

INTRODUCTION

It's the 1920's and your career as a general contractor is about to take o . You have just launched your own company, overseeing construction for the real estate tycoons in a rapidly expanding metropolis. However, fierce competitors are nipping at your heels. Wi you be able to motivate your workers to keep up with the flow of lucrative contracts coming your way, or wi one of your crayrivals find a way to surpass you?

2-4 PLAYERS | AGES 14+ | 60+ MINUTES

COMPONENTS

6 Double-Sided Neighborhood Boards

1 Score Board

2 Market Strips (8 pieces)

78 Building Plan Tiles

98 Meeples (16 clear, 16 navy gray, 13 blue, 11 purple, 11 ye ow, 8 brown,

8 green, 8 magenta, 7 black)

285 Cubes (80 clear, 60 blue, 60 brown,

60 navy gray, 25 orange)

4 Player Tokens

4 Ro ing Boxes

72 Ownership Markers

(18 in each of 4 player colors)

1 Start Player Token

12 Ad Tiles & 13 Target Tiles

30 Wild Tokens

OVERVIEW

In Ro ing Heights, you wi be "ro ing" meeples that represent your workforce. Meeples that land upright are energized workers who transport building materials to your various construction sites and carry out special actions, while meeples that lie on the ground are exhausted workers who need to rest. You can try to push your workers, but push too hard and your employees wi revolt and go on strike!

Materials come in the form of plastic cubes that you stack to construct three-dimensional structures on the board.

Completed buildings bring you prestige and additional workers to help you construct even ta er buildings, including skyscrapers. ese landmarks wi define the cityscape for decades—even centuries—to come.

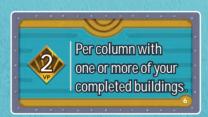
What great heights wi *you* reach? Let's get ro ing...



SET UP

- 1. The 6 Neighborhood boards each have an A side and a B side.

 Depending on the number of players, flip the boards to the following sides:
 - 2 players: Use a 6 A sides.
 - 3 players: Use 4 randomly selected A sides and 2 randomly selected B sides.
 - 4 players: Use 3 randomly selected A sides and 3 randomly selected B sides.
- 2. Arrange the 6 Neighborhood boards randomly in a 2x3 grid as shown to form the map. (The icons on the boards do not all have to face the same direction.)
- 3. Place the Score Board next to the map as shown.
- 4. Place the 2 Market Strips alongside the map as shown.
- 5. Sort the Building Plan tiles into 2 groups based on the backs of the tiles and shuffle them face-down. Stack the LEVEL1 tiles face-down by the draw area on Market Strip Level 1 and lay out 9 tiles face-up along the indicated spaces on the strip. Do the same with the LEVEL2 tiles and Market Strip Level 2.
- 6. Sort the cubes into piles by color. (You may leave the misce aneous cubes to the side—they won't be needed until near the end of the game.) We recommend making a pile of each color cube on either side of the table, so they are easier for all players to reach. Depending on the number of players, remove the following number of cubes (except misc.) and return them to the box:
 - 2 players: Remove 25 cubes of each color.
 - 3 players: Remove 13 cubes of each color.
 - 4 players: Use a the cubes.
- 7. Sort the meeples by color and place them near the boards to form the supply.
- 8. Place the Wild Tokens Rear the boards.
- 9. Shuffle the rectangular Ad tiles face-down and select 3 randomly. Place these tiles face-up on the indicated spaces on the score board. At the end of the game, each player will score for all 3 objectives. For your first game, we recommend using the following:

