

Mahjong Tile Reference Sheet

SUITS • HONOURS • SPECIAL TILES • COMMON SETS

Quickly identify Mahjong suits, numbers, Winds, Dragons, Flowers and other special tiles.
A handy visual reference for Chinese and American Mahjong.

THE THREE NUMBERED SUITS

Each suit has tiles numbered 1–9 (four copies of each tile).

CIRCLES



BAMBOO



CHARACTERS (CRACKS)



THE HONOUR TILES

WINDS

East South West North



DRAGONS

Red Green White



COMMON TILE GROUPS (SETS)

PAIR (EYES)



Two identical tiles.

CHOW



Three sequence tiles in the same suit.

PUNG



Three identical tiles.

KONG



Four identical tiles.

SPECIAL TILES BY STYLE

Special tiles vary by Mahjong style and may not be used in every game.

AMERICAN MAHJONG



Jokers

American Mahjong uses jokers, which can stand in for other tiles.

HONG KONG MAHJONG



Flowers (1–8)

Eight flower tiles, usually numbered 1–8. These are bonus tiles used in Hong Kong Mahjong.

SINGAPORE MAHJONG



Animals

Four animal tiles: Cat, Mouse, Rooster and Centipede. Used in Singapore Mahjong.

QUICK FACTS



- 3 numbered suits: Circles, Bamboo, Characters (Cracks)
- 4 Winds: East, South, West, North
- 3 Dragons: Red, Green, White

- Numbered, Wind and Dragon tiles normally have 4 copies each.
- Special tiles vary by Mahjong style and may not be used in every game.

