

IMPERIAL SETTLERS ROLL & WRITE

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With the great empires warring with each other, some settlers decide to move out in search of more peaceful lands. They know that this time they will have to work together to prosper in these new regions, or should at least try to...

IMPERIAL SETTLERS: ROLL & WRITE is a quick engine-building game with roll and write mechanics that plays over 10 rounds in which players will take actions simultaneously. Every player will try to be as efficient as possible with the given Resources and available workers. There are different ways to score Victory Points (★), and the player with the most Victory Points at the end will win the game.

GAME COMPONENTS



4 Custom dice
(3 Resource dice
and 1 Worker die)



48 Village sheets
- **COMPETITION MODE**
(2 - 4 players)
(Each sheet contains the
same set of 6 Buildings)



48 Village sheets
- **ADVENTURE MODE**
(1 player)
(Each sheet contains a
unique set of 6 Buildings)



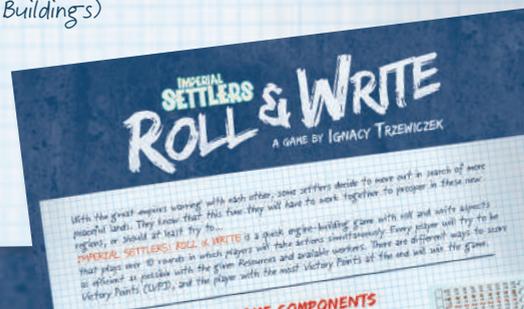
96 Empire sheets - All game
modes (1-4 players)
(Each sheet contains
Fields and Constructions)



5 Favor tokens
(Special actions to
choose from, provided
to players at the
start of each round)

4 Pencils

1 Rulebook



GAME SETUP

For your first game, we recommend playing using the basic rules and Competition mode sheets.

Adventure mode is designed for solo play and uses the advanced rules. Every Adventure sheet is different, so players will need to adjust their strategy during each game while trying to beat their high score.

PREPARING THE GAME

1. Each player takes a single Empire sheet, placing it in front of them.
2. Each player takes a single Village sheet, placing it in front of them.
3. Each player takes a pencil.
4. Shuffle all Favor tokens and draw at random the number of tokens equal to the number of players +1. Return unused tokens to the box.
5. Choose the Active Player randomly.

1.



Empire sheet

2.



Village sheet

3.



4.



(3 Favor tokens in a 2-player game)

YOU ARE READY TO START THE GAME!

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Each game round consist of the following phases:

1. ROLL DICE

2. CHOOSE A FAVOR TOKEN

3. EXPAND YOUR EMPIRE

4. ROUND END





GAME ROUND



1. ROLL DICE

At the beginning of each Round, the Active Player rolls all dice and places them in the middle of the game area so that every player can see the result of the dice roll.

GAME DICE

There are two types of dice: the Resource die and Worker Die:



RESOURCE DICE

These dice provide the rolled type of Resource to all players. Each player has their own 'virtual' Resource pool.

There are 3 different Resources:



Stone



Wood



Food



Gold is a wild resource. Players may use it in place of any other Resource (Stone / Wood / Food).



WORKER DIE

This die determines how many **actions each player** has available during the current round. The result of this die affects all players. Each player has their own 'virtual' Workers pool.



Basically, the die shows how many spaces you may cross off in a Round.

OUR HOUSE RULES

Write them down here so no one can say 'That's not in the rulebook!'

2. CHOOSE A FAVOR TOKEN

Starting with the Active Player and continuing in a clockwise order, players choose and take a single Favor token (more about Favor tokens on page 6).



IMPORTANT GAME TERMS

GAIN - Each Round gained Resources are added to your 'virtual' pool and the other gained effects may be used. If you gain ★, note them on your Empire sheet.

SPEND - Use the required good, to enable the effect described afterward.

TRADE - Exchange one good for another in the ratio described.

3. EXPAND YOUR EMPIRE



Basically, any time you cross out a box that constitutes as 1 action.

In this phase, all players take actions simultaneously. Players spend the Resources gained from the rolled Resource dice, as well as the Resources gained from various Buildings and Fields. Every Resource (provided by a die, a Building, or a Harvest action) can be used only once. During the Round End phase all remaining Resources are lost. There are **two** main actions that a player can take in this phase: **Harvest** and **Build**. Some Buildings and Favor tokens may provide additional actions.

➤➤➤ A. HARVEST

A player spends one of their actions to cross off a single Harvest space (○) from their Field and gain the Resources shown inside that space. Players must have access to the chosen Field in their Empire first. At the beginning of the game, all Fields are locked.



A Field with 3 spaces to Harvest



You need to Build Bridges to gain access to new Fields.



➤➤➤ B. BUILD

A player spends one of their actions to cross off a single Build space (□) on either their Empire or Village sheet.

➔ BUILD SPACES REQUIREMENTS

A Build space can either be empty or have Resources shown inside. To cross off a Build space, a player needs to spend the Resources shown from their pool in addition to spending an action.



