Babylon Dialectic

OFFICIAL STARTER DECK



Alexander's Macedon

STARTER DECK · PRINTABLE PROXIES

A HOUDINI MAGAZINE GAME

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ABOUT THIS DECK

Ready to play

This starter deck holds one Leader, one Soldier card and 25 cards for your deck, 26 unique entries across 3 sheets. Shuffle the 25, draw 4, and begin. Rules fit on the quick reference zine and the full rulebook, both on the same page you found this.

Babylon Dialectic is a free historical card game from HOUDINI Magazine. Every card is a real person, place or object from history. Play it in the browser at babylon-dialectic.neocities.org or print it here and play at the table.

These cards are Yu-Gi-Oh sizing, 59 x 86 mm, the official size of Babylon Dialectic. Magic sizing, 63 x 88 mm, is available in the Printables room of the Museum.

DECK LIST

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Leader: **Alexander**. Soldier: **Hypaspist** (one card is included. Mark extra Soldiers with coins or print more from the full set).

2x	Parmenion	*General*
2x	Companion Cavalry	*Troop*
2x	Spear of Achilles	*Troop*
1x	Bucephalus	*Troop*
2x	Silver Shields	*Troop*
2x	Macedonian Sarissa	*Weapon*
2x	Hoplon Shield	*Weapon*
1x	Baggage Train	*Supply*
2x	Phalanx	*Battleground*
1x	Companion Wedge	*Panic*
2x	Hammer and Anvil	*Battleground*
1x	Shield Wall	*Panic*
1x	Siege of Tyre	*Battleground*
1x	Charge at Issus	*Battleground*
1x	Crossing the Granicus	*Battleground*
2x	Gap in the Line	*Trap*

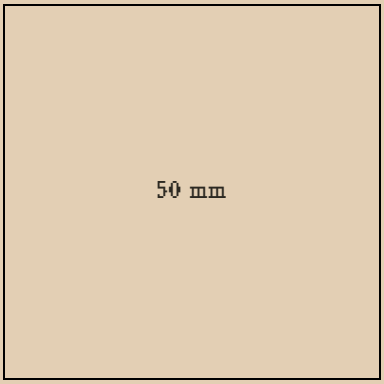
BEFORE YOU PRINT

How to print

1. Print pages 5 onward **double-sided, flip on the long edge**. Each card sheet is followed by its back sheet.
2. Set the scale to **Actual size** (100%). Turn off "fit to page" and "shrink to fit".
3. Measure the 50 mm check square on this page. If it is not 50 mm, fix the scale first.
4. Cut along the marks in the margins. A paper trimmer is faster than scissors. Use a bit of corner rounding if you like.
5. Sleeve each card over a spare card or a stiff backer. Matte paper at 120 gsm or heavier feels best.

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The deck is 3 sheets of nine cards. Single-sided printing works too: glue or sleeve each front to its back.



Cards and art are public domain or openly licensed. Babylon Dialectic is free to play and free to print. Credits are in the game.

Alexander



Leader · Antiquity

Soldiers you control gain 1 War.

Troops you play cost 1 fewer Soldier, to a minimum of 1.

8 · 6

Hypaspist



Soldier · Antiquity

The hypaspists, or shield bearers: Macedonian foot about 3,000 strong, posted beside the Companions.

1 · 1

Parmenion

2 · 3



General · Strategist · Antiquity

Soldiers you control gain 1 Fortification.

Once per turn, during your turn: Target 1 Soldier you control; it gains 2 War, until the end of this turn.

2 · 4

Companion Cavalry

2



Troop · Cavalry · Antiquity

Charge *(This unit can attack the turn it is played.)*

2 · 3

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2 · 3

Spear of Achilles

2



Troop · Champion · Antiquity

At Troy in 334 BC Alexander laid a wreath on Achilles' tomb and took arms from Athena's temple (Arrian).

4 · 2

Bucephalus

1



Troop · Beast · Antiquity

Charge *(This unit can attack the turn it is played.)*

2 · 3

Silver Shields



Troop · Infantry · Antiquity

Veteran *(When this unit survives a fight in which it dealt damage, it gains 1 War.)*

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1

Macedonian Sarissa



Tactic · Equipment

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Hoplon Shield



Tactic · Equipment

The equipped unit gains 2 Fortification.

The aspis: a wooden shield about 90 cm across, faced with bronze, held by an arm band and a grip.

1

Baggage Train



Tactic · Supply

This card enters with 3 counters.

Philip II banned carts; each soldier carried thirty days' flour, with one servant per ten infantry.

1

Phalanx



Tactic · Standing

Soldiers you control gain 1 War and 1 Fortification.

At Gaugamela in 331 BC six battalions of the sarissa phalanx formed the Macedonian centre.

1

Companion Wedge



Tactic · Quick

Target 1 unit you control; it gains 2 War, until the end of this turn.