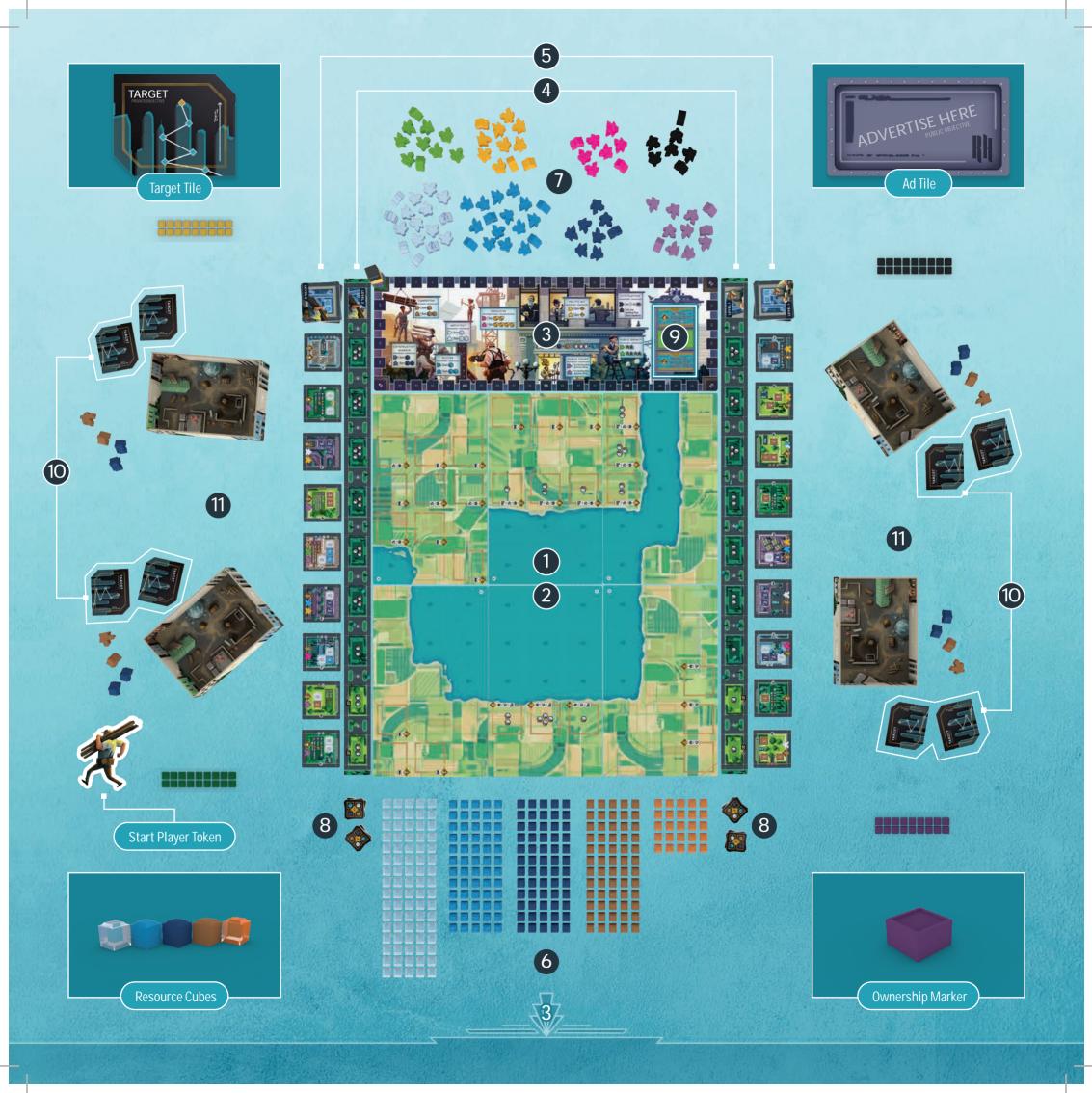






- 10. Shuffle the Target tiles face-down and deal 2 to each player. Players should look at their Target tiles but keep them hidden from other players. At the end of the game, each player will choose 1 of the 2 Target tiles to score.
- 11. Finally, each player chooses a player color and takes the player token and 18 ownership markers of that color. Place the player tokens on space "0" on the score track on the score board. Each player should also take a rolling box, 2 Carpenter meeples and 2 Construction Worker meeples, which they can place in their box for now.





e building type matches the bonus indicated on the map space, so this player would score.



STARTING PLACEMENT AND BUILDING PLANS

Randomly determine a start player, who takes the start player token. en, beginning with the last player and going counter-clockwise, players wi select their starting **Building Plan** and starting location on the map.

A player may choose any of the face-up Building Plan tiles along Market Strip Level 1 and place it on any land (not water ()) space on the board that does NOT show a (i) icon (which indicates cubes must be spent to build there).

If the space awards Victory Points for a specific type or types of buildings and the player places a matching building type there, that player immediately scores those points and moves their player token along the score track.

A er placing the tile, the player should place one of the ownership markers of their color on the tile.

e players fo owing in counter-clockwise order do the same but may NOT place their starting tile within 2 orthogonal (not diagonal) spaces of another player's tile.



Continue until a players have placed a starting tile on the map. Slide down (in the direction of the printed arrows) the remaining tiles along Market Strip Level 1 to fi in the blank spaces. en refi the remaining blank spaces with LEVEL1 tiles from the draw area.

