

<b>Plattenbauten</b> Berliner Betonerzeugnisse <span style="float: right;">ein Quartettspiel</span>	
<b>A card game with pre-fabricated concrete buildings made in East Berlin</b>	***** *****
<b>Un jeu de cartes avec des bâtiments en béton préfabriqués de Berlin est</b>	***** *****
<p>"Anyone who really looks at this card game will discover how much more inventive, poetic and design-sensitive the frowned-upon East German architecture is..."</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The New York Times</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">"...das wichtigste Kartenspiel unserer Zeit..."</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Süddeutsche Zeitung</i></p>	
<b>English game rules and special dictionary inside!!!</b> ISBN 3 -15-008392-3	
<p>A card game by Cornelius Mangold, Photography: Stefan Wolf Lucks, Stories: Jochen Schmidt, Design: Florian Braun          Manufactured by Spielkartenfabrik Altenburg, Germany <span style="float: right;">www.superclubde © 2001</span></p>	

What you should know	
<b>1949</b>	The German Democratic Republic (East Germany) and the Ministry of Reconstruction are founded.
<b>1950</b>	The Minister of Reconstruction travels to the Soviet Union. The "Sixteen Fundamentals of Urban Development" are published, introducing the neo-classical, so-called Stalinist period in building.
<b>1955</b>	The de-Stalinization period heralds the industrialization of building. It is decided that the chronic housing shortage can be solved by abandoning traditional building methods. (Moscow All-Union Conference 1954, Construction Conference of the GDR, 1955)
<b>1957</b>	The GDR builds its first fully-automated factory for the manufacture of concrete slabs used in building construction.
<b>1959</b>	The SED (Communist Party) Central Committee orders the mass production of construction elements; Establishment of building types (QP, P2, WHH, etc); 315,000 new residential units are completed.
<b>1963</b>	The IV. Communist Party Conference creates fundamental structures for industrialized construction. "Wohnungsbaukombinate" (Public Building Trusts) or WBK are designated sole builders of residential housing and are placed under the jurisdiction of the "Bezirke" (roughly approximate to counties) of the GDR.
<b>1970</b>	The SED Central Committee's Fifth Conference on Building and the Council of Ministers of the GDR decide to develop a unified system for the construction industry. The state-owned construction companies harmonize the dimensions of their products (standard measurement 6000 mm) and develop "Wohnungsbausystem 70" (residential construction system 70) or WBS 70; existing products are given type names.
<b>1972</b>	Completion of the first WBS 70-type residential unit in Neubrandenburg
<b>1990</b>	Completion of the 644,900th residential unit of the same type, the 1,205,400th residential unit in all.
<b>2001</b>	<p>There are over 270,400 industrially-produced residential units in East Berlin, including the Berlin-Mitte (central) section of the city. Of these, 232,000 residential units have been modernized. The added comfort in the interior of the buildings provided by the modernization efforts is accompanied by a loss of the unique external features characteristic of this architecture.</p> <p>This card game documents 12 building types as well as 16 additional products of various state-owned construction companies in their original form.</p>

**Game Rules**

This game consists of 32 cards, with which you can play the classic Quartet game, which is similar to the Authors game played in the U.S. and Happy Families played in the UK. The aim is to collect and declare "books" of four of a kind. All the cards are dealt out as equally as possible to the (2-5) players. A turn consists of asking a player for a card of a certain series. If the player has it, he must give it to you and your turn continues; if not, the turn passes to the player you asked. You must have a card of the same series as the card you asked for. A player completes a book when he has all four cards of a series. Completed books are set aside. The game continues until all the cards are formed into books, and whoever gets the most books wins - or you can score one point per book and play to a target score.

You can also play a different game with this pack of cards; for this version, there is no limit to the number of players, but there should be at least three. In addition to being part of a series, each card bears a number (1-7) and a letter (a-d). The cards are shuffled and each player is dealt an equal number of cards. Each player takes his stack of cards so that he can only see the uppermost card. One player begins and reads one of the categories on his card out loud, such as "eight stories." The other players then each read the same category from their top card out loud. Whoever has the highest value in this particular category wins the other players' cards, which he then puts at the bottom of his own stack; he then gets to choose the next category to be played. If there are two cards in a round with the same value in the category being played, the highest number-letter combination on the upper right wins; e.g., 1a is higher than 7d.

There are two ways to win the game; the players should decide ahead of time which variation they want to play. In the first version, the game ends as soon as one player is out of cards. In this case, the player with the most cards wins. In the second variation, the game ends when one player has won all the cards and has thus proved that he or she is an expert for pre-fabricated concrete buildings in Berlin.

English Dictionary	
Appartementshaus	Apartment building
Außenwandplatte	Exterior wall slab
Beton(erzeugnis(se))	Concrete (product(s))
Bürohaus	Office building
durchbrochen	Perforated block
Einheiten	Units
Elementbreite	Element width
Elementhöhe	Element height
Fertigstellung	Completion
Formstein	Moulded concrete block
Funktionseinheit	Functional unit
Geschosszahl	Number of stories
Gesellschaftsbau	Public building
geschlossen	Solid concrete block
Giebelelement	Gable element
Keramik	Ceramics
Kinderkombination	Kindergarten/Day care center
Mauer	Wall
Obergeschosse	Upper stories
Plattenbau(ten)	Pre-fabricated concrete buildings
Quartettspiel	Quartet game
ungelegt	"Untyped"
Verbindungselement	Connecting element
Wohnhaus	Residential building
Wohnhochhaus	Residential high-rise