

## ***DASH 12 Play-at-home Instructions***

Note that the files in this ZIP are sized for printing on letter (8.5" x 11") pages. A separate ZIP is available with pages sized for A4. See <https://playdash.org/DASH12> for downloads.

### ***Choosing a Puzzle Level***

The DASH 12 puzzles are available in **Standard** and **Expert** levels.

The Standard level is a good choice for most teams, even if you have played DASH before.

The Expert level increases the difficulty level by requiring solvers to figure out what they need to do with fewer explicit instructions. Expert-level solvers will need to infer the rules by examining the puzzle or detecting clues within each puzzle's text. In addition, some of the puzzles are harder in this version.

As a rule of thumb, choose Standard unless you have played before and found the puzzles too easy.

### ***Using ClueKeeper***

We recommend using ClueKeeper to complete your DASH 12 experience. ClueKeeper will confirm answers (including partial solutions) and provide hints, and reveals more of the story as each puzzle is solved. It also has built-in support for Zappar, an "augmented reality" system used by one of the DASH 12 puzzles.

The Player's Guide PDF in the folder with this file has information on using ClueKeeper, including instructions for downloading and playing a free sample hunt.

The play-at-home version of the DASH 12 ClueKeeper hunt is available for a small fee. See <https://playdash.org/DASH12/> for links to the Standard and Expert hunts – select the one that matches the level you wish to play.

### ***Printing & Preparing Puzzle Materials***

Important:

- Print ***without scaling***; be sure not to use a "fit" or "shrink" option. (If you use A4 paper, download that ZIP instead.)
- Do *not* print in "draft" or "eco" mode – you will lose important details (gridlines, etc).

Navigate to the Standard or Expert folder as appropriate. Print each of these four files and prepare them as indicated.

- **paper-1-side** – 25 pages. Print in color. These pages are the starting point for the stack of puzzle pages. You'll add to this stack as described in the following bullets. You can look at the top of each page to identify the puzzle number and page number.
- **paper-2-side** – 2 pages (for 1 sheet of paper). Print in color, **double-sided**, flipped on the long side (which is the usual method). This sheet is Puzzle 3 page 8. Put this page after Puzzle 3 page 7 (before Cryptic Clue Reference) in the stack of puzzle pages from paper-1-side.
- **cardstock** – 2 pages. Print in color on cardstock if possible, otherwise use regular paper (these pages are not included in other files).
  - ▶ The first sheet from cardstock is Puzzle 2 page 1. Put this page after Puzzle 1 page 2 (before Puzzle 3 page 1) in the stack of puzzle pages.
  - ▶ The second sheet from cardstock is Puzzle 4 page 1. Put this page after Cryptic Clue Reference (before Puzzle 4 page 2) in the stack of puzzle pages.
- **transparency** – 2 pages. The second page should be printed in color if possible. The first page is fine as black-and-white.
  - ▶ The first sheet from transparency is Puzzle 2 page 2. It has two copies of the puzzle page. Cut this sheet in half; you need just one copy for the puzzle. Put this page after Puzzle 2 page 1 (before Puzzle 3 page 1) in the stack of puzzle pages.
  - ▶ The second sheet from transparency is Puzzle 9 page 2. Put this page after the Puzzle 9 page 1 (at the bottom of the stack) in the stack of puzzle pages.

In addition to printing the above files, navigate to the guidebook folder and print the file as described below.

- **guidebook** – 16 pages (for 8 sheets of paper). Print in color, **double-sided**, flipped on the long side (which is the usual method). Trim each page as indicated by the crop marks to create eight 8.5" wide x 5.5" guidebook pages. Put the pages in order: Front cover ("Welcome to The Bewilderness" with bookplate on flip side), then "Our Park" (with page 2 / map on flip

side), then use the page numbers in the lower corners to arrange the remaining pages in order, finishing with the “Special Offers” page (with the back cover “DASH 12” on flip side). For the event, this guidebook was spiral bound on the left side.

Two of the puzzles use a deck of cards. You can order either or both of these decks from DriveThruCards – see <https://playdash.org/DASH12/> for links. If you prefer to print the cards instead, navigate to the cards folder and print the files as described below.

- **cards-puzzle5** – 6 pages (for 3 sheets of paper). Print in color, double-sided, flipped on the long side (which is the usual method).
  - ▶ Verify that the file was printed as intended: The back of the card that says “Eagle Scout” should start with the text “Confirm that you have.”
  - ▶ The fronts have pink borders. Cut the cards apart by trimming off all of the pink areas.
  - ▶ Use the numbers in the lower right corner to stack these 27 cards, with 1 on top.
- **cards-puzzle6** – 16 pages (for 8 sheets of paper). Print in color, double-sided, flipped on the long side (which is the usual method).
  - ▶ Verify that the file was printed as intended: The back of the “print reference” card should show that content mirrored.
  - ▶ Separate the cards (6 per page) by cutting on the black lines.
  - ▶ Use the backs of the cards to divide them into four decks, and order the cards in each one with number 1 on top (with the back face up). The card counts are as follows: Question Deck: 1-9; Duck Konundrum: 1-10; Rook’s Castle: 1-10; and #CrowFacts: 1-15.

## ***Playing DASH 12***

You may find it helpful to have scissors, clear tape, a glue stick, and a wet-erase (transparency) marker.

Refer to the table below to confirm that you have all of the materials for each puzzle.

Puzzle	Par Time	Puzzle Materials
1	30	2 pages + guidebook
2	40	1 page (cardstock) + 1 transparency (half sheet)
3	75	8 pages (the last of which is double-sided) + Cryptic Clue Reference
4	30	3 pages (the first of which is cardstock)
5	45	deck of 27 cards (no paper)
6	40	5 pages + a stack of cards (4 decks)
7	45	3 pages + “Examples” reference page
8	40	3 pages
9	30	1 page paper + 1 transparency