Now a players are ready to begin, and the starting player should take their first turn.

GAME TURN

A player's turn consists of the fo owing 4 phases:

- 1. PREP: Roll your meeples.
- 2. RISK: Choose to push your luck or pass.
- 3. MAIN: Resolve your roll. Construct buildings. Buy 1 new Building Plan.
- 4. CLEANUP: Lose any unspent cubes. Refill market.

Once a player has completed their turn, play moves to the next player in clockwise order.



NOTE: To speed up the game, we strongly suggest that players should actually complete the *Prep* and *Risk* phases of their turns in advance, while their opponents are taking their turns, so that players can simply begin with the *Main* phase when their turn comes around. Generally, players can just begin their next turn's *Prep* and *Risk* phases right are finishing their current turn. Is, of course, is not a requirement, and players may choose to wait until their turn or cially starts to complete these phases if they feel it would be strategically beneficial.



PHASE 1: PREP

If you have 10 or fewer meeples, you wi ro a of them. (At the start of the game, you have 4 meeples. (At the start of the game, you have 4 meeples.)

If you have more than 10 meeples, choose 10 of them to ro this turn and place the rest to the side of your play area. ey wi not be used this turn, but you may choose from them to use on future turns. e meeples you choose to ro are your "active" meeples.

Ro a of your active meeples in your ro ing box. Meeples will land in one of 3 positions:





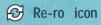
Cocked or Stacked Meeples

Sometimes meeples wi end up stacked on top of one another a er a ro . is is fine—just count them as whatever position they are in.

Sometimes meeples wi land such that they are leaning against a side of the box or another meeple and are not clearly in one of the 3 positions. In these cases, take only those meeples in question and re-ro them until they land in a clear position.

Sometimes meeples wi land outside your ro ing box. ese meeples should be re-ro ed until they land in a clear position inside your ro ing box.





MOTE: Take care when re-ro ing 69 meeples that you do not alter the positions of meeples in the box that were already ro ed; it may be best to temporarily remove a other meeples from your box, preserving their positions, or temporarily use another player's ro ing box that is not currently being used.

How to Resolve a Strike

Hard meeple and 2 Working Steady meeples, you would have to return 1 of the meeples to your box as Exhausted. You then gain 1 Wild Token from the supply. Fina y, proceed to your Main phase.







PHASE 2: RISK

Choose whether to stop and move on to your *Main* phase or push your luck and a empt to ray your workers.

If you choose to ray, take a of your **EXHAUSTED** meeples from your box and ro them again.

If a the meeples landed Exhausted, you have "busted" and your workers become angry and go on strike (see below).

If at least one meeple landed WORKING HARD or WORKING STEADY, take out from the box a the Working Hard and Working Steady meeples as normal and add them to the others in front of you on the table. If there are any Exhausted meeples remaining, you then choose again whether to stop and move on to your Main phase or continue pushing your luck and a empt to ray your workers again.

STRIKE!: When you bust, you must select half (rounded down) of your current Working Hard and Working Steady meeples and put them back in your box as Exhausted meeples. You then gain 1 Wild Token from the supply. Fina y, proceed to your *Main* phase.

PHASE 3: MAIN

During this phase, you may, in any order you choose:

Activate your meeples

Buy and place 1 new Building Plan

Use Wild Tokens 🎇

Make Commodity Trades

Construct buildings

Complete buildings



Activating Meeples:

You may activate any of your WORKING HARD and WORKING STEADY meeples for their respective abilities. You may do so in any order you wish throughout your turn—before, a er, and in between other actions.

As each meeple is activated, place it flat on its back to the side of your play area. at meeple cannot be activated again during this turn.

You may activate a Working Hard meeple for its lesser Working Steady ability instead, if you wish.

Most meeples provide you with cubes. When you gain a cube, simply take it from a supply pile and keep it near you. At any point during your turn, you may use the cubes you've acquired to add to your existing Building Plan tiles, buy a new Building Plan, or make Commodity Trades. You may only buy 1 new Building Plan each turn, but you may add cubes to any number of your existing Building Plans and complete any number of buildings.





e Meeples



PUBLIC SERVANT GREEN



A WORKING STEADY green meeple lets you upgrade any 1 of your EXHAUSTED meeples into a Working Steady meeple or upgrade any 1 Working Steady meeple into a WORKING HARD meeple. A Working Hard green $\stackrel{\frown}{\Omega}$ meeple lets you upgrade $\stackrel{\frown}{\Omega}$ 2 of your meeples or upgrade $\stackrel{\frown}{\Omega}$ 1 Exhausted meeple directly to a Working Hard meeple.