This Build space requires spending a single Stone for it to be crossed off.



This Build space requires spending two Wood for it to be crossed off.



This Build space requires spending a single Stone and a single Wood for it to be crossed off.



This Build space doesn't require spending any Resource for it to be crossed off, but the player still needs to spend a single action to do it.

➔ VILLAGE AND BUILDINGS

Each Village has 6 different **Buildings**. Each Building provides a different **ability** to a player once it's finished and built. A Building is considered to be finished once all Build spaces are crossed off.

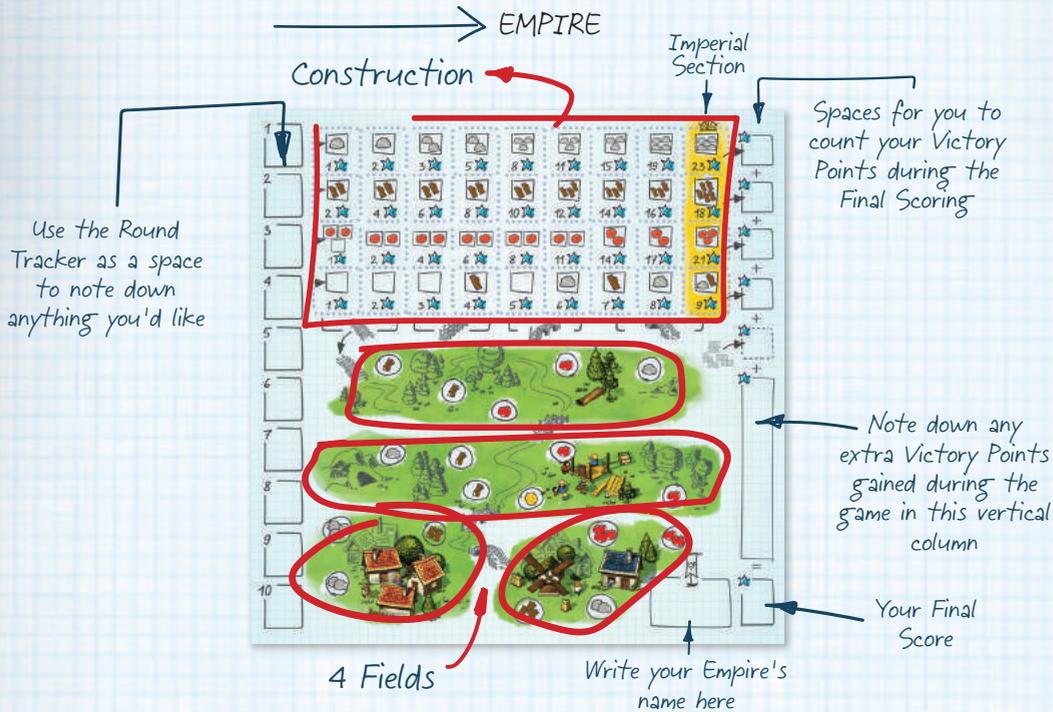
Build spaces of Buildings may be crossed off in any order.

Once built, an ability is available to the player **starting from the next Round** unless it is a Building with the ⚡ symbol in their name, in which case the ability is triggered only during Final Scoring and provides additional ⚡ no matter when it is built.

Some Buildings have an underlined value (like 1 or 4) and a shape (like ⚡) pictured in their top right corner. **In the basic game**, ignore those shapes and treat the underlined numbers as normal. Additionally, ignore the highlighted building *Architects* entirely. These will come into play in the Advanced game described on page 7.



Each Building ability is optional, and may be used **only once** per Round unless stated otherwise. Some of those abilities give players additional scoring opportunities. If an ability has a condition required in its description (i.e., *Cross off at least 3 Construction sections to gain 2 ⚡*), this condition must be completed within one Round for that ability to be used. If a text of a building contradicts the rules mentioned in the rulebook, the building always takes precedence.



CONSTRUCTIONS are the main source of Victory Points. There are 4 different horizontal tracks, each of them representing a different progression of the construction within the Empire. From top to bottom:

-  Walls
-  Cottages
-  Granaries
-  Bridges

Each of these tracks is divided into 9 sections. When a player decides to spend an action to Build on a specific track, that player must choose and cross off the first unfinished section of that track starting from the left.

Sections can have more than a single Build space (Granaries) or a single Build space that requires more than one Resource to be spent during a single action.

At the end of the game, each player will gain Victory Points for their progression on each of the Construction tracks. The number of Victory Points that they gain is the value shown on the bottom of the **rightmost completed section** of each track.

The last section of each track is called an **IMPERIAL SECTION** and it provides the most Victory Points. Some game effects may refer to those sections.



FIELDS provide Resources that players can Harvest from. But first, a player needs to build Bridges to access those Fields.

BRIDGES provide a low amount of Victory Points, but they grant access to different Fields where players can Harvest Resources.

Once a Bridge is built (when all of its corresponding sections are fully crossed off), a player draws a circle around the unlocked Bridge. The player will be able to Harvest Resources from that Field **right away**, even during the Round in which they unlocked the Field.



