

GALLERY GESTALT

ages 8+ : 1-2 hours : 1-9 players

Play as artists in a unique world, making masterpieces for a gallery to respond to the momentous times around them.

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Setup

Before you start playing, gather the following:

- **Inspiration Cards** (or a standard deck of playing cards & **Inspiration Table** from the next page for every 1-2 players)
- A stack of paper for drawing
- Art supplies, like pencils, markers, pastels, paints, and more!

Give each player two pieces of paper. Label one paper "**Artist**" and the other "**Artwork**". This is where you will make up your own artist and their masterpiece!

Get one piece of paper, put it somewhere everyone can see, and label it "**Story**". We'll start the game by learning about where our artists live, and what's going on in their world!

Inspiration Cards

Shuffle the **Inspiration Cards**, draw one, and show everyone. Each **Inspiration Card** has a Prompt, Shape, suit, and rank. Through this game, we'll be using these cards to inspire our drawings!

If you're using a standard deck of playing cards, refer to your **Inspiration Table** to determine the attributes on each card.



ASK THE CARDS

Throughout this game, we'll use the **Inspiration Cards** to give us ideas for our art and our story. When the rules say to **Ask The Cards** a question, do the following:

- Draw five cards
- Select three **Prompts** that work together to inspire an answer
- Write down the chosen **Prompts**
- Shuffle cards back into the deck (sometimes we hang on to some)

Where Are We?

The player who most recently went to a museum must **Ask The Cards**:

- What sort of world do we live in: is it like our own world, or is it a fantastical place?

Work as a group using the selected prompts to inspire answers, each player gets a say. Record your answers on the **Story Sheet**. Don't shuffle the 3 selected cards back into the deck when you're done—we'll use them at the end!

What's Going On?

The person who last used a paintbrush must **Ask The Cards**:

- Something big just happened in our world motivating a gallery: is it good, bad, or strange and confusing?

Work as a group using the selected prompts to inspire answers, each player gets a say. Record your answer on the **Story Sheet**. Don't shuffle the 3 selected cards back into the deck when you're done—we'll use them at the end!

Who Is My Artist?

We'll take on the roles of artists in this world. Each player will **Ask The Cards** the following question on their **Artist Sheet**.

- Who's this artist: what's my art style and what's my personality like?

Take a few minutes to sketch your artist on the **Artist Sheet**. When you're finished, give them a name, and share them with the group! Shuffle these cards into the deck.

What Will I Make?

Now that we have set the stage, we're going to learn what we'll make. Everyone draw five cards, pick two to keep, and three to pass to the player to your left.

With your new hand of five, each player will **Ask The Cards** the following question written on the back of their **Artist Sheet**:

- How will I respond to the big happening in our world with art, in my unique style?

Keep the three selected cards, we'll use them later! Before discarding the cards you did not keep, write their **Shapes** next to the selected **Prompts**. Once all players have discarded, shuffle the deck.

Time for Art!

Now that our canvas is ready, it's time to start your masterpiece! Grab the **Artwork Sheet** and begin working on your art. Use the back of your **Artist Sheet** to guide your piece, let the **Prompts** inspire you, and try to include the **Shapes**.

We'll be drawing for ten minutes and then taking a break and adding some new **Inspiration Cards** to the mix! This process will happen four times. At the end of the last art session, it's time to share at the gallery!

Gather Inspiration

After ten minutes, we'll mix it up!

- Take a moment to stretch, chat, and share your art.
- Then, each player draws one **Inspiration Card** from the deck to add to their hand of three. Choose one of these four cards and give it to the player to the left.

Write the **Prompt** of the card you received on the back of your **Artist sheet**. Use this **Prompt** to inspire answers to the following question.

- How is this inspiration influencing me: is it a boon, a challenge to overcome, or a mystery to solve?

Discard a card from your hand. Write its **Prompt** and **Shape** on the back of your **Artist Sheet**. Use this **Prompt** to inspire answers to the following question.

- How do I react to this influence: do I come out for better, worse, or does something new happen?

Write the answers to these questions on the back of your **Artist Sheet**. Once all players have finished, and shared what happened to their artist, begin the next round of drawing.

Rounds of Drawing



Share at the Gallery

Take the six cards we used to answer **Where Are We** and **What's Going On**, shuffle them together. Draw one card from this new deck, write its **Prompt** on the **Story Sheet**. Use this **Prompt** to answer the following questions as a group.

- How has our story concluded? What's going on in our world with the big happening?

Time to show your work off! Organize the art as if it were in a gallery, and take some time to explore. Present your art to your fellow artists, discuss how you responded to the big happening with your art, and which inspirations you took to heart. Nominate the artwork that best captures the **Prompt** which inspired your conclusion. This piece is the public favorite of the gallery. Congratulations, you have completed your Gallery Gestalt.

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INSPIRATION TABLE

When playing with a standard deck of playing cards use this table to determine the attributes on each card. Print a copy for every one to two players.

Depending on the current **Stage** of the game use the following directions to track the attributes you have looked up.

Decks of **Inspiration Cards** that replace this table can be found through our website.

Inspiration Cards, Community, and more at

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STAGES

Where Are We? What's Going On? Who Is My Artist?

During these **Stages** write the **Prompts** of all 5 cards where directed by the rules. Circle the selected **Prompts** and cross out the others.

(Cloud) ~~Hand~~ (Star) ~~Law~~ ~~Tower~~

What Will I Make? Gather Inspiration

During these **Stages** write all the attributes of each card: rank, suit, **Prompt**, and **Shape** in a row where directed.

Circle the **Prompts** of the cards you choose for your inspiration and the **Shapes** of the cards you discard.

When you discard or pass cards to other players cross out all uncircled attributes of that card.

8 ♥ Gift
10 ♦ Union
3 ♥ Band
6 ♠ Track
J ♣ Craft

A 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 J Q K

♥	Fire Fire	Light Light	Band Band	Tear Tear	Shadow Shadow	Well Well	Star Star	Gift Gift	Heart Heart	Wild Wild	Grave Grave	Space Space	Ruin Ruin
♦	Cloak Cloak	Guard Guard	Tower Tower	Break Break	Crown Crown	Order Order	Fall Fall	Law Law	Treasure Treasure	Union Union	Trade Trade	Crowd Crowd	Hold Hold
♣	Dream Dream	Cloud Cloud	Secret Secret	Spark Spark	Journey Journey	Track Track	Watch Watch	Artifact Artifact	Charm Charm	Guide Guide	Figure Figure	Bridge Bridge	Shock Shock
♠	Scale Scale	Blood Blood	Pain Pain	Beast Beast	Fruit Fruit	Strike Strike	Land Land	Hand Hand	Desert Desert	Dance Dance	Craft Craft	Sprout Sprout	Shelter Shelter