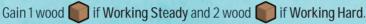
You may **NOT** use this ability to reactivate a meeple whose ability has already been activated that turn. (A meeple can never be activated more than once in the same turn.)

You may NOT use this ability to take non-active meeples set aside at the start of the turn and make them active.

You may NOT use this meeple's ability to upgrade another Public Servant meeples or itself.



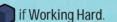
CARPENTER BROWN





CONSTRUCTION WORKER NAVY GRAY

Gain 1 concrete if Working Steady and 2 concrete if Working Hard.





ARCHITECT CLEAR

Gain 1 glass if Working Steady and 2 glass if Working Hard.





RIVETER **BLUE**

Gain 1 steel if Working Steady and 2 steel if Working Hard.





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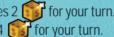
Gain on the score track if Working Steady and if Working Hard.





EXECUTIVE MAGENTA

A Working Steady magenta ameeple provides 2 for your turn. A Working Hard magenta meeple provides 4 for your turn.





PUBLIC FIGURE PURPLE

e abilities of the purple ameeples depend on your completed buildings. Many Building Plan tiles show a purple ability. If that building is complete, you may use 1 of your purple meeples to use that ability. You may not use that ability multiple times in the same turn; each of your purple meeples must use a dierent building's ability. See page 11 for clarifications of the individual building abilities.



CITY PLANNER

e black meeple's abilities are quite distinct...

Working Steady – Take a the Exhausted meeples in your box and re-ro them once. Resolve this like a normal ro —however, you cannot bust on this ro

Working Hard – Take any Building Plan tile in either market, ignoring the market's cost, and place the tile on any available space, ignoring distance costs. However, you must pay the additional cost, if any. is may be done in addition to your 1 Building Plan you may purchase and place per turn. See page 8.

NOTE: e supply of cubes of a given color wi eventua y run out. is wi trigger the addition of the misce aneous cubes to the general supply and MAY trigger the end of the game. See page 10 for more detail.



Spending Power: Magenta meeples and some purple meeples provide virtual Spending Power , which can only be used that turn and can be spent on anything a physical cube can be spent on, EXCEPT for constructing buildings.

Do NOT take cubes from the supply—simply keep track of how much Spending Power 5 you have available to use on your turn. Remember, any Spending Power not used is lost at the end of your turn!



Any Cube: is icon means you can spend any combination of physical cubes (wood , concrete glass , steel , or misce aneous) and Spending Power to cover the cost. Spent physical cubes are returned to the supply.



e Toy Center Co. building plan and Mayor's House building plan both cost 2 to purchase.



the building plan in one of these spaces, add 1 Wild Token to each plan at the end of your turn.



End of Turn icon



Buying and Placing New Building Plans:

ONCE on your turn, at any time during the *Main* phase, you may buy and immediately place a new Building Plan.

A 18 face-up Building Plan tiles in Market Strip Level 1 and Market Strip Level 2 are available for purchase.

You must be able to pay the Market cost of the **Building Plan** and any additional placement costs, depending on where you place the tile on the board. If you cannot pay the fu costs at that moment, then you cannot buy that tile. You may not buy a tile and save it for future placement.

Market Cost: e Market cost of the Building Plan is the number of cubes printed on the space on the Market Strip next to where the tile currently lies. Pay this cost with any mixture of physical cubes (returning them to the supply) and virtual Spending Power vous you have for this turn.

If you purchased a Building Plan tile but it was NOT one of the 2 Building Plans farthest from the Draw Pile in its Market, place a Wild Token from the supply on each of those 2 tiles (at the end of your turn).

Next, place the Building Plan tile on an empty land (not water) space on the board. Immediately score any Victory Points printed on the space if matches the indicated building type.

Placement Cost(s): If the selected space on the board has a icon, then it is prime real estate and you must pay the cost indicated. Additiona y, if the space is not orthogona y adjacent to a Building Plan tile you already own, you must add 1 cube to the cost for each space between the selected space and your closest Building Plan tile (measured orthogona y , not diagona y).

Fina y, place of one your ownership markers on the **Building Plan** tile to indicate it is yours.



NOTE: Ownership markers are unlimited. If you run out, use some other marker to keep track.



