

BOOOOOOM!!!!!!

Things have been a little crazy since gold was found in the once sleepy village of Old Town! Once infected by the gold rush fever. Everyone from experienced gold miners, to hotel owners, are grabbing a few sticks of dynamite and running to the ghost mine. They throw their dynamite sticks – **BOOM, BANG!!!** – into the mine every hour and blow the gold out of the mountain at any cost! Don't wait, start collecting! But be careful! Anyone who comes across a bat, snake, rat or ghost amongst the gold nuggets needs to get to safety quickly. And there are all sorts of other dangers lurking in the Wild West: the tense atmosphere means you might be challenged to a duel. And if the sheriff has you in his sights there's no escaping...

Boom, Bang, Gold is an exciting game with plenty of action, where speed and a good eye are very important. The person who manages to collect the most nuggets in their gold chest at the end of the „day“ wins the fast-paced hunt for gold.

GAME MATERIAL



1 gold mine
(box base with insert
for explosion effect)



4 characters with gold chests,



4 shelves



4 sticks of
dynamite



1 pocket watch
(lap timer)

160 tiles:



82x boulders



35x legal
gold nuggets



35x illegal
gold nuggets



4 special tiles
(1x bat,
1x snake,
1x rat,
1x ghost)



4 action tiles
(1x pick,
1x dynamite,
1x revolver,
1x sheriff's star)

Before the first game



Before the first game carefully punch out all the pieces from the tableau and put the characters with their gold chests together as illustrated.

PREPARATION

Place the gold mine in the middle of the table. All players need to be able to reach it easily. Place all the tiles face down (i.e. with the boulder side facing up) in the gold mine and shuffle them well. Move the pointer of the pocket watch to 1 o'clock.

Each player takes a stick of dynamite, one shelf and one character. Each character is protected against the effects of a certain special tile. (The special tiles are explained later):



Hank (The Hat)

Harris: as the most experienced gold prospector far and wide, he knows that the best thing to protect you against bats' in the deep, dark mine is a big hat.



Alma Anderson:

when Alma isn't throwing sticks of dynamite she's busy in the kitchen of her hotel. That's why she always has a bottle of rat poison with her, to protect herself against the nasty rodents.



Tombstone Tony:

as the local undertaker, Tony isn't scared of the supernatural. Still, he takes his extra-bright oil lamp with him into the mine, so that he's completely protected against ghosts.



Rattlesnake Ruby:

Ruby usually spends her time catching snakes in the farmer's fields. Her thick cowboy boots protect against snakes in the mine too – after all you never know what you'll find!

HOW TO PLAY

The player who is always running late places the pocket watch in front of them. Things are about to happen quickly, because everyone plays at the same time.

A round consists of:

1. **Blast**
2. **Gold search**
3. **Play action tiles**
4. **Securing gold and preparing the next round**

GOLD PROSPECTOR'S PLEDGE

Before throwing your sticks of dynamite into the mine for the first time you must hold the dynamite sticks in your hand and recite the gold prospector's pledge:

- ◆ I promise to **only ever play with one hand.**
- ◆ I may **only collect gold nuggets and action tiles that are face-up.**
- ◆ I will **only take the tiles out of the mine one at a time**, never several at the same time.
- ◆ The first person to touch a face-up tile with their fingers gets it! I vow to respect this, even though we're in the Wild West.
- ◆ In my search for gold nuggets and action tiles I may move other tiles but **never turn them over!**
- ◆ I promise to take the warnings of other players about bats, rates, snakes and ghosts seriously.
- ◆ If I get caught breaking this solemn gold prospector's pledge then I must throw all the gold nuggets I collected in this round back into the mine. The sheriff can lock me up and I will miss this round - hand on my heart (and my dynamite)!

1. Blast

On the command „Boom, Bang, Gold“ all players throw their sticks of dynamite into the gold mine at the same time. This causes the tiles in the mine to bounce up, and some land with the gold nugget, boulder, special tile or action tile side face up, both in the mine or even outside it.

