

HOW TO PLAY STORY STITCH

GOAL

Learn about the unique backgrounds of immigrant and non-immigrant community members through storytelling. Everybody wins!

SET UP

Number of players: 6-8 individuals with different backgrounds

Age: 10+

Deck: 55 Cards total

- *Story Cards*: (33) Cards with story questions
- *Stitch Cards*: (22) Cards with lines and dots

Set the pile of *Story Cards* face down in the center of players.

Distribute all *Stitch Cards* to players (some may receive more than others).

INSTRUCTIONS

1. **Introduce** yourselves to the group:

- What is your name?
- Where do you consider home?
- What languages do you speak?
- Share something special about yourself (favorite food, hobbies/activities, something that makes you laugh, a unique skill or ability, etc.).

2. **Select** a player to begin; game moves clockwise.

3. The first player **draws** a *Story Card*, **reads** the question out loud, and **shares** a personal story that responds to the question. (Players may draw multiple *Story Cards* until finding a question they would like to answer, returning unused cards to the bottom of the deck.)

4. When the first player finishes sharing a story, another player(s) can **place** a *Stitch*

Card on the table and **answer** the same question or build upon that story. After *Stitch Cards* are played, the game returns to the second player who then selects a *Story Card*. **Move** clockwise.

5. Continue the game with players selecting *Story Cards*, playing *Stitch Cards*, and sharing and building upon stories until players no longer have any *Stitch Cards* remaining in their hands.

GROUND RULES

- Be brave and vulnerable
- Listen attentively to others and do not interrupt
- Remember, you are in charge of your story—tell only what you want to share
- Be respectful of others—their courage and their stories
- Build upon each other's stories—adding new, personal details
- Ask questions about each other's experiences
- Learn about each other through the stories shared and conversations ignited

ABOUT GREEN CARD VOICES

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