Wild Tokens:

Wild Tokens are acquired from busting or from buying a Building Plan tile with 1 or more tokens on it. During your turn, you may discard a Wild Token back to the supply to gain 1 cube of any color. You may do this any number of times during your turn.

At the end of the game, any unused **Wild Tokens** you sti have are flipped and are worth ach.

Commodity Trades:

You may make any number of Commodity Trades that you wish during your turn. ere are 2 types of trades, as indicated on the score board:



Pay 2 to gain 1 wood or concrete or glass cube.
Pay 3 to gain 1 steel cube.



Constructing Buildings:

Each Building Plan requires a specific set of cubes to be placed and/or stacked on the tile to complete the building.

e necessary cube colors and stack heights are indicated by large icons in the center of the tile and repeated by sma stack icons printed on the le side of the tile (since cubes wi be placed on top of the larger icons).

At any time during the *Main* phase of your turn, you may add any number of cubes you've gained to your Building Plan tiles, placing them on the appropriate stacks.

Cubes placed on **Building Plan** tiles can never be removed or moved to another tile! Spending Power **CANNOT** be used to add cubes to **Building Plan** tiles!

Completing Buildings:

Once your **Building Plan** tile has the indicated number of cubes on it, the building is complete, and no more cubes may be added to the tile.

You immediately score the Victory Points Iisted on the tile, advancing your player token on the score track.

Some buildings score variable ese buildings are described on page 11.

You also gain any meeple(s) depicted on the tile from the supply. If a single depicted meeple has 2 di erent colors, you choose 1 meeple of either of those 2 colors to gain. Meeples gained this way are non-active and are set to the side of your player area. ey may be used on your future turns.



Fina y, take your ownership marker from the tile and place it on top of one of the cube stacks to indicate that the building is complete.



PHASE 4: CLEANUP

Return a your unused cubes to the supply.

Any remaining Spending Power is lost.

Gather a your active and non-active meeples for your next turn.

Slide down (in the direction of the printed arrows) the **Building Plan** tiles along the **Market Strip** to finany blank spaces, and refinithe top of the strip by drawing tiles from the draw area for that market. In the rare case that a draw area has run out of tiles, refinithe draw area of the other market instead.

Your turn is over and the next player in clockwise order begins their turn. We recommend you now immediately do the *Prep* and *Risk* phases of your next turn in advance, as this wi significantly speed up the pace of the game.









Stacks: ese icons are a reminder for how many cubes (wood , concrete , glass , and steel) are needed per stack to complete the building. For example, 3

indicates that 3 steel are needed.

you must place 2 single wood cubes

1 1 and 1 stack of 4 wood cubes



Example: To complete City Ha, you must place 1 single glass cube

1, 2 stacks of 2 glass cubes
2 2

1 stack of 3 steel cubes 3, and 1 stack of 6 steel cubes 6.



MISCELLANEOUS CUBES

When the supply of cubes of 1 or more colors runs out, immediately add to the supply a the misce aneous cubes that were set aside at the beginning of the game. ese can be used as substitutes for cubes of any color that has run out and can now be gained by any player.

ese cubes represent only the color of the cube the player otherwise would have gained. ese cubes do NOT function as a wild color or Wild Token ...

Misce aneous cubes can be used to construct buildings, but only if a cubes of that color have already been added to buildings. You must construct with actual cubes of the indicated color first.

If you spend cubes in commodity trades or buying new building plan tiles, you must spend the misce aneous cubes first.

Misce aneous cubes are not finite. If you run out, substitute another marker to keep track.

It is possible that you wi return cubes to the supply during your turn and then they would be available to gain, so carefu y consider the order in which you choose to gain and pay cubes, as it may a ect the timing of when the misce aneous cubes come into the game and, possibly, the trigger of game end.



GAME END

When a cubes of 1 or more colors have been constructed in buildings on the board, game end is triggered. (is wi o en, but not always, occur on the same turn the misce aneous cubes are added to the game.)

Finish the current round until the last player in turn order (the player to the right of the start player) has completed their turn. en complete 1 more round of turns. A players should have an equal number of turns.

SCORING

First, score the 3 Ad tiles on the score board. Each player scores for a 3 of these, advancing their player token on the score track accordingly.

Next, each player should choose 1 of their 2 Target tiles to score, revealing it to the other players and discarding the other tile.

(Clarifications for Target and Ad tiles are on page 12.)

Fina y, players score for each unused Wild Token they sti have.

