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How to play Texas Hold'em Poker - The Basics

Texas Hold'em is an exciting form of Poker. To be a winner requires a combination of Luck of the Draw, Stone-faced deception and Skill under-pressure.

Playing Texas Hold'em

1. The game starts with two players to the left of the dealer placing out a predetermined amount of money so there is an initial amount to get things started. This is called *posting the blinds*. The player closest to the dealer will post the 'Big Blind', with the second player posting the 'Little Blind' ('Little Blind' is usually half the 'Big Blind')
2. Each player is dealt two cards face down. These are called your hole or pocket cards.
Then there is a round of betting starting with the person to the left of the two who posted the blinds.
3. Much like most games of poker, in 'a round of Betting' players can call, raise, or fold. To call at this stage you must match the Big Blind (unless the pot has been raised). To raise you simply place a higher amount than the 'call' rate. You fold if you do not wish to take part in this round (Usually if you consider your cards to be poor)
4. After the betting round ends, the dealer discards the top card of the deck. This is called a *burn card*. This is done to prevent cheating.
5. The dealer then flips the next three cards face up on the table. These cards are called *the flop*. These are communal cards that anyone can use in combination with their two pocket cards to form a poker hand.
6. There is another round of betting starting with the player to the left of the dealer.
7. After the betting concludes, the dealer burns another card and flips one more onto the table. This is called the *turn card*. Players can use this sixth card now to form a five card poker hand.
8. The player to the left of the dealer begins another round of betting.
9. Finally, the dealer burns a card and places a final card face up on the table. This is called the *river*. Players can now use any of the five cards on the table or the two cards in their pocket to form a five card poker hand.
10. There is one final round of betting starting with the player to the left of the dealer.
11. After that, all of the players remaining in the game begin to reveal their hands. This begins with the player to the left of the last player to call. It's called the *showdown*. Players use a combination of their pocket cards and the community cards to form a poker hand.
12. The player who shows the best hand wins!