April fools

A cooperative game by 7Bazis for 1-4 players aged 5 or over Piatnik game no. 719592 © Piatnik, 2021

The cheeky goblin Mishmash does what he wants – and he has created complete chaos with the seasons. Suddenly, there are snowflakes in summer, autumn leaves are falling in spring, the pears are ripening in winter and the first buds and flowers are not appearing until autumn. What a mess! But you can get the seasons back in order if you work together. Just make sure you don't run out of breath!

Contents:

- 1 board with the 4 seasons (the inside of the box)
- 1 barrier separating the seasons (attached to the board)
- 1 cloth bag
- 16 season balls: four balls in each of four different colours, one colour for each season
- 20 season tiles, including 4 showing Mishmash the goblin
- 1 game manual









Aim of the game:

Your goal is to gently blow the coloured season balls over the barrier into the right seasons before the goblin Mishmash appears and messes everything up again.

Preparation:

The game is played in the bottom of the box. The four seasons shown on the board are separated by a barrier that is fixed to the box. Put the box on the table. Mix the season tiles and lay them facedown on the table. Make sure that the tiles do not overlap.

Choose a level of difficulty and put the corresponding number of season balls in the cloth bag (any additional balls are taken out of play):

Beginner: 2 balls per colour **Advanced**: 3 balls per colour

Expert: all 16 balls



Shake the cloth bag well to mix up the season balls. Choose one person to then distribute the balls on the board. That player takes 2, 3 or 4 balls (in line with the selected level of difficulty) from the bag without looking and places them on the spring section of the board. This step is then repeated with the other seasons until all the balls in the bag have been equally distributed.

Rules:

The youngest player starts. You then take turns clockwise.

When it's your turn, turn over any one of the season tiles. The tile shows a picture belonging to a specific season, that corresponds to a specific colour of ball:



Once you have turned over the tile, take the box in both hands and turn it so that the season matching the picture on your tile is pointing towards you. Now, (gently!) try to blow all the balls that do **not** belong to that season into the next season. Important:

- You only have **one breath** to blow balls over the barrier.
- You can only blow balls into the next season on the board going anticlockwise!
- You are allowed to tilt the box slightly to get the balls into a better position for you to blow at them.
- If you blow too hard and balls land outside the box or in a season other than the neighbouring
 one, you must return them to the season they were in before you blew them away. Remember:
 If, while you are blowing, you realise you are running out of breath, it is better to stop and end
 your turn try too hard and you might accidentally blow the wrong ball away.
- If you are supposed to start blowing from a season that only contains balls belonging to that season or no balls at all, you can choose any other season and try your luck from there.



Season tiles with the goblin Mishmash

One tile of each season also shows the cheeky goblin Mishmash. If you turn over one of these tiles, this does not initially change anything. You continue playing as set out above and work from the season matching the picture on the tile. However, as soon as the fourth season tile with a goblin is revealed, the game ends (see *The end of the game*).

It is then the next person's turn, they turn over a tile and so on.

Example: Daniel turns over a tile with a pear on it. He holds the box so that summer is towards him and carefully blows all the balls that are not yellow anticlockwise into autumn. Now it's Maria's turn. She turns over a tile with a picture of pink flowers and the goblin Mishmash on it. This is the first goblin tile to be uncovered, so nothing happens as yet. Working from spring, she blows so hard that a brown ball lands in autumn when it ought to have moved to summer first. One yellow ball even lands outside the box. She has to put both balls back in the spring section. Now it's the next player's turn.

The end of the game:

There are two ways the game can end:

- 1. together, you manage to blow all the balls into the right seasons before the fourth goblin tile is uncovered. Congratulations, you are the winners!
- 2. The fourth goblin tile is uncovered. The one whose turn it is can complete their turn. Unless all balls are in the right season after that turn is completed, the cheeky goblin has unfortunately won. But don't worry after a short breather, you can go head to head with Mishmash again!

Version for one player:

You can also play Mishmash on your own by following the rules above. Can you blow all the balls into the right seasons before turning over the fourth Mishmash tile?

If you have any questions or suggestions about "Mishmash", please contact us at: Piatnik, Hütteldorfer Str. 229-231, 1140 Vienna, Austria or info@piatnik.com

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