

Pull out the BIG DECK

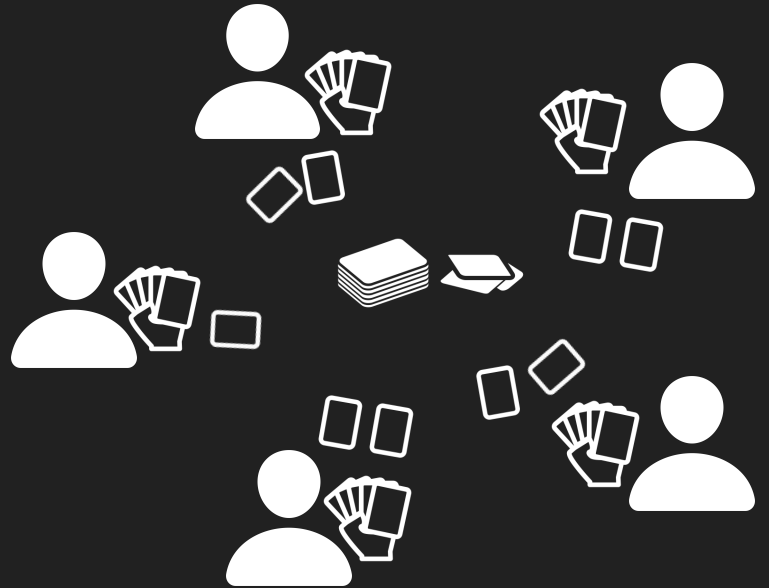
How to build your own BIG DECK

Deck Building Guide



What is a BIG DECK?

- One large shared deck of Magic: the Gathering cards
- One shared graveyard
- Everyone has unlimited mana
- Players may play only one card per turn



Why would you want to build a BIG DECK?

1. **Value** - The best cards for this format are not expensive



2. **Bond** - Connect with Magic players and non-Magic players alike



3. **Customize** - Make the Big Deck your own; adapt to friends play styles







How to Build - The Four NOs

1. **No Duplicates** - only one of each card in a deck
2. **No Search** - cards shouldn't allow players to search the library
3. **No X** - cards not have an X in the mana cost or anywhere in the text
4. **No Infinity** - no card ability should result in an infinite:
 - Power or toughness
 - Life gain or loss
 - Damage
 - -X/-X
 - Card draw or discard

Other Recommendations

Aid new players; reduce the things you need to explain to them

-  **1. Limit permanent types** - Creatures, Artifacts, Enchantments, Sorceries, and Instants; anything else gets complicated too quickly
-  **2. Keep it simple** - consider omitting a card if the rules text is longer than 5 lines
-  **3. Prevent keyword soup** - consider omitting cards with keywords unless very simple (i.e. Flying) or explicitly written on the card
-  **4. Don't be hasty** - Being able to attack with a creature you just played is too powerful in this format

BIG DECK Make-up

Total Cards in BIG DECK: 150-400

Card Type	Total % of BIG DECK
Creatures	25 - 50%
Artifacts & Enchantments	5 - 20%
Sorceries	10 - 25%
Instants	20 - 40%