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About This Game

Axes and Acres is a deep and engaging single-player strategy game designed to create exciting decisions every turn. Axes and Acres includes elements of deck-building which allow you to strategically manage your peasants to farm, build, and survive. The rules are easy to learn, but every turn can be played out in many different ways, leading to complex and interesting choices.



In Axes and Acres you are the lord of a small but rich plot of land (and a couple smelly peasants). These peasants are represented by dice and can Build, Work, Gather Resources, and Reproduce, depending on their mood. Using a combination of your burgeoning population and "motivation" cards, you will build, chop, cultivate and plot to produce a thriving village!



In Axes and Acres both your workers and your motivations can be improved and changed, all within one game. Each playthrough is discrete, every decision is difficult and interesting, and there are tons of decisions - making every minute of gameplay valuable. Axes and Acres will test your strategic and tactical skills while providing a rewarding and fun experience.



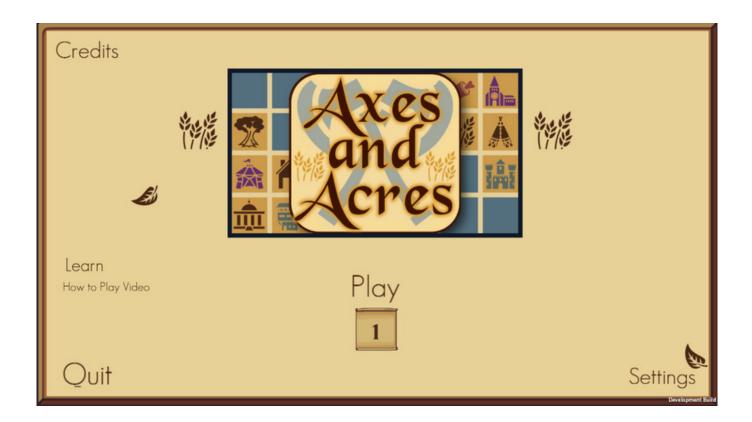
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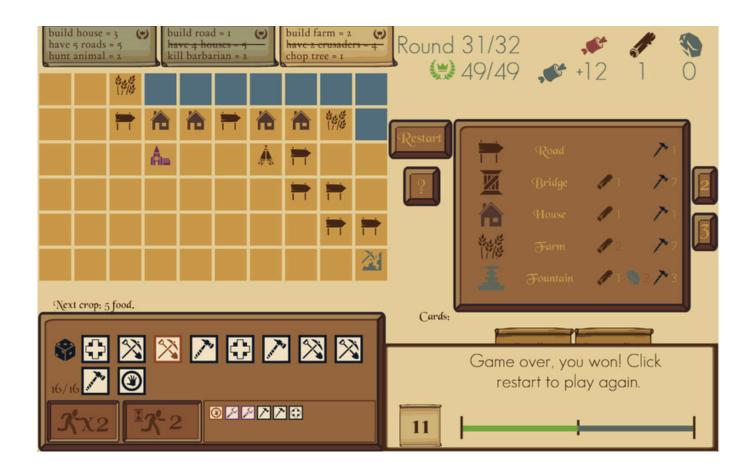
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Axes and Acres Review

The review below, and others, can be found in my Announcements page (<u>http://www.mercedesmace.com/announcements/game-review-axes-and-acres</u>)

This is the second game (Steam, Apr 2016) by a small indie developer, BrainGoodGames. (<u>http://www.braingoodgames.com</u>). They had a great hit with Militia (on Steam Dec 2015), and just released a new game (Skyboats, Steam Aug 2016). I'm a bit behind the Steam release schedule; I only got around to picking up A&A this month. In the past two weeks, I've put 46 hours into A&A, and can strongly recommend it.

For the record, I would recommend Militia as well. Although they're both turn-based strategy (TBS) games, they each have a different vibe. Militia feels like the kind of game an RTS player would like, whereas A&A feels more like a base-/city-builder. If you preferred Dawn of War 2 to Dawn of War 1, then Militia's probably your game. But for fans of Caesar, Pharaoh, Stronghold--games in which dealing with your city's growth and development is the critical task, and dealing with armed invaders is only a passing concern--A&A is definitely for you.

Building on the square-grid based, minimalistic art style of Militia, Axes and Acres is a solid turn-based game with randomly generated villages and objectives during each round of play. When a new round begins, three sets of sub-objectives are rolled, representing three distinct phases of play. I believe the developers (BGG) refer to these as early, mid, and late game phases. With the update near the end of August, victory points required for the completion of each phase have been rebalanced to ensure equal strategic difficulty during each phase. Complete all three phases, and you move up in difficulty. Fail twice at a difficulty level, and you drop down to the previous level.

