

GAMER GUIDE

PAPER MARIO
ORIGAMI KING
EDITION



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WHAT IS IT?



The Mario franchise is one of the oldest and most beloved game franchises. The first-ever Super Mario game was released on the NES console in 1985. It went on to become the best-selling video game series of all time selling over 800 million copies across a wide range of titles ranging from platform games and puzzle games to RPGs (role-playing games) and party games.

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Paper Mario: The Origami King is the seventh and latest title in the *Paper Mario* spin-off franchise. Released in 2020 for the Nintendo Switch, the game sold a record-breaking 3 million copies in two months becoming a best-selling title and receiving multiple award nominations for being among the best games of the year.

BREAKDOWN THE BASICS

Unlike other games in the series, *Paper Mario: The Origami King* is a multi-genre game with action-adventure, RPG, and puzzle elements in the gameplay. In this beautifully crafted open world, a 2D paper cut-out Mario must take down five antagonists who each control a region in the game. You will help Mario conquer his foes in a very unique turn-based combat system that features some puzzle elements as you explore each region.

Mechanics



Items

As expected from an RPG, Mario can equip weapons and accessories that boost his battle prowess. There are also consumables that restore our hero should he take damage.

Weapons

Weapons and attack items have different AoEs (areas of effect). Different weapons can be used in sequence as each type is considered a different Action.

Hammer: Damages a 2x2 grid in front of you.

Boots: Damages a 1x4 line in front of you.

Items: Each item has a different effect.



Attack Items:

- Flowers do elemental damage in a straight line
- Tails flick enemies around you
- Pow Blocks damage all enemies on the field

Accessories

Accessories improve your game experience all around. Some effects in combat, others help with collectables, and some have fun cosmetic effects.

- Heart Plus: Increase your HP during battle.
- Guard Plus: Reduces damage taken in battle.
- Time Plus: Allows extra time to arrange enemies.
- Alert Accessories: Assists with finding collectables.
- Membership Cards: Gives discount in shops.
- Confetti Vacuum: Collects confetti from farther away.
- Petal Bag: Turns confetti into cherry blossom petals.
- Ally Tambourine: Raises attack power for allies for a time.
- Coin Step Counter: Earns you a prize after 10,000 steps.
- Retro Soundbox: Changes some of Mario's action sounds.

Consumables

No Mario game would be complete without mushrooms. Mushrooms heal you in increasing increments, while 1-Up Mushrooms revive Mario if he's downed in battle.



Mini-Games & Challenges

Throughout the game, you'll find plenty of extra activities that reward you. Some unlock important aspects of the game, and others are just for fun (or to get that 100% completion).

Toads

Search every corner of each zone for little origami Toad figurines. Once you free the Toad you'll unlock new options in Toad Town.

Not-Bottomless Holes

Find a big hole in your travels? Fill it with Confetti! There are many to discover throughout the world so keep your Confetti bag full and do your best to fill as many as you can.

Mini-games

Give these mini-games a shot for a little fun when you need to take a break from saving the kingdom.

- Shuriken Mini Game
- Shy Guys Finish Last
- Fishing





Combat

Combat in *Paper Mario: Origami King* is unusual. When a battle is triggered you'll enter a ring where you'll need to line up enemies and take them out within a time limit. There are three main battle scenarios:

- Mario-Centred Ring for Regular Battles
- Boss-Centred Ring for Boss Battles
- Real-Time Action for fighting paper mache enemies in the overworld

Regular Battles

These battles will take place in a circular grid consisting of four circles split into twelve panels. You can move the circles clockwise or counter-clockwise, and move the panels inwards or outwards. The goal is to line up enemies and take them out efficiently using your weapons. There are typically time limits and turn limits so take note when you enter the battle.

Boss Battles

Instead of lining up enemies you need to create a path to the boss using directional arrows. There will also be panels with different effects as well as traps that the bosses place which will make this difficult!

Arrow	: Move in a direction across the board
Glove	: Use your hammer or boots to attack
Hand	: Use 1000-Fold Arms tool against the boss
On Switch	: Activate selected panels
Letter	: Receive a hint about the boss's weakness
Chest	: Adds hearts, coins, and other panels
X2	: Deal double damage on your next attack
+1	: Get an extra attack against the boss



Real-Time Battles

These battles are not plentiful but when you do encounter them you'll need to have practised a bit. The goal is to hit the large paper mache enemy from behind.

Battle Lab

Since the battle system is so unique there is a Battle Lab where you can familiarise yourself with the mechanics.

- Hammer Attack Training: Practice your Hammer swing timing.
- Guard Training: Practice blocking enemy attacks.
- Boots Training: Practice jumping on enemies.
- Ring Training: Practice Regular Battles in three difficulty levels.
- Bossotronic Fighter: Take on bosses you've fought before.

When you get access to the Battle Lab in Toad Town you will unlock the Puzzle Solver. It will show you solutions for battles, so if you're struggling or just want to save time then go ahead and grab this nifty little item.

Weapon Durability

Unlike other games in the series, this game features weapon degradation. Certain Boots and Hammers have limited uses so keep stocked up on weapons to avoid getting stuck in battle.



Summoning Toads

While you're lining up enemies, if you select the "Cheer" button you can pay Toads to provide you with support in battle. They'll give you items, or tips, and might even do damage to enemies.

HP Upgrades

Collect Heart Containers scattered throughout the zones to increase your maximum HP and give you an edge in battles.



Environment

The game is fairly linear in progression and once you've explored and completed a zone you will have the opportunity to go back and find anything you may have missed. We can't tell you everything you will find but here is a summary of what you can expect.

Zones



Red Streamer Zone:

