you identify with?
- What’s your favorite food?
- What fruit you dislike?
- What you dislike from me?
- What place you dream of visiting?
- Who’s your favorite singer?
- What’s your zodiac sign?
- What’s your favorite drink?
- What’s your favorite superhero?
- What’s your sleep position?
- What’s your nickname as a kid?
- What’s your favorite color?
- What’s your favorite band?
- What’s your complete name?
- What’s your most hated food?
- What’s your favorite dessert?
- What’s the brand of the shampoo you use?
- What’s your favorite cartoon?

Diagrams

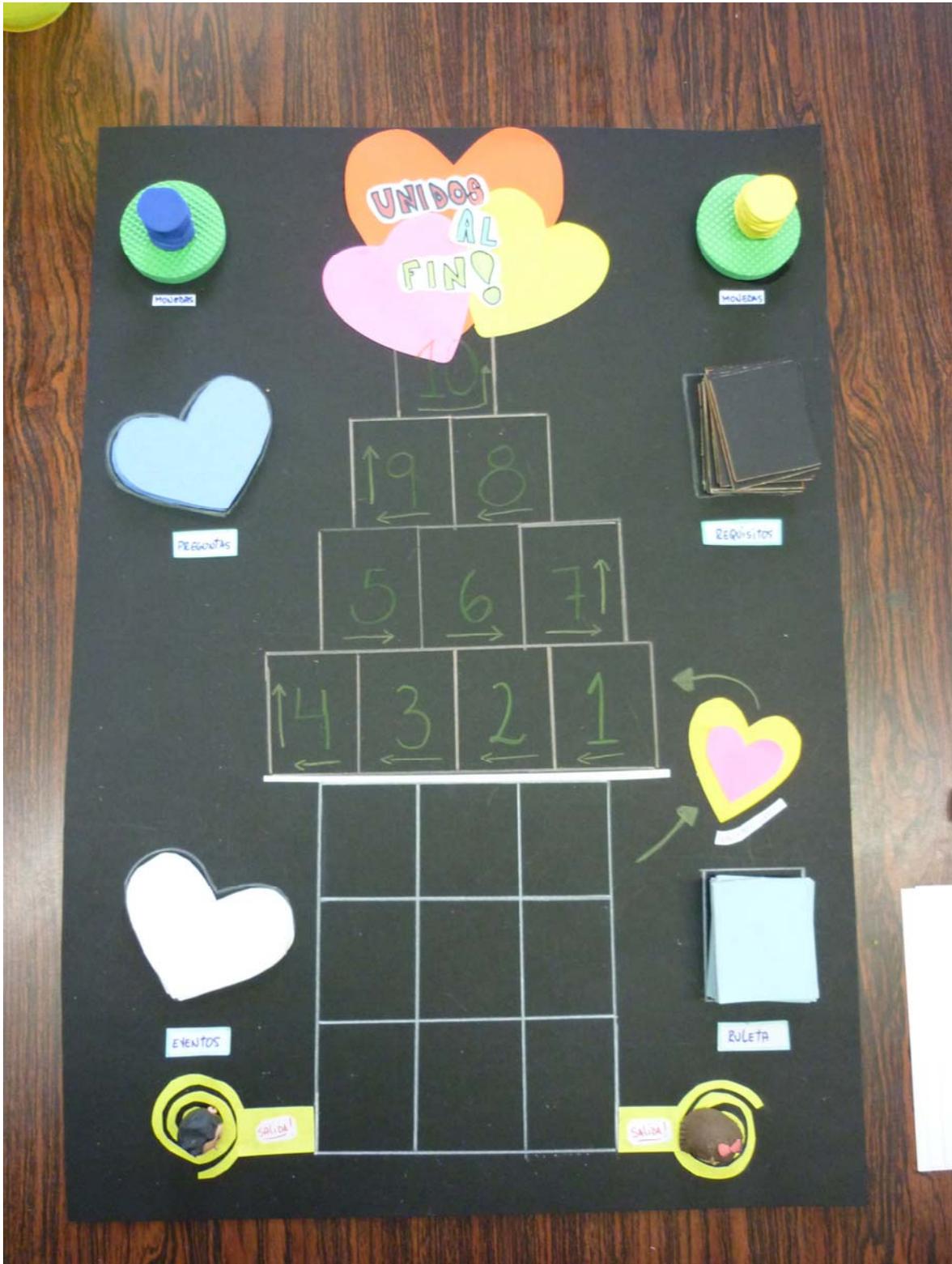


The game board. Cards are lay out in the selected spaces depending on their type.

Pictures



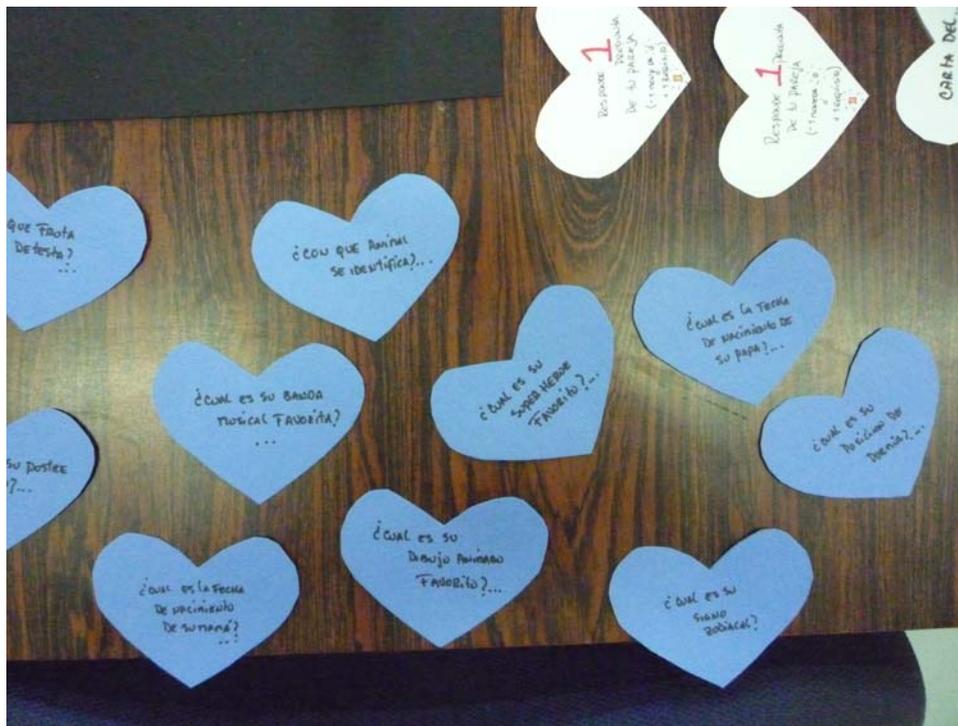
The whole Life cards: 5 good cards: Good Priest, Godfather, Godmother, Dad, Mom; 10 bad cards: bankrupt, Civil Registry Receptionist, Evil Priest, Ex-Boyfriend, Ex-Girlfriend, Father-in-law, Mother-in-law, Work Boss, Sexy Papa, Sexy Mama; 10 Life Roulette cards; 10 requirements, 3 for the church wedding, and 7 for the civil wedding.



Picture of the board. Coins are on top, then the requirement deck, the questions deck; then the events deck, and the Life Roulette deck. On bottom, the two game pieces.



Both game pieces' close-up.



Life Roulette cards and Question cards.