

Narrow Seas — Printing & Construction Guide

Quick start (TL;DR)

- Print at **100% / Actual Size**; don't "fit to page."
- Cards are landscape; **fronts/back**s are **separate PDFs**.
- Prefer **wooden blocks** for ships and a **pawn** for first player if you have them.
- Tokens: **mount to heavy backing** (see below).

Materials checklist

- **Backing for tokens:** 4-ply matte board (preferred) or any heavy cardstock/chipboard.
- **Optional wooden bits:**
 - **Crew / Ships:** 5 blocks in each of **4 distinct colors** (20 total).
 - **First player:** 1 standard pawn.

Which PDFs to print

- **Core:**
 - `board.pdf`, `cards_fronts.pdf` (tokens included in this file)
- **Optional:** `cards_backs.pdf` (see printing instructions below), `first_player_marker.pdf`

| **Low-ink:** use the `/low-ink/` set if economizing

How to print card-backs (optional)

TL;DR — manual "flip on short edge"

1. Print `cards_fronts.pdf` one-sided at **100%**.
2. Re-feed the stack **upside-down** with the **same leading edge**.
3. Print `cards_backs.pdf` with **Reverse page orientation = ON**.
4. Do a **one-sheet test** first.

Detailed steps

1. **Fronts**
 - Two-Sided: **Off**
2. **Backs**
 - Flip the entire stack **on the short-axis** and refeed, keeping the **same physical leading edge** as originally fed.
 - Print 3 copies (the fourth page of `card_fronts.pdf` doesn't need backs printed)
 - In the printer driver, select **Reverse page orientation: ON** (MacOS) or **Rotate 180°** (some Acrobat). This mirrors the new page-orientation since we flipped the stack in step 1.

| **Wind token, ship tokens** and **crew tokens** benefit from heavier backing.

Links

- **BGG WIP thread:** <https://boardgamegeek.com/thread/3567950>
- **Living rules:** <https://flivni.github.io/narrow-seas/>

Feedback welcome. Comment on the [BGG thread](#) or DM me there.