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# Atelier Ryza: Ever Darkness & The Secret Hideout

Nintendo Switch User Manual

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the world of Atelier Ryza: Ever Darkness & The Secret Hideout. This manual provides essential information to help you get started and enjoy your adventure on the Nintendo Switch platform. The game follows the exploits of teenage tomboy Ryza, who dreams of escaping her mundane village lifestyle, alongside her band of mischievous friends. One day, as they explore a forbidden island in search of adventure, they meet an elderly magician who will change their lives forever. After some convincing, the old man begins teaching Ryza the enchanting ways of alchemy; launching her on an adventure that will ultimately lead her on a quest to save her hometown from the mysterious and deadly darkness lurking beneath the surface.

In order to showcase the vibrant environments surrounding Ryza, GUST Studios instituted more realistic shadows; giving birth to a world that feels more expansive and filled with life.

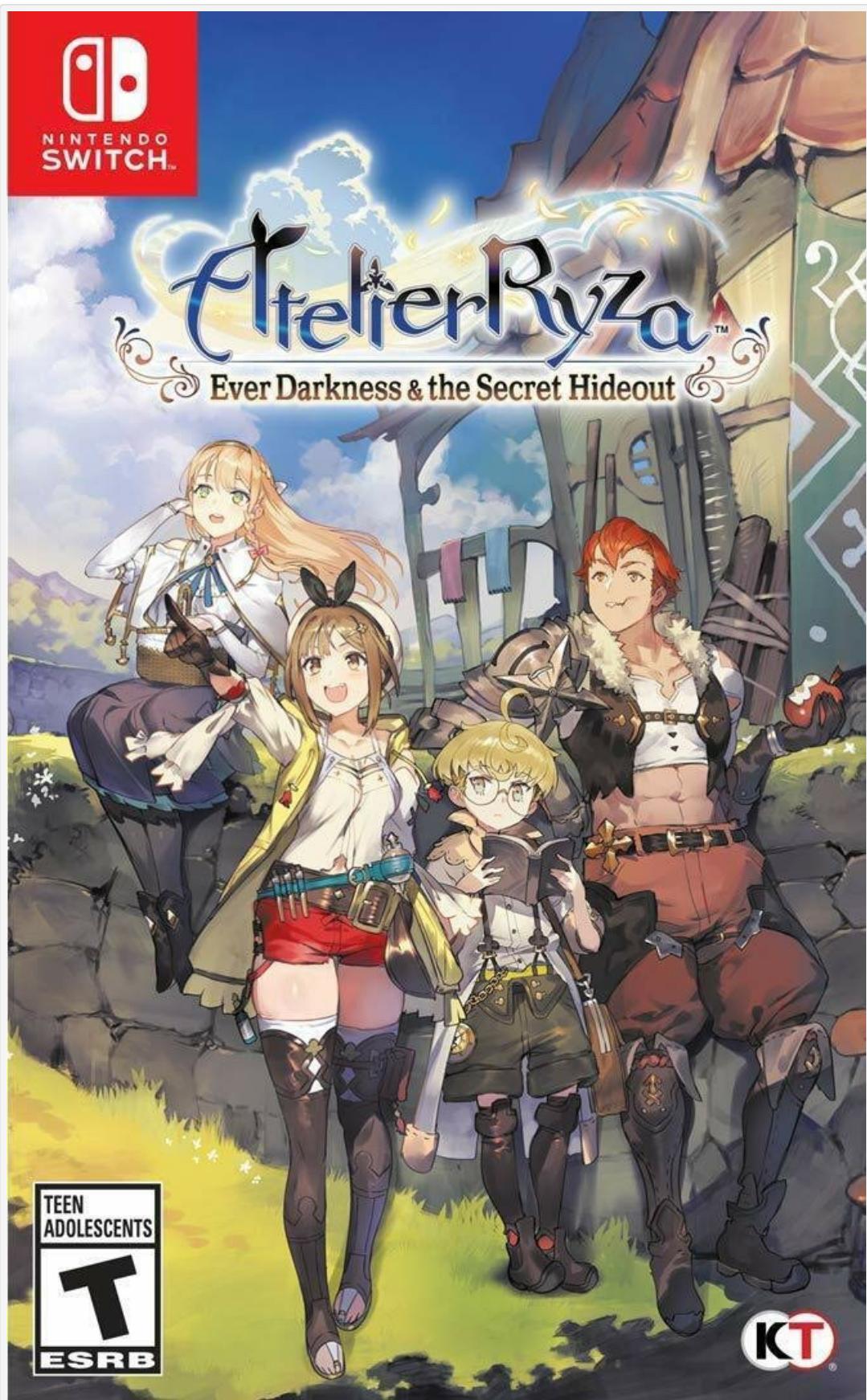


Figure 1.1: The official game cover for Atelier Ryza: Ever Darkness & The Secret Hideout on Nintendo Switch.

## 2. SETUP

### 2.1. Installing the Game

For the physical Nintendo Switch game cartridge:

1. Ensure your Nintendo Switch console is powered off or in sleep mode.
