

# DeckMaker Graphics Kit

The DeckMaker Graphics Kit (henceforth known as "DMGK" in this text) is a set of graphics files – almost a thousand of them! – to make it as easy as possible to design your own playing cards in DeckMaker, the graphics tool built into SoliLuxe. (The DeckMaker is only available to registered users.)

The DMGK not included in the basic SoliLuxe installation package, but is available as a free download from the SoliLuxe website:

<http://soliluxe.pethu.se>

## ***Installation***

Download the zip file and extract the contents. If you put the "deckmaker" folder in your main SoliLuxe installation folder (on the same level as "rules", "images" and the other subfolders), the DeckMaker will recognise it and open its file browser directly in this folder, saving you a lot of mouse-clicking and folder navigation. If you want to use you own graphics in conjunction with the deckmaker items, it's a good idea to place them in their own deckmaker subfolder, called "mystuff" or something similar.

## ***Contents***

The DMGK contains a number of folders, each with a special purpose.

### ***Folders Used for All Deckmaker Template Styles***

- **Backs** – Contains some collections of ready-made card backs, each in its own subfolder with 6+ colour varieties each, and also "building blocks" to help you design your own backs. All contents can be used with any DeckMaker style template; only very minor adjustments to size and proportions are applied when using them in some templates.

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- **Backs\_70sPop** – Ready-made backs harking back to 60s and 70s op art.
- **Backs\_diamond** – A solid colour/gold design.
- **Backs\_StarCarpet** – Another solid colour/gold design.
- **Patterns** – Ready-made patterns in gold, silver, white, semi-white, black and semi-black intended to be applied on top of solid colours or background textures.
- **Elements** – Separate elements used when making up the patterns in the Patterns folder. By combining them in your own ways, a large number of patterns can be constructed.
- **Colours** – Colour swatches for applying a uniform background colour to card faces and backs. Used in the "Memory" or "Blank" templates, they cover the entire face or back of the card; in the other templates, the colour will be surrounded by a white border according to the template specifics.

Note that some of the colour swatches are semi-transparent: With the "decal" checkbox ticked in DeckMaker, these can be applied repeatedly to the same card, making the colour appear gradually richer and more opaque. The same is true for other semi-transparent items in other folders. For example, apply a semi-transparent white item on top of its "gold" counterpart to obtain a brighter shade of gold.

## ***Folders for specific templates***

The rest of the folders contain items specifically for use with one or more of the DeckMaker templates. Mostly, the same contents are repeated for all template styles: The only difference is that the image sizes have been pre-scaled to the template in question so that absolutely no scaling takes place

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when applying them to ensure the highest graphics quality possible. (In other words, you are never supposed to use the "zoom in" and "zoom out" functions on DMGK contents, it's all been taken care of in advance!)

- **Template\_Blank** – Contains items for use with the "Blank" template.
- **Template\_LargeSymbols** – Contains items for use with the "Large symbols" and "Large symbols, rounded back" templates.
- **Template\_LargeSymbolsAssymetric\_Oxygen** – Contains items for use with the "Large symbols, assymetric, rounded back" and "Oxygen" templates.
- **Template\_SmallSymbols** – Contains items for use with the "Small symbols" and "Small symbols, rounded back" templates.

Each of these main folders contain several of the subfolders listed below (but not all appear for all templates):

- **Backgrounds And Frames** – Contains backgrounds for cards in various colours and patterns (full-coloured, striped, and with various cutout "Holes" that can be applied on top of previous graphics.) Also contains a semi-transparent frame for the template's picture area, which can be applied multiple times to obtain a gradually darker border.
- **Cards Large** – Contains card faces for all suits and ranks in a standard deck, intended to be applied on top of any other graphics of the card. For face cards, there are large corner suit symbols available.
- **Cards Oxygen** – Same as above, but done in the "Oxygen" style.
- **Cards Small** – Same as "Cards Large", only in a smaller size (previously used in most SoliLuxe factory decks, although they now use Large instead).

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- **Ornaments** – Extras like garlands, "maker stamps", etc. to spruce up some card faces.
- **SymbolsSemiBg** – Only appears in the "Template\_Blank" folder and contains corner symbols on a semitransparent white background. Apply multiple times for a gradually whiter background.
- **SymbolsTranspBg** – Same as above, but symbols have a completely transparent background.