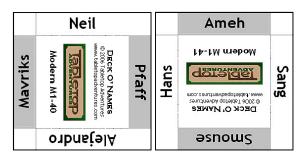# On The Fly Naming

The Problem: Game Time. You're the GM and you're winging it for this one. No one wants to stop play while you think of NPC names. Adding to the pressure, your players are starting to refuse to talk to NPCs named Bob, Sven or Ollie. So what's a GM to do?

The Solution: *Deck O' Names Modern* will help you generate names almost instantaneously.

This installment is a set of American and multicultural personal and surnames. Both male and female decks are provided. From these cards you can generate many names, just by following a few simple guidelines.

1. Take two cards.

2. Match a white box with a gray box.
Shuffle the deck and draw two cards. Put one white box at the top. Do the same for one gray box. Using the sample cards in the above images, the new name is **Neil Ameh**.

Other naming possibilities with these two cards:.
*   Rotate the second card to get **Neil Smouse.**
*   Rotate the first card to get **Alejandro Smouse** (or **Ameh)**.
*   Swap the cards to get **Hans Pfaff** (or **Mavriks)**, **Sang Pfaff** (or **Mavriks)**.
*   Use the names provided on the cards **Neil Pfaff** (or **Mavriks)**, **Alejandro Pfaff** (or **Mavriks)**, etc.
*   There are 16 name possibilities in 2 cards.

If those don't work for you, select new cards. With 40,000 unique possibilities in each deck, there's bound to be a combination that will work for you.

Tips:
*   The cards are marked M (male) and F (female) to help keep them separate, and numbered to help keep track of them. (I.e. Card number M1-2 is the second card in the first deck of male names.)
*   The two decks can easily be combined and male personal names can be combined with last names in the female deck, and vice versa.
*   We chose to minimize the number of surnames that obviously originated from a male first name. But many male names can be used as last names—just as they are or adding "s" or "son" to the end. For example—"Peter" can be seen as a surname in "Peters" and "Peterson".
*   If you want more complicated or exotic names add cards from our other decks suck as the original set *Deck O' Names*.
*   To increase the continuity during a game session, generate a few names during setup or while on break.
*   Print two copies. Keep one by your planning area and one with your gaming stuff. Then you never have to do without!
*   Use the cards also for names for PCs and story characters .

Philosophy
This Deck uses whole names and assumes a "utopian" society where Earth's cultures would mix quite freely. Not every name will have such a mixed culture feel, but quite a few will.

Look For
The *Deck O' Names Modern* generator. Produce names from the *Deck O' Names* system with just the click of a button.

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Left name	Surname (top)	Right name	Card	Surname (bottom)
Holly	Kraus	Erica	Modern F1-1	Wittman
Claudia	Ortiz	Jodi	Modern F1-2	Bhatti
Shu	Montgomery	Ilene	Modern F1-3	Valfer
Frederica	Adwell	Adriana	Modern F1-4	Moreno
Haifa	Silva	Bailey	Modern F1-5	Dunn
Shana	Ferguson	Virginia	Modern F1-6	Arbo
Amber	Mazanec	Melissa	Modern F1-7	Choksy
Zhi	Gray	Paige	Modern F1-8	Kessler
Sharice	Pearson	Mandy	Modern F1-9	Medina
Twyla	Judd	Christie	Modern F1-10	Oglesby
Gail	Herrera	Diane	Modern F1-11	Perkins
Harmony	Hong	Ina	Modern F1-12	Jarret

Deck O' Names — Modern M1

Card	Top	Left	Right	Bottom
Modern M1-1	Moy	Arthur	Zane	Gibson
Modern M1-2	McLaughlin	Reuben	Tarik	Caldwell
Modern M1-3	Antoniadis	Brock	Sergio	Torres
Modern M1-4	Rivera	Armando	Vlad	Young
Modern M1-5	Ford	Alonzo	Earl	Ramirez
Modern M1-6	Armstrong	Andre	Pierre	Brooks
Modern M1-7	Rodriguez	James	Ian	Ng
Modern M1-8	Hoffman	Eduardo	Kale	Okpik
Modern M1-9	Hazzard	Ralph	Jack	Black
Modern M1-10	VanKanegan	Rusty	Julio	Tuff
Modern M1-11	Hernandez	Nicholai	Dantrell	Montoya
Modern M1-12	Kurlander	Miles	Dale	Logar

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