2. Open the game card slot cover on your Nintendo Switch.
3. Insert the Atelier Ryza game card into the slot with the label facing the same direction as the console's screen until it clicks into place.
4. Close the game card slot cover.
5. Power on your Nintendo Switch. The game icon will appear on the HOME Menu.

For digital download versions, purchase and download the game directly from the Nintendo eShop. Ensure you have sufficient storage space on your console or microSD card.

## 2.2. Initial Launch

Upon launching the game for the first time, you may be prompted to:

- Select your preferred language.
- Accept the End User License Agreement (EULA).
- Adjust display and audio settings.

It is recommended to ensure your Nintendo Switch system software is up to date for optimal performance and compatibility.

## 3. OPERATING THE GAME (GAMEPLAY)

### 3.1. Basic Controls

Atelier Ryza utilizes standard Nintendo Switch controls. Familiarize yourself with the Joy-Con or Pro Controller layout for movement, interaction, and menu navigation.

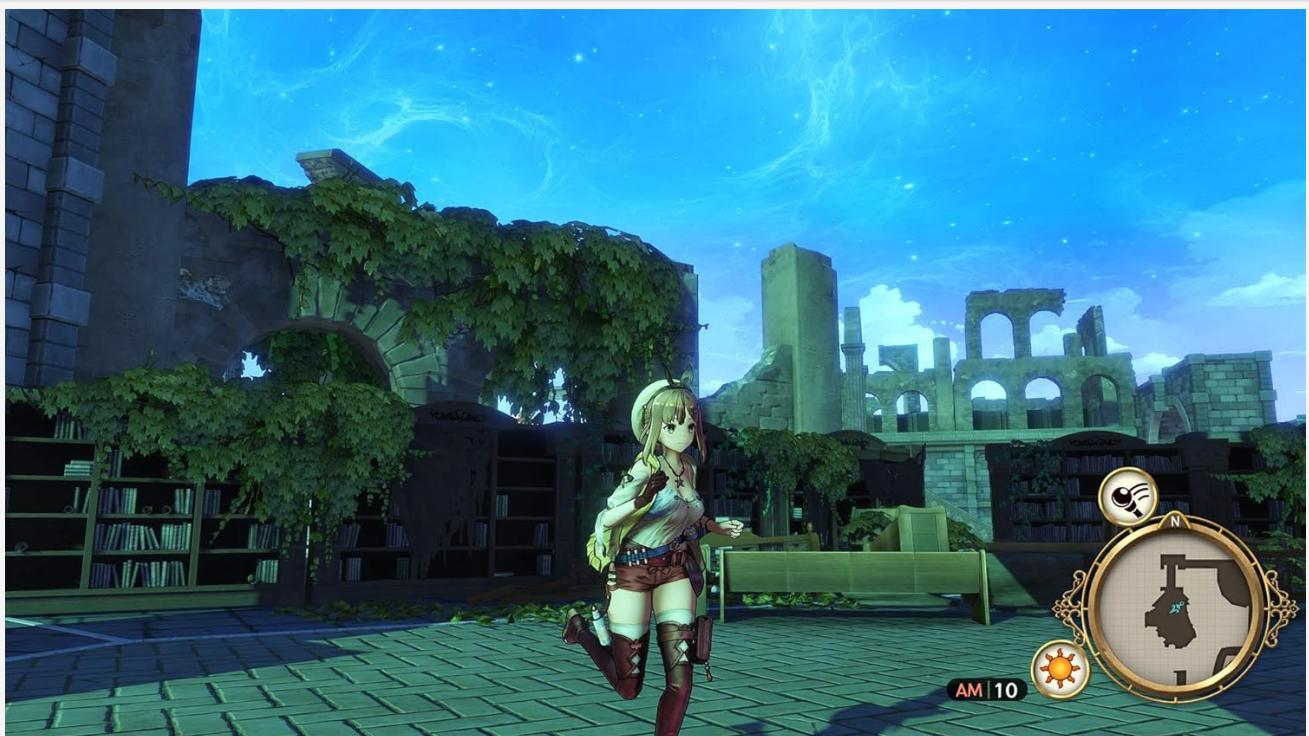
- **Left Stick:** Character Movement
- **Right Stick:** Camera Control
- **A Button:** Confirm, Interact, Attack
- **B Button:** Cancel, Back, Dash
- **X Button:** Open Main Menu
- **Y Button:** Quick Item Use
- **L/R Buttons:** Rotate Camera, Cycle Menus
- **ZL/ZR Buttons:** Special Actions, Combat Skills
- **Plus (+) Button:** Pause Menu
- **Minus (-) Button:** Map

### 3.2. Exploration and World Interaction

Explore various environments, from lush forests to ancient ruins, to gather materials and uncover secrets. Interact with non-player characters (NPCs) to progress the story and accept quests.



**Figure 3.1:** Ryza navigating a snowy landscape, showcasing the game's diverse environments.



**Figure 3.2:** An example of an ancient, ruined area that Ryza can explore.

### 3.3. Alchemy System

Alchemy is a core mechanic of Atelier Ryza. Gather various ingredients from the world and combine them to create new items, weapons, and armor. The synthesis system allows for deep customization and optimization of created items.



Figure 3.3: The alchemy synthesis menu, where players combine ingredients to create new items.



Figure 3.4: The alchemy system indicating 'Level Up!' as new nodes are unlocked during synthesis.

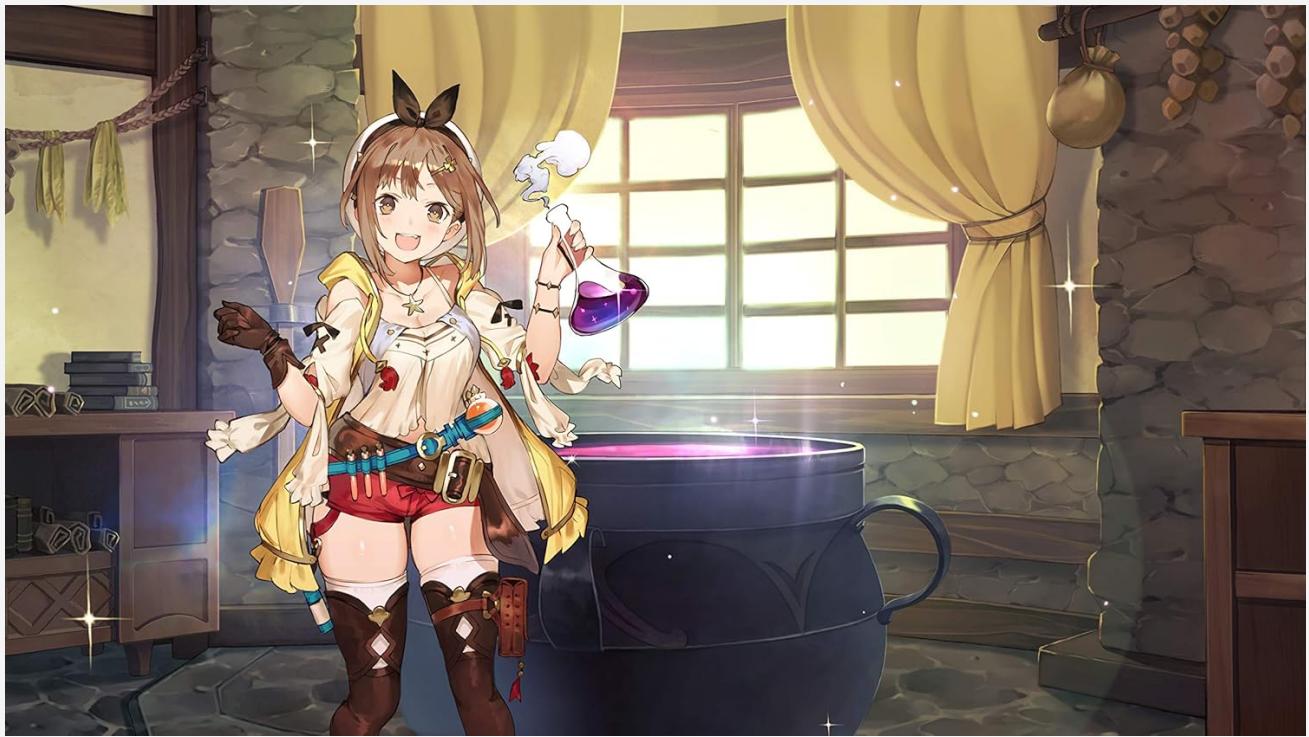


Figure 3.5: Ryza engaged in the process of alchemy, creating new concoctions.

### 3.4. Combat System

Engage in dynamic, turn-based combat against various monsters. Utilize character skills, items, and tactical commands to overcome challenges. Pay attention to action orders and core charge for strategic advantage.



Figure 3.6: A combat scene showing characters executing skills against an enemy.



Figure 3.7: Another combat screenshot displaying multiple characters and damage indicators during battle.

### 3.5. Story and Characters

Follow Ryza and her friends as they embark on a journey of self-discovery and adventure. The narrative unfolds through in-game cutscenes and dialogues.



Figure 3.8: An in-game dialogue scene between two characters, advancing the story.



Figure 3.9: A scene depicting three characters in a mysterious, dimly lit setting.

## 4. MAINTENANCE

### 4.1. Saving Game Progress

Game progress is saved manually at designated save points or through the main menu. It is recommended to save frequently to avoid loss of progress.

### 4.2. Software Updates

Periodically check for game software updates via your Nintendo Switch HOME Menu. Updates often include bug fixes, performance improvements, and new content. Ensure your console is connected to the internet to download updates.

