

## Retailer Quick Demo Script

**SHOBU** is an elegantly crafted abstract strategy game for 2 players.

### SET UP:

Arrange the game components as shown, with players sitting opposite one another. In SHOBU, there are four boards of active game play. One player will control ALL the Black stones and the other, White. The two boards closest to each player are called their **Homeboards**, with the rope marking this division.

### OBJECT:

Push all your opponent's stones off any ONE of the four gameboards.

### PLAYING THE GAME:

SHOBU is played in alternating turns, with the Black player taking the first turn. A turn is comprised of TWO moves: a Passive (or Set Up) move, followed by an Aggressive move.

### PASSIVE MOVE:

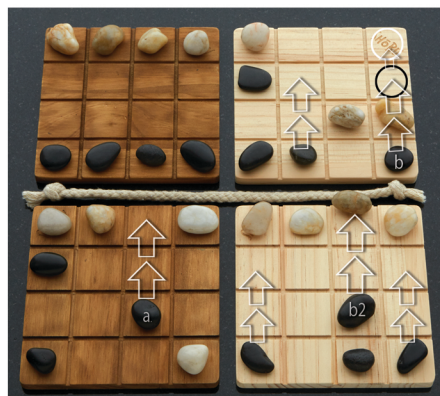
The Passive (or Set Up) move must be played on one of the player's two Homeboards. The player chooses one of their color stones and moves it into any unblocked direction, up to two spaces. (no jumping, cannot push another stone)

### AGGRESSIVE MOVE:

After the Passive move is made, a second matching move is made as the Aggressive move. The Aggressive move **must** be made in the same direction AND number of spaces as the Passive move. In addition, the Aggressive move must be made on one of the **opposite color** boards.

### EXAMPLE:

Black's Passive move (a) was forward 2 spaces on the Dark Homeboard. The Aggressive move must therefore be on either of the two Light boards. An Aggressive move **CAN** push an opponent's stone across a board (b) and/or off a board (b2), however pushing a stone is never mandatory. Pushing a stone off a board removes it from the game.



Possible Aggressive moves. fig. b2 removes a stone. fig. b shoves the white stone two spaces to the edge.

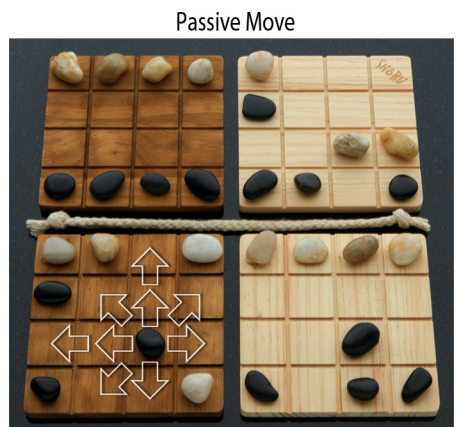
NOTE: An Aggressive move CANNOT push two stones at once, nor can it push a stone of your own color.

IMPORTANT: If an Aggressive move cannot be made, the initial Passive move is also invalid. The player must select a different Passive move.

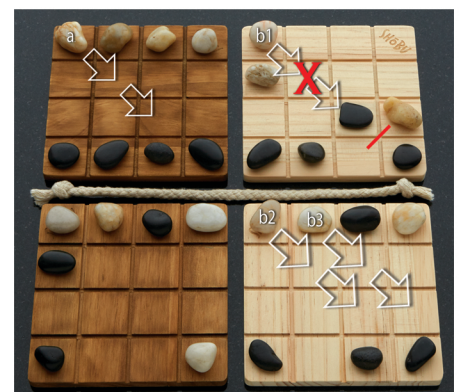
Players may find it helpful to plan their Aggressive move first and then see if a Passive move is available to support it.



BLACK's Homeboards



Passive Move



White's turn. Stone b1 cannot push more than one stone. Stone b2 and b3 are both legal moves.

**Remove all your opponent's stones from just one board to WIN!**