Militia felt more like a game of chess or checkers: the board is the same size each time, and each piece moves and attacks in well-defined ways. A&A expands on this model in several ways. Each 'Peasant' in your village is represented by a d6. You begin each round with six peasants; reproducing to grow your population is a critical strategic point. While each Peasant die has the same faces (two Work, two Build, one Gather, one Reproduce which I like to call 'Heal'), the dice are rolled at the beginning of each of your turns, so your strategy in in part dictated by the faces that you roll each turn. Placing a die onto the board requires Food, one of three resources you must manage during each round. Do you spend this turn focusing on food gathering? Building? Gathering other resources? Your strategic decisions are made based on the number of VPs you need, how many turns you have left in each phase, and unexpected opportunities or hindrances provided by which faces your dice roll each turn.

Managing your resources in A&A actually feels a lot like Star Ruler 2--there exist a multitude of ways to transform one into another. At the beginning of a round, you start with five 'Motivation' cards. Building the higher-tier buildings in your village can provide you the opportunity to gain more cards. So it turns out that you have two additional resources: 'Moves' and 'Cards'. Six resources total: three literal (food, wood, stone), and three strategic (dice/people, moves, and cards). Like a card-building game, you want to keep your card stack strategically lean, because you must spend all of the cards in your stack before the stack reshuffles. Many cards give you two opportunities to use them, to use dice, and to interact with your board and other resources. But if you need to kill rampaging barbarians, having a glut of build cards won't help you!

At those advanced buildings, you have opportunities to train your peasants (and other dice) to become more advanced positions: woodsman (two gather faces, one wild), priest (three crusade faces, one wild), mason (three build faces, one wild, one stone), actor (always rolls wild, can be deployed as work, gather, heal, build, or crusade), and noble (two VP faces). Some phase objectives award you VPs for having two advanced peasants. Or perhaps your strategy requires more build faces than you've been rolling. In the later difficulty levels, the number of VPs required to finish the third phase become so high that you may just want to build a castle and convert your peasants to nobility, and brute force your way to victory.

Being used to playing 4X and Grand Strat games, the simplicity of A&A's interface put me off initially, but I warmed to it. I also thought that I'd eventually tire of the gameplay loop--it's a game of raw mechanics, not much story, not much customization, only a handful of buildings. I likened it to Star Ruler 2 earlier; I'd say that the two games have a lot in common: tightly intertwined mechanics, adoption of new strategic elements when the current situation demands it. I have found the mechanics compelling enough to keep me playing all month--my intrinsic motivation has become enthralled with the experience A&A provides!

Axes and Acres could just as easily be a solo board/dice game--BGG should probably consider kickstarting a hardcopy version. :) The use of the computer medium is less important for A&A than it was for Militia. However, the user interface, while simplistic, is not explicitly designed for mobile/touch devices. It could probably make use of keybindings, but it does give you hover-over information, and uses both left- and right-click commands.

I give A&A a solid recommendation to fans of strategy mechanics, minimalistic interfaces, and/or somewhat casual strategy themed games! I'm looking forward to reviewing BGG's newest game!. A fairly simple game but one that is enjoyable to pass the time, Axes and Acres puts you in charge of a group of peasants and their budding village. Do not be fooled by its simplicity, though, as it is actually quite challenging balancing the progressing needs of your settlement while not letting any aspect fall behind. I've spent about an hour playing this game and I don't believe there is much that I haven't seen at this point, but the randomized generation of the lands and your goals keeps the game exciting as each playthrough is different in how you acquire victory points.

Short review, but there isn't much to say about this game other than that I do recommend it if you're into challenging singleplayer board game experiences. It does pull that off fairly well even if it only does it in short bursts for me. If not, I'd give this a pass.. Short, simple, and replayable. I love this game and would definitely recommend it. The game combines card and dice mechanics with a minimalistic art design into a game that's easy to pick up and hard to put down.. A fun "Arcade-y City Builder". I definitely recommend it. Yes, I know this review sucks, but I'm too tired to type a better one but I wanted to leave Positive Feedback on a game I like so much.. probably a great game, but I can't figure out what I'm doing & the tutuorial doesn't really help.. Stick with the tutorials as it is a bit complicated at first, but very much worth it! Once you're hooked you'll be playing for hours.

Trying out the different builds is fun and it's engaging and challenging to keep leveling up. It's a surprisingly deep strategy game and will make you really think about every move.

Tip: use your cards as much as possible!