If a player passes (5), they should place an ownership marker on the 0/50 space as a reminder to add (5) to their score at the end of the game.

e player with the most wins! In the case of a tie, the tied player with the most meeples wins. If there is sti a tie, the tied players share the victory.

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BUILDING CLARIFICATIONS

For Public Figure scoring abilities, calculate according to the current state of the board.



MAYOR'S HOUSE: Gain 1 or 2 Wild Tokens You may discard the Wild Tokens immediately for cubes.



HAUNTED HOUSE:

e meeple you sacrifice can be of any color. It can be an active or non-active meeple, and it can be a meeple whose ability you already activated that turn, including the Public Figure meeple itself that you used to activate the Haunted House ability.



FAIRGROUNDS:

When counting your within 3 spaces, count orthogonal (not diagonal) spaces.



PRITZKER ZOO:

When converting, take 1 of your Construction Worker ★ meeples from anywhere in your play area (active or non-active, activated or not yet activated), return it to the supply, and take 1 Executive ★ meeple from the supply. is new meeple should be placed in exactly the same state (active or non-active, activated or not yet activated) and position (Working Hard, Working Steady, or Exhausted) as the Construction Worker ★ meeple you converted.

Variable VP: Some building plan tiles have variable indicated by the icon. e building plan wi explain how to calculate the scored immediately when the tile is completed.



TUMBLE PARK:

For Public Figure meeple scoring, incomplete mand other players' mon't count.



BIGGIE'S BALLPARK:

When converting, take 1 of your Carpenter meeples from anywhere in your play area (active or non-active, activated or not yet activated), return it to the supply, and take 1 Executive meeple from the supply. is new meeple should be placed in exactly the same state (active or non-active, activated or not yet activated) and position (Working Hard, Working Steady, or Exhausted) as the Carpenter meeple you converted.



BOTANICAL GARDENS:

For Public Figure meeple abilities, score or or for each of your Working Hard Architect meeples. Do not count Architect meeples that are Working Steady or Exhausted.



GAMBREL MUSEUM:

score for each empty orthogonal (not diagonal) space next to this building. us, is the most that can be scored from this building in a turn.

Water spaces count as empty spaces. Edges of the map do not count as empty spaces.





AD CLARIFICATIONS

means orthogona y (not diagona y) adjacent.

- 1 Each $\widehat{\Box}$, $\widehat{\diamondsuit}$, and $\widehat{\Box}$ that is $\widehat{\bigoplus}$ to your $\widehat{\Box}$ causes you to lose $\widehat{\bigodot}$. Each $\widehat{\Box}$ is scored individua y, so if you have 2 $\widehat{\Box}$ that are $\widehat{\bigoplus}$ to the same $\widehat{\Box}$, you would lose $\widehat{\bigcirc}$.
- 2 Each of your completed buildings scores for each building that is any of the 3 indicated types (A, M, M).
- 3 Each of your completed $\widehat{\mathbf{m}}$ buildings scores for each \bigoplus building that is any of the 2 indicated types $(\clubsuit, \widehat{\mathbf{m}})$, plus each \bigcirc space.
- 4 A contiguous group of is orthogonally adjacent to each other.
- 7 When re-scoring, add up the from a your \Re , divide in half, and round down.



- 9 Count a of your owned building plan tiles, not just completed buildings. If there is a tie for the neighborhood with the most , a tied neighborhoods wi lose for players.
- 10 If there is a tie for the neighborhood with the most \$\ift\text{c}\$, players can re-score 1 of their buildings in each of the tied neighborhoods.
- 11 If players are tied in a neighborhood for the most completed buildings, they a receive ...
- 12 If players are tied in a neighborhood for the ta est completed building, they a receive 4.

TARGET CLARIFICATIONS



means orthogona y (not diagona y) adjacent.

Targets that score for meeples count A of your meeples (active and non-active, activated and not activated).

- 3 Each of your completed buildings scores for each building that is any of the 3 indicated types (, , , ,).
- 7 If your completed building is to more than 1 completed building of any opponent, it sti only scores 2.
- 8 If your opponent's completed building is \bigoplus to more than 1 of your completed buildings, it sti only scores \bigoplus .
- 10 If a completed building is \bigoplus to more than 1 water \bigotimes space, it sti only scores \bigoplus .
- 13 Each unused Wild Token 3 also scores 4 at game end as normal.



ICON REFERENCE



Stack Type

CONCRETE

WOOD

STEEL

3 GLASS