FAVOR TOKENS

There are 5 different Favor tokens that provide special abilities. Players can use the token ability at any time during the Expand Your Empire phase and it doesn't require any actions.



ALLY

The player gains one additional action during the current Round.



BOON

The player chooses one Resource die and gains an additional Resource of the type rolled.



YIELD

The player chooses one Resource die and may Harvest the rolled type from available Fields without spending actions.



EXPORT

The player may Trade a single Resource of each type for a Victory Point, meaning the player may gain a maximum of 3 Victory Points if all three types of Resources are traded (🪨, 🍷, and 🍎).



LUCKY COIN

The player gains an extra Gold during the current Round.

4. ROUND END

Once all players have used their workers and are ready to continue, they mark the completion of the Round on their Empire sheet. Players return the Favor tokens to the middle of the game area and the next player in clockwise order becomes the Active Player. A new round begins.

GAME END

After the end of the 10th Round, players move to Final Scoring and sum up their Victory Points on their Empire sheet:

1. The first 4 top-right spaces are there to write down the number of Victory Points from the rightmost completed section of each construction.
2. The next space is used only in the Advanced mode, so players should ignore it when playing Standard mode. In Advanced mode, players will write their Victory Points for finished Settlements that provide extra Victory Points.
3. The last and largest space is where players should write down Victory Points during the game gained from the Export Favor token and other game effects. Additionally, players should write down any other Victory Points that Buildings provide at the end of the game.



The player with most Victory Points is the winner!

In case of a **TIE**, the player with more completed Bridge sections wins. If there is still a tie, the player with more Harvested spaces on their Fields wins. If there is still a tie, the tied players share the victory.

Example: At the end of the game, in this situation, Natalie would score 5 Victory Points for the Walls, 14 for the Cottages, and 4 for the Granaries. If she had crossed off one more food from the 4th section she would have scored 6 Victory Points, but an incomplete section doesn't count. She doesn't get any VP for the Bridges.

1★	2★	3★	5★	8★	11★	15★	19★	23★	5
2★	4★	6★	8★	10★	12★	14★	16★	18★	14
1★	2★	4★	6★	8★	11★	14★	17★	21★	4
1★	2★	3★	4★	5★	6★	7★	8★	9★	0

ADVANCED RULES

The Advanced game uses the same rules as the Basic game, with setup and the course of the game also remaining the same. The difference is that the *Architect* Building comes into play. The shapes on the Buildings, which are called Blueprints, will also be used. There is also one additional phase before the Round End phase called **CREATING A SETTLEMENT**, where each player may create a Settlement in their Empire.

To create a Settlement, a player needs a number of fully crossed-off sections in their Empire connected in a specific pattern that **are not a part of any other settlement**. The number and shape of those sections is presented on different Buildings in a player's Village (in the top right corner). This section of a building with a Settlement shape is called a **Blueprint**.

If a player has crossed-off sections in their Empire that match the shape presented on any **Blueprint**, that player may choose to create it by outlining sections in the exact same way as it is shown. The outlined shape cannot be rotated in any way. It must be the exact same shape.

Once a Settlement is created, it increases the efficiency of the Building with that Blueprint going forward. Buildings with a Blueprint have an underlined value in their ability description. When a Settlement is created, cross off that value, and write down the number increased by one next to it. Moving forward, this ability will be more powerful. Some Buildings have Blueprints that will simply provide extra Victory Points at the end of the game.

Example: Mike was able to complete a requirement for a Settlement. It would affect his farm for the rest of the game. Mike decides to go for it and outlines the sections shown on the Blueprint. Starting next round, he will gain 2 instead of one.

That's the shape!

Note: A player may create a Settlement even if the Building isn't finished yet. In such cases, the number is still increased, but the ability will be available only once it is finished and Built.

Note: An Empire may have more than one Settlement of the same type and shape. Each additional Settlement affects the Building with this Blueprint, so for example 3 Settlements that affect the Farm would adjust the underlined number by 3 and the player with this Farm would gain 4 every Round.

ADVENTURE MODE

(single player mode)

The Adventure mode uses the Advanced rules. To set up a game take an Empire sheet and one of the 48 Village sheets - uniquely designed for Adventure mode. Shuffle and draw at random 3 Favor tokens, each Round you will be able to choose and use one of them. Return the rest to the box.

In this mode, there are Buildings with an ability to reroll dice. At the beginning of the Expand Your Empire phase, you must decide first if you want to use any abilities with rerolls before you perform anything else (use any actions, other Building abilities or Favor token), once you decide to do anything else, you cannot reroll dice anymore.

In this mode you should try to beat your personal high score, but also try to do your best and achieve the highest honors by beating the records from the table below.

ACHIEVEMENT TABLE

0-39 ★ Commoner

40-44 ★ Servant

45-49 ★ Squire

50-54 ★ Knight

55-59 ★ Castellan

60-69 ★ Duke

70-79 ★ King

⑧ 80+ ★ Emperor

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