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Gameplay: You start with 6 dice. Each die can be spent to perform an action - build a building, gather a resource, make more dice, etc. You also get 3 cards every turn that can be used to perform or augment actions (tip: try to use all 3 each turn). Certain actions score victory points (randomized each game) and you need a certain amount of victory points to advance to the next stage. Win 3 stages to win the game and advance to the next rank.

If you like board and/or dice games, you will like this.. A very fine game, even if the visuals are very very simple. With static images, I would expect better visuels, but in the end - thats not what the game is about. Its part puzzle, part risk/reward management. Rolling dice each turn to determin your options, then resolving those options in the most efficient way possible. You must keep your food flowing, or you will be unable to do much with your dice, but you also have to think about defense, while at the same time upgrading your dice to gain more control over the random elements.

Each time you win, you play the same game again, but with fewer turns to reach your goal. The path to victory changes a bit each time, as does a few bonuses. The map also changes, but I find this to be of minor importance, as I love building roads.

After a few games it gets a bit boring and repetative, but this only lasts a few hours, as I find myself draw back to this simple,

yet well crafted game.

There are so many ways that this game could be expanded, with new challenges, more variety between missions and unique challenges. I hope the devs will look into this, to keep me comming back for another swing with my axe, out there on the acres.

A little difficult to get started, but definitely worth the initial investment. The only game I've played this year with legitimate strategy. No game ruining randomness. No microtransactions. Just strategy.. Great game! Large learning curve and a bit of a spotty tutorial, but once you learn the rules it's quite fun! Lots of interesting decisions from turn to turn, and goals incentivize you to pursue differnt build orders instead of just going for the same thing every game.

If you're a boardgame fan, this is kind of like Roll for the Galaxy meets a more traditional Euro-resource gatherer.. Like danmp19, I found the tutorial to be not just buggy, but broken. On the 8th round of the tutorial I paired two crosses in a house and activated, a window popped up asking if I wanted to Deploy or Reproduce and clicking either of these button did nothing and every other button on screen was unclickable and half of my play time was spent trying to get beyond this point. Had this of been early access I would have posted a bug report but it isn't so it gets a neg instead, esp considering the game was released a year ago.. I liked this one a lot. It's enjoyable for the same reason minesweeper is enjoyable, it's a lightweight little brain game which doesn't take a ton of time to play, and is pretty variable. Build your tiny society and protect it from marauding barbarians as you try to complete randomly spawned objectives, completing these objectives awards you with VP which must be accumulated in a certain quantity before the turn timer is up. Success moves you to the next phase of the map with new VP conditions, while failure means that it's time to start over from a new map. Simple, enjoyable, and relaxing. My only complaint is that the tutorial could be a bit more animated / well written but you'll get a rough idea of how to play from it.. Excellent, suprisingly deep boardgame with great, minimalist art and pretty music.

Another game I picked up thanks to Tom Chick.

My only complaint? As you "rank up" in the game, you are expected to accomplish more tasks in a reduced timeframe. I understand that this is an important gameplay mechanic, I just dont like being put on a timer...but hey...it does make you more careful and efficient.

Highly recommended.. Overall a very fun game.

Since I bought it a few days ago I spend every night for half an hour playing a round or two before going to sleep.

The basic principle of rolling dice and using them to your best abilities looks often easy but in later stages you need to think several steps ahead to beat the given milestones.

The only little deficit so far is that not every step in a round is reversible. So if you find the right play during clicking? Tough luck...

P.S.

Thanks for Linux support! I love you guys!. The tutorial doesn't work. I do everything as it says but the tutorial won't progress past a few steps into the 1st tutorial. I read all the help on the icons (basic and advanced), but still doesn't work.

I can play normally on regular game, but I need the tutorial to be able to understand what's going on at all!. Big Fan. Great solo board game esque experience. RNG is RNG - but dice *are* the foundation of it. And when you make that long-shot turn to build something for the last VP you need on the last turn? So sweet.. This game is a work of genius. I don't think I've ever played anything quite like it. I don't have much experience with puzzle games but in my unqualified opinion (take it with a grain of salt), I'd say it's an instant classic that ranks up there with the likes of Tetris. It has the added bonus of having brilliant yet simple mechanics that could easily be converted into a tabletop game. I suppose it's not the prettiest game to look at and might repell people who are hung up on aesthetics, but it has a style of it's own and it's definitely worth trying out. Some of the rules are a little muddy due to the simplified and sometimes cryptic UI, but you'll pick them up fast enough after going through the tutorial. Totally compelling and original game, highly recommended!

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