
How to play 80 ball bingo

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Even though 80 ball bingo has been a staple of land-based casinos for a while now, it's only just recently started making its way on to online bingo sites. While 75 and 90 ball bingo both remain popular, 80 ball bingo is fast becoming one to watch. It offers a fast-paced game and is ideal for those who want a game shorter than 90 ball games but longer than [75 ball bingo games](#).

Shutter up

You might see 80 ball bingo referred to as shuttle board and some sites because that's a different name for it. When 80 ball bingo is played offline, you cover up the called numbers with plastic shutters. One of the most noticeable aspects of this bingo game is the colourful 4x4 cards you get when playing it. When you play the game online, you'll see how called numbers can be covered by shutters or by shades of certain colours. Just how 75 ball bingo has each column corresponding to a letter of the word 'bingo', 80 ball bingo has a colour for each column. These colours are red, yellow, blue and silver. There are a total of 16 squares, with no blank spaces; as you guessed it, tickets range from 1-80.

Numbers, columns and colours

Like with 75-ball bingo, each column has a series of numbers and a colour associated with it. These are as follows:
Red column, numbers 1-20
Yellow column, numbers 21-40
Blue column, numbers 41-60
Silver column, numbers 61-80
Numbers are called out with the colour in front of them, for example 'red 16'.

Pretty pattern bingo

With 80 ball bingo there's a great variety of games and ways to win. More often than not you have to get all the numbers, a blackout or full house, to win. You could also get a single horizontal, vertical or diagonal line and win the game. Some games even have a variety of different patterns for you to cover to win.

Jackpots and payouts for 80 ball bingo

You'll find that prizes for 80 ball bingo do tend to be smaller than prizes for 75 and 90 ball bingo. This is because 80 ball bingo is not yet as popular as the other two. You can still win a fair amount though. Tickets usually cost from a few pence to £1 – the higher the ticket price, the greater the jackpot, generally

speaking. A good thing about 80 ball bingo not being as popular is that there are usually fewer people playing it, so you stand a greater chance of winning.

How to mark off numbers

Lots of players prefer to use the auto daub feature. Use this and your called numbers will automatically be shuttered off. Because your called numbers are being taken care of, you can concentrate on other things such as chatting to other players or playing side games. If you play two games at the same time, you're effectively doubling your chances of winning something. Some sites let you mark off your numbers yourself. This requires you to focus on the game as it goes on. It also makes the game more engaging and exciting, as it isn't just something that's going on in the background without direct involvement from you. Whether you mark the numbers yourself or let the software do it for you, you'll always be notified if you win and the software will even call 'bingo!' for you.

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