2. Gold search

Now all the players use one hand to collect as many **gold nuggets and face-up action tiles** as possible from the mine, and place them on their shelf in front of them. Gold nuggets and action tiles that have flown out of the mine can also be collected. **But make sure you respect the rules of the gold prospector's pledge!**

Special tiles

There are all sorts of danger in the mine: **Special tiles** such as bats, snakes, rats or ghosts! If the explosion in the mine turned over one or more of these tiles then they stay in the mine and **cannot be collected**. Each special tile causes all players but one to pause for a moment.



If a player sees a special tile with their symbol (i.e. the symbol from which they are protected), they warn the other players and call out a warning about the symbol shown: „watch out, ...!“ While they may continue collecting gold nuggets and action tiles, all other players must quickly place both hands on their head and call out „help!“. Only after doing this may they continue collecting.

Example: The player with the character „Tombstone“ Tony sees a tile with a ghost, and calls „watch out, ghost!“. All other players now need to quickly place both hands on their head and call out „help!“ before continuing to collect gold nuggets and action tiles.

Once all the face-up gold nuggets and action tiles have been collected the wild scramble is over.

3. Play action tiles

Now the action tiles are played in the following order:



1. Pick: You're very hardworking and may turn over 5 face-down tiles in the mine! If you uncover gold nuggets in the process you may place them on your shelf. All other tiles stay in the mine.



2. Dynamite: You were smart and took two sticks of dynamite with you. Take a stick of dynamite and throw it into the mine again. You may collect all gold nuggets that are now face-up and put them on your shelf. All other tiles must remain where they are.



3. Sheriff's star: You are the sheriff and force all other players to put the illegal gold on their shelf back into the mine face down. Only you may keep your illegal gold.



legale
gold



illegale
gold



4. Revolver: In the scramble for gold nuggets you clashed with another gold prospector. You challenge the player of your choice to a duel. Your duel partner must take 2 gold nuggets of their choice from their shelf and hide them in one or both fists. You may only choose one fist. If you find gold you may take it and place it on your shelf. If the fist is empty you go away empty handed. If your duel partner only has 1 gold nugget on their shelf then this single tile is hidden in one fist. If nobody has any gold on their shelf you cannot challenge anyone to a duel.

Note:

The order of the action tiles is shown on the back of the gold chests.

4. Securing gold and preparing the next round

Each player takes the gold nuggets remaining on their shelf and places them in their gold chest. This gold is now safe. Each player takes a stick of dynamite out of the mine. All played action tiles and all tiles that are outside the mine but not on a shelf are put back into the gold mine face down. Any tiles that are face-up in the mine are also turned back over.

The player with the pocket watch moves the pointer forward one hour and passes it to the player to their left. The next round can begin!

END OF THE GAME

Once the clock hands are set to 12 this round is played to the end.

Now all players count the gold nuggets in their gold chest. Each tile, regardless of whether it is legal or illegal gold, counts for 1 point. The player with the most points wins. If there is a tie the player with the most legal gold wins.

Action variations

The basic rules of the game apply, but with the following changes.

If after the explosion someone discovers a special tile the following occurs:

- **Bat:** the player with Hank (The Hat) Harris calls „watch out, bat!“. Now all other players must first flail around with their hands around their head and call „go away!“ before continuing their search. While they are doing this the player with the character of Hank may continue collecting gold nuggets and action tiles.
- **Snake:** the player with Rattlesnake Ruby calls „watch out, snake!“. Now all other players must first clap their hands twice and call „hiss!“ before continuing their search. While they are doing this the player with the character of Ruby may continue collecting gold nuggets and action tiles.
- **Rat:** the player with Alma Anderson calls „watch out, rat!“. Now all other players must first put both their hands behind their back and call „squeak squeak!“ before continuing their search. While they are doing this the player with the character of Alma may continue collecting gold nuggets and action tiles.
- **Ghost:** the player with Tombstone Tony calls „watch out, ghost!“. Now all other players must first put both hands over their eyes and call out „ooooh!“ before continuing their search. While they are doing this the player with the character of Tony may continue collecting gold nuggets and action tiles.

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Short rules of the game