HABA 306483

HABA Moonlight Castle Board Game Instruction Manual

1. Product Overview

The HABA Moonlight Castle is a 3D board game designed for children aged 5-10 years. In this game, players work to recover stolen jewels from the evil magician Zirroz. The game features a unique mechanism where jewels appear to float out of the castle, adding an engaging element to the gameplay. Players strategically collect colorful pebbles and swap them for the stolen gems, aiming to collect the most jewels to win.



Image: The complete HABA Moonlight Castle game board, showing the 3D castle, character meeples, path tiles, and various colored gems scattered around the board.

2. Components

Before starting the game, ensure all components listed below are present:

- 1 x 3D castle (cardboard assembly required)
- 1 x Game board
- 1 x Cloth bag
- 60 x Cardboard tiles (gems)
- 1 x Slider (clear plastic piece)
- 4 x Fountain tiles
- 28 x Path tiles
- 5 x Game pieces (character meeples)
- 4 x Screens (for hiding tokens)
- 1 x Starting player marker
- 1 x Set of instructions



Image: A detailed view of all game components, including the unassembled castle, game board, cloth bag, various tiles, and character pieces.

3. Setup Instructions

Follow these steps to set up your HABA Moonlight Castle game:

1. **Assemble the 3D Castle:** Carefully punch out the cardboard pieces for the castle. Follow the visual instructions provided in the game manual or the setup video to interlock the pieces and form the castle structure. Ensure the castle is stable.
2. **Place the Game Board:** Unfold the game board and place it on a flat surface.
3. **Position the Castle:** Place the assembled 3D castle onto the designated area on the game board.

Ensure it fits securely into the slots.

4. **Prepare the Gem Tiles:** Shuffle all 60 cardboard gem tiles and stack them face down in the central slot within the castle.
5. **Insert the Slider:** Carefully slide the clear plastic slider into the designated slot at the base of the castle. This mechanism will be used to push out gem tiles during gameplay.
6. **Arrange Path Tiles:** Place the 28 path tiles along the designated paths on the game board.
7. **Place Fountain Tiles:** Position the 4 fountain tiles on their respective spots on the board.
8. **Choose Character Meeples:** Each player selects a game piece (character meeple) and places it on the starting space.
9. **Distribute Screens:** Each player receives a screen to hide their collected pebbles and gems.
10. **Determine Starting Player:** Use the starting player marker or a method of your choice to decide who goes first.



Image: A close-up of the 3D castle structure on the game board, highlighting the intricate details and the path leading to it.

Setup and Gameplay Video Guide

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Video: An official HABA video demonstrating the setup process and initial gameplay of the Moonlight Castle board game. This video provides a visual guide to assembling the castle and understanding the game's mechanics.

4. Gameplay Instructions

The objective of Moonlight Castle is to collect the most jewels by cleverly swapping colorful pebbles. The game combines strategic planning with an element of luck.

Game Flow:

1. **Player Turn:** On your turn, you move your character meeple along the path. The number of spaces you can move is determined by the game rules (refer to the full instruction manual for specific movement rules).
2. **Collecting Pebbles:** As you move, you will encounter spaces where you can collect colorful pebbles. These pebbles are essential for swapping with stolen gems. Keep your collected pebbles hidden behind your screen.
3. **Activating the Castle Mechanism:** When your character reaches a specific space near the castle, you can activate the slider mechanism. Push the slider to reveal a new gem tile from the stack within the castle. This gem will "float" out onto the game board.
4. **Swapping Gems:** To recover a stolen gem, you must have the correct combination of colorful pebbles. The game rules specify which pebbles are needed for each gem color. If you have the required pebbles, you can swap them for the newly revealed gem.
5. **Winning the Game:** The game ends when all gem tiles have been recovered or a specific condition is met (check the full manual). The player who has collected the most jewels wins.



Image: A character meeple, a fox, positioned on a game path, with glowing red, yellow, and green gem tiles visible in the foreground, illustrating the game's objective.

The game includes variants for both beginners and experienced players, allowing for adjustable difficulty and replayability.

5. Maintenance

To ensure the longevity of your HABA Moonlight Castle board game, follow these maintenance guidelines:

- **Storage:** Store all game components in their original box in a dry, cool place away from direct sunlight.
- **Cleaning:** Wipe game pieces and the board with a dry, soft cloth if they become dusty. Avoid using liquids or abrasive cleaners, as these can damage the cardboard and printed surfaces.
- **Handling:** Handle cardboard components, especially the 3D castle, with care to prevent bending or tearing. While the castle is designed to fit back into the box without disassembly, frequent assembly/disassembly may cause wear over time.
- **Component Check:** Periodically check for any damaged or missing components. Contact HABA customer service if replacements are needed.

6. Troubleshooting

If you encounter any issues while setting up or playing HABA Moonlight Castle, consider the following:

- **Castle Assembly Difficulty:** The 3D castle assembly can be intricate the first time. Refer to the detailed visual instructions in the manual or the official setup video for step-by-step guidance. Ensure all tabs are securely inserted into their corresponding slots.
- **Slider Mechanism Not Working:** If the clear plastic slider does not move smoothly or fails to push out gem tiles, ensure it is correctly inserted into its track at the base of the castle. Check that no cardboard pieces are obstructing its path.
- **Understanding Rules:** If the rules seem unclear, re-read the specific sections or watch the official gameplay video. Sometimes, a visual demonstration can clarify complex interactions. For specific rule interpretations not covered, consider consulting online board game communities or the HABA support website.
- **Missing Components:** In the rare event of missing components, please contact HABA customer service with your product model number (306483) and details of the missing part.

7. Specifications

Product Name	Moonlight Castle
Brand	HABA
Model Number	306483
Recommended Age	5 - 10 years
Number of Players	2 - 4 players
Playing Time	Approximately 30 minutes
Product Dimensions	10.6 x 2.2 x 14.6 inches

Item Weight	1.5 pounds
ASIN	B0B1VJ3D2B