2

Hammer and Anvil



Tactic

Target 1 front-line unit your opponent controls; destroy it.

1

Shield Wall



Tactic · Quick

Target 1 unit you control; it gains Armor 2, until the end of this turn.

2

Siege of Tyre



Tactic

Destroy each face-down card in your opponent's support row. Cards destroyed this way are not used.



1

Charge at Issus



Tactic

Target 1 Leader or General your opponent controls; deal 2 damage to it.

1

Crossing the Granicus



Tactic

Soldiers you control gain Charge, until the end of this turn.

Gap in the Line



Trap

When a unit your opponent controls attacks a unit you control: Target the attacking unit; it loses 2 War, until the end of this turn.

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Hammer and Anvil



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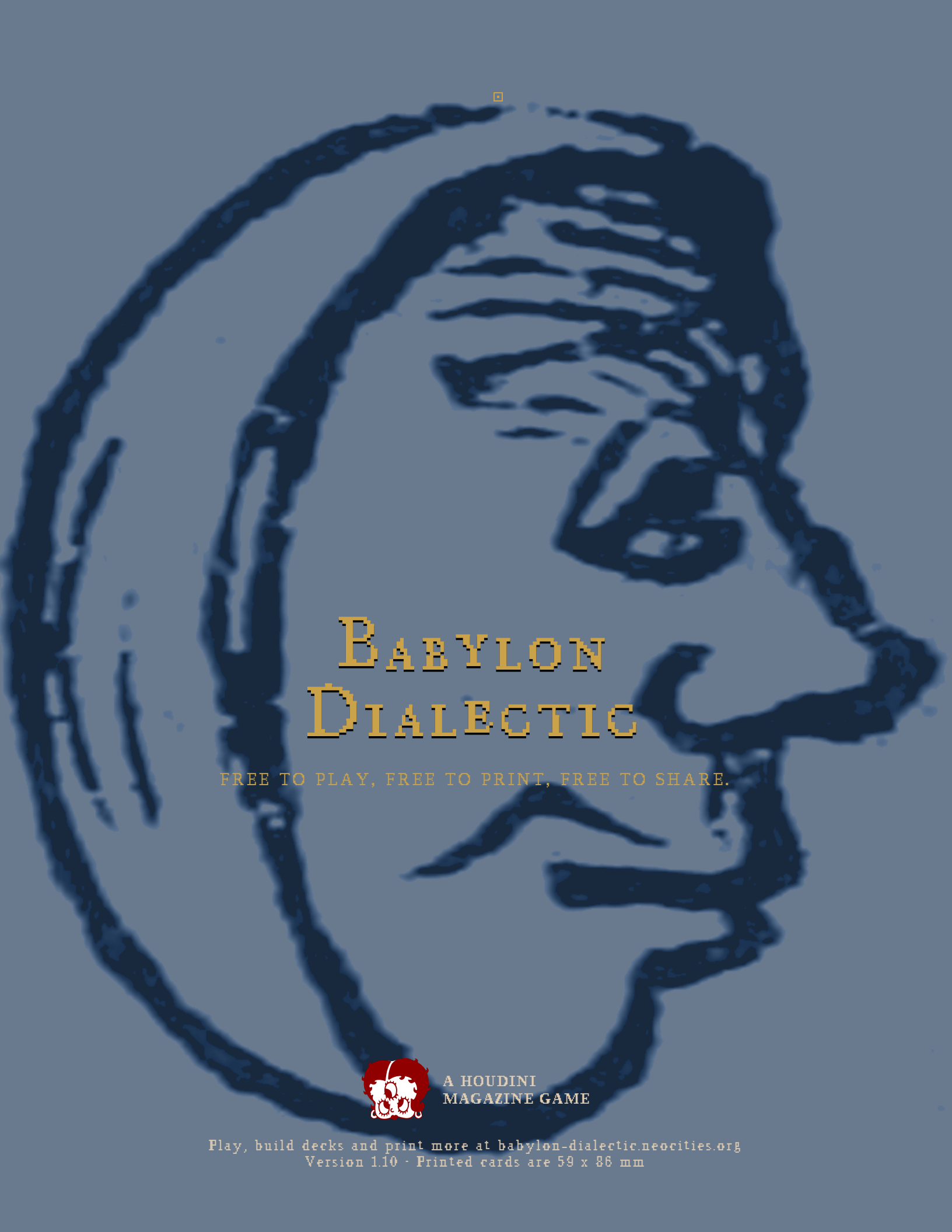
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TABLE TIPS

Sleeving and play

- Sleeve over a spare card so the proxy keeps its weight and shuffles well.
- Soldiers use the moon back and sit in your barracks, apart from your deck.
- Keep two coins handy for counters and a die for DP.
- Both players need a deck. Print this twice or pair it with another starter.



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