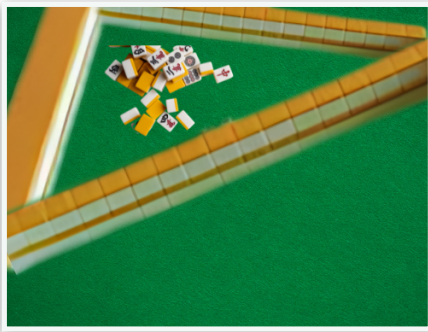


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LESSON 5:

Three Player Mahjong

Although traditionally the game is the most suited for 4 players, it is possible to enjoy the game with 3 players.



The Set Up:

1. Always think of an empty chair as the 4th player. If 4 jokers are used, each player builds a wall of 18 pairs of tiles. The empty seat has no wall. Leave all the remaining tiles inside the triangular wall.
2. For a 'No Joker' game, the player opposite the empty seat makes a wall of 18 pairs of tiles and the other two players make their walls with 17 pairs.
3. Throw the dice, break the wall as per normal. The player who is East starts by collecting 4 tiles (no dealing) then the next player anti-clockwise, until everyone has 12 tiles each and there are four tiles left on the table. East takes two more tiles and the others take one each.
4. To exchange, as with 4 players, start with East exchanging with opposite then right then left. So, if East has an empty seat as the opposite seat – then she will go with the wall first by taking any tile(s) from the wall that is NOT her wall or the BROKEN wall and replaces them with her tile(s). East will go to her right (South) and North will go with the wall. Then East will go to her left (North) and South will go with the wall.
5. Exchanging Tiles and Play: - follow the same rules as with 4 players.