### 4.3. Cleaning Game Cartridge (Physical Version)

If you have the physical game cartridge, keep it clean and free from dust. Use a soft, dry cloth to gently wipe the gold connectors if necessary. Avoid touching the connectors directly with your fingers.

## 5. TROUBLESHOOTING

### 5.1. Game Not Starting or Freezing

- **Check Game Card:** Ensure the game card is properly inserted into the slot. Remove and reinsert if necessary.
- **Restart Console:** Power off your Nintendo Switch completely and restart it.
- **Check for Updates:** Ensure both the game and your Nintendo Switch system software are fully updated.
- **Corrupted Data:** If issues persist, check for corrupted data via the Nintendo Switch Data Management settings.

## 5.2. Save Data Issues

If you experience problems with saving or loading game data:

- Ensure there is sufficient free space on your console's internal storage or microSD card.
- Do not power off the console or remove the game card during a save operation.
- Consider backing up your save data to the Nintendo Switch Online cloud service (if subscribed).

## 5.3. Other Issues

For any other technical issues not covered here, please refer to the official KT support website or Nintendo Switch support resources.

## 6. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Platform	Nintendo Switch
Model Number	0315
Release Date	September 26, 2019
ESRB Rating	Teen
Language	English
Product Dimensions	0.5 x 4.1 x 6.7 inches
Item Weight	1.76 ounces

## 7. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For information regarding product warranty, please refer to the documentation included with your game purchase or visit the official KT (Koei Tecmo) website for detailed warranty policies applicable to your region.

For technical support, gameplay assistance, or inquiries not covered in this manual, please visit the official support channels provided by KT or Nintendo. These resources often include FAQs, troubleshooting guides, and contact information for customer service.