

Rotten to the Core

Game Objective

Today, you are murderers, but you're not totally rotten! You want your corpses to break down as fast as possible without the use of chemicals that are harmful to the environment! *Compete against other murders to get your dead body to break down the fastest, using the help of Mother Nature!*

Contents

- 75 Fungi Cards
- 75 Investigation Cards
- 50 Random Event Cards
- 50 Insect Cards
- 4 Decomposition Booklets
- 4 player tokens
- 1 Decomposition Scale
- 1 Factor Die
- 1 Weather Spinner
- 1 Rule Book

Setup

1. Place the Decomposition Scale in the center of the table. Place the Weather Spinner also towards the center of the table, within reach of all players.
2. Shuffle and place the Fungi Cards, Insect Cards, Wild Cards, Investigation Cards in their respective piles next to the Game Board.
3. Every player selects a color of token. Players also receive the corresponding Decomposition Booklet of the same color. Start on the first page of the Decomposition Booklet.
4. Place the player tokens at the beginning of the Decomposition Scale (on top of the mushroom).

The oldest player goes first. Play proceeds in a clockwise direction.

Gameplay

Points are earned based on daily weather conditions and factors rolled on the factor die. Every 10 pts earned allows your decaying body to move into the next phase of decomposition.

On Your Turn

1. Spin the Weather Spinner

Spin the Weather Spinner to determine the weather conditions for your turn only. Points are immediately earned from spinning the Weather Spinner depending on how fastly it speeds up your body's decomposition. **Move your player token** the number of points indicated on the Weather Spinner.

2. Roll the Factor Die

Roll the Factor Die to determine what happens to your body during your turn.

Factor Die Actions

There are 4 different types of factors on the Factor Die: Insects, Fungi, Random Events, and Investigations.

Insects

Insects speed up the decomposition of the body, however the amount of points you receive is determined by the Weather Conditions.

- Draw an Insect Card
- Follow the diagram on the card to determine your points
- Move your player token on the Decomposition Scale
- Return the card to the bottom of the deck

INSERT EXAMPLE OF DIE SYMBOL.

Fungi

Fungi speed up the decomposition of the body, however the amount of points you receive is determined by the Weather Conditions.

- Draw a Fungi Card
- Follow the diagram on the card to determine your points
- Move your player token on the Decomposition Scale
- Return the card to the bottom of the deck

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Random Events

Random Events have various effects on the decomposition of the body, however the amount of points you receive is determined by the Weather Conditions.

- Draw a Random Event Card
- Follow the diagram on the card to determine your points
- Move your player token on the Decomposition Scale
- Return the card to the bottom of the deck

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Investigations

Investigations can make you LOSE POINTS when there is a lead in the murder investigation.

- Draw an Investigation Card
- DO NOT MOVE your player token on the Decomposition Scale
- Hold onto this card until the end of the game

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Decomposition Booklets

The Decomposition Booklets allow you to keep track of your corpse's decomposition process. Every 10 points allow you to move onto the next phase of

decomposition, as indicated on the Decomposition Scale. To move onto the next phase, simply flip the page.

INSERT EXAMPLE OF DECOMPOSITION BOOKLETS.

Decomposition Scale

The Decomposition Scale is how you keep track of your points throughout the game. It's a score of how decomposed your body is. The 5 different colors on the scale represent the different phases of decomposition in your Decomposition Booklet. **When you advance into a new color on the scale, flip the page** of your Decomposition Booklet to advance into the next phase of decomposition.



End of the Game

Players want to have the furthest decomposed body, but don't want to be caught by authorities in the process. So... as soon as a player reaches **50 points**, *the final scores may be tabulated.*

- Subtract the points on your Investigation Cards from the points of your final place on the Decomposition Scale

The winner of the game is the player with the **most points**. Congrats on being a successful sustainable murderer!