

BINGO FORGE 2.0

Custom bingo card generator · by ZenzGarden · works offline forever

Thank you for buying Bingo Forge. Everything lives in one file, runs entirely in your browser, and never sends a byte anywhere. No account, no internet, no expiry.

OPEN IT

- 1 **Double-click** `BingoForge.html`. It opens in your normal browser (Chrome, Edge, Firefox or Safari). If your computer asks what to open it with, pick your browser.
- 2 **Bookmark it** or keep it somewhere you'll find it — the file *is* the program.
- 3 **Optional:** copy it to a USB stick or another computer. It works anywhere, no install.

MAKE A GAME IN 60 SECONDS

- 1 Type a **game title**, then paste your **words** — one per line. In a hurry? Click one of the 24 starter lists (baby shower, Christmas, classroom, office meeting, road trip...).
- 2 Choose the **grid size** and **how many cards** you need.
- 3 Pick a **style** — 14 themes, or switch on *Use my own colours*.
- 4 Hit the big **Download everything as one PDF** button and print it.

That one PDF contains everything: every bingo card, the cut-apart call slips, and a master call list with tick boxes. One file, ready for your printer or a print shop.

HOW MANY WORDS DO I NEED?

GRID	MINIMUM WORDS	COMFORTABLE	GOOD FOR
3 × 3	8 (with free square)	15+	Little kids, quick rounds
4 × 4	16	25+	Short games, small groups
5 × 5	24 (with free square)	40+	The classic — most parties
6 × 6	36	55+	Long games, big prizes
7 × 7	49	75+	Marathon / all-evening games

More words than the minimum means more variety between cards. Bingo Forge will tell you plainly if your list is too short — it never quietly repeats a card.

EVERY CARD REALLY IS DIFFERENT

Each card is checked against every card already made before it is kept, so no two players ever share a board. If your word list is too small to make that many genuinely different cards, you get a clear message instead of duplicates.

TWO WAYS TO RUN THE GAME



Caller mode (on screen)

Click **Caller mode** in the top bar. Press Space or **Draw next** to pull a random call. Everything already called stays lit, so nobody argues. Backspace undoes a mis-call.



Call slips (on paper)

Print the call slips page, cut along the dashed lines, drop them in a bowl and draw them the old-fashioned way. Tick each one off on the master call list as you go.

ALL YOUR OPTIONS

SETTING	WHAT IT DOES
Card type	Word / picture bingo, or classic 75-ball numbers with B-I-N-G-O column letters.
Subtitle & footer	Add a date, couple's names, or the house rules to every card.
Grid size	3×3 up to 7×7.
Free centre square	On or off, with your own wording ("FREE", "♥", the guest of honour's name...).
Card ID labels	"Card 3 of 40", a short code like A7K2 , or nothing at all.
Paper size	US Letter, A4, US Legal or A5.
Cards per page	1 full page, 2 half sheets, or 4 quarter cards — with dashed cut guides.
Seed	The number that decides the shuffle. Same seed + same words = the exact same set of cards, forever.
14 themes	Carnival, pastel, chalkboard, boho, holly, navy & gold, spooky, kid-bright, minimal, ocean, kraft, neon, garden, vintage.
Your own colours	Pick an accent, a background and an ink colour to match your party or brand.
Ink saver	White cells, outlines only — much cheaper to print in bulk.
Word list tools	Shuffle, sort A → Z, tidy up (removes blanks and duplicates), import a .txt file.
Save / load setup	Stores the whole game as a tiny file you can reopen months later.
Exports	One combined PDF, a ZIP of 300 DPI PNG pages, a single page PNG, or print directly.

PRINTING TIPS

- In the print dialog choose **Actual size / 100%**, not "Fit to page", if exact sizing matters.
- **65 lb card stock or heavier** stands up to daubers and repeated games.
- **Cards per page: 2 or 4 plus Ink saver** is the cheapest way to run a large group.
- Printing at a copy shop? Hand them the PDF — it is already the right paper size and 300 DPI.
- Laminate a set and use dry-erase markers to reuse them year after year.

EMOJI, ACCENTS AND OTHER ALPHABETS

They work everywhere on screen and in the PNG export. For PDF, Bingo Forge automatically switches to **Image PDF** when it spots characters the crisp vector mode can't draw — you don't have to do anything. You can also force it under **PDF style**.

IF SOMETHING LOOKS WRONG

WHAT YOU SEE	WHAT TO DO
"Need at least N different words..."	Add more words, shrink the grid, or turn the free centre square on.
"Only N genuinely different cards are possible..."	Add more words, or ask for fewer cards.
Words look small in the squares	One long entry sets the size for all of them, so every card stays consistent. Shorten the longest phrase, or use a larger grid on a full page.
The download didn't appear	Check your browser's Downloads folder and its download bar — some browsers save silently.
Nothing happens when you click	Make sure the file is opened <i>in a browser</i> , not in a text editor. The file must keep its .html ending.

LICENCE — PLAIN ENGLISH

- **Yes:** use the cards you make personally, at work, at your church, school or club, and in your small business — including selling the printed cards you produce.
- **No:** reselling, sharing or republishing the Bingo Forge tool file itself, or listing it as your own product.

Thank you. Bingo Forge is made by one person, and every purchase genuinely matters. If anything is missing or confusing, message me on Etsy — I read all of it and I do fix things. If it saved you an evening, a review helps more than you'd think.