GALEGAMES

DOMINO ZIGGURAT 1.1

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NUMBER OF PLAYERS: 1

COMPONENTS:

- 1 Set of double-six dominoes (i.e. 28 dominoes).
- 1 foundation map (a 6x6 inch square that is easily created with pen and paper).

PREMISE: Attempt to build a *Ziggurat of Sacred Alignment* in order to please the gods.

HOW TO WIN: Use all the dominoes to build a 3-tier pyramid (ziggurat) with the fewest cheats.

SETUP: Mix all 28 dominoes face down in a pile and place your foundation map before you.

PLAY: The dominoes are the building blocks of your ziggurat. The foundation map is where the ziggurat is to be built. Draw 3 dominoes from the pile and turn them face up before you. These 3 dominoes are your "hand". To play, you may take any one of the dominoes from your hand and place it face up on the foundation map. Each time you play a domino you may immediately refill your hand from the pile. You are trying to build a 3-tier ziggurat that fits exactly on the foundation map. In order for the ziggurat to be a *Ziggurat of Sacred Alignment* the manner of placement must be followed by these rules:

- No domino or part of a domino may rest outside the foundation.
- The bottom tier must have 18 dominoes.
- The middle tier must have 8 dominoes.
- The top tier must have 2 dominos.
- Each tier must be centered to the foundation and square-shaped.
- No part of a domino may rest above another part of a domino that is of equal of greater value.
- When placing a domino at least one half of the domino must be adjacent to a domino of equal value. Such a domino may exist on a different tier. Diagonals do not count.
- The bottom tier need not be complete before construction of the middle or upper tier is begun. But dominoes must always rest on other dominoes or the foundation (no balancing).
- Once a domino is placed, then it may not be repositioned except by cheating.

CHEATING AND SCORING: Every domino picked up from the ziggurat and replaced is counted as a cheat. If you cheat then your score is penalized 1 point per domino repositioned. Add up all the cheats to get a score. Note: If the domino that you want to reposition is resting underneath another, both count as cheats.

- **0 cheats -** Legendary Architect of the Divine
- **1 cheat -** Master Architect
- **2 cheats -** Reputable Architect
- **3 cheats -** Modest Architect
- **4 cheats-** Feeble Architect
- **5 or more cheats -** Disgraceful Blundering Saboteur

EXAMPLE OF PLAY:

Below is an example of the foundation and how the game might look after a few turns. Domino values are represented by numerals rather than pips in this diagram. Note the outline of each domino.
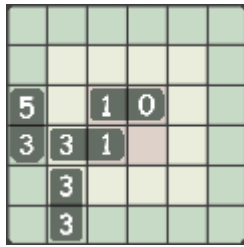

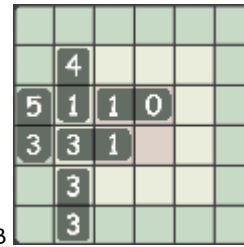Fig A   Then a player places a **4-1** domino...   Fig B

Then supposing the player chose to start building the second tier on the space highlighted red below. A **3-2** domino is placed above the 1 and 1, but with one side still adjacent to a 3:

Fig C   The 3-2 domino is legally placed on top of 1s... Fig D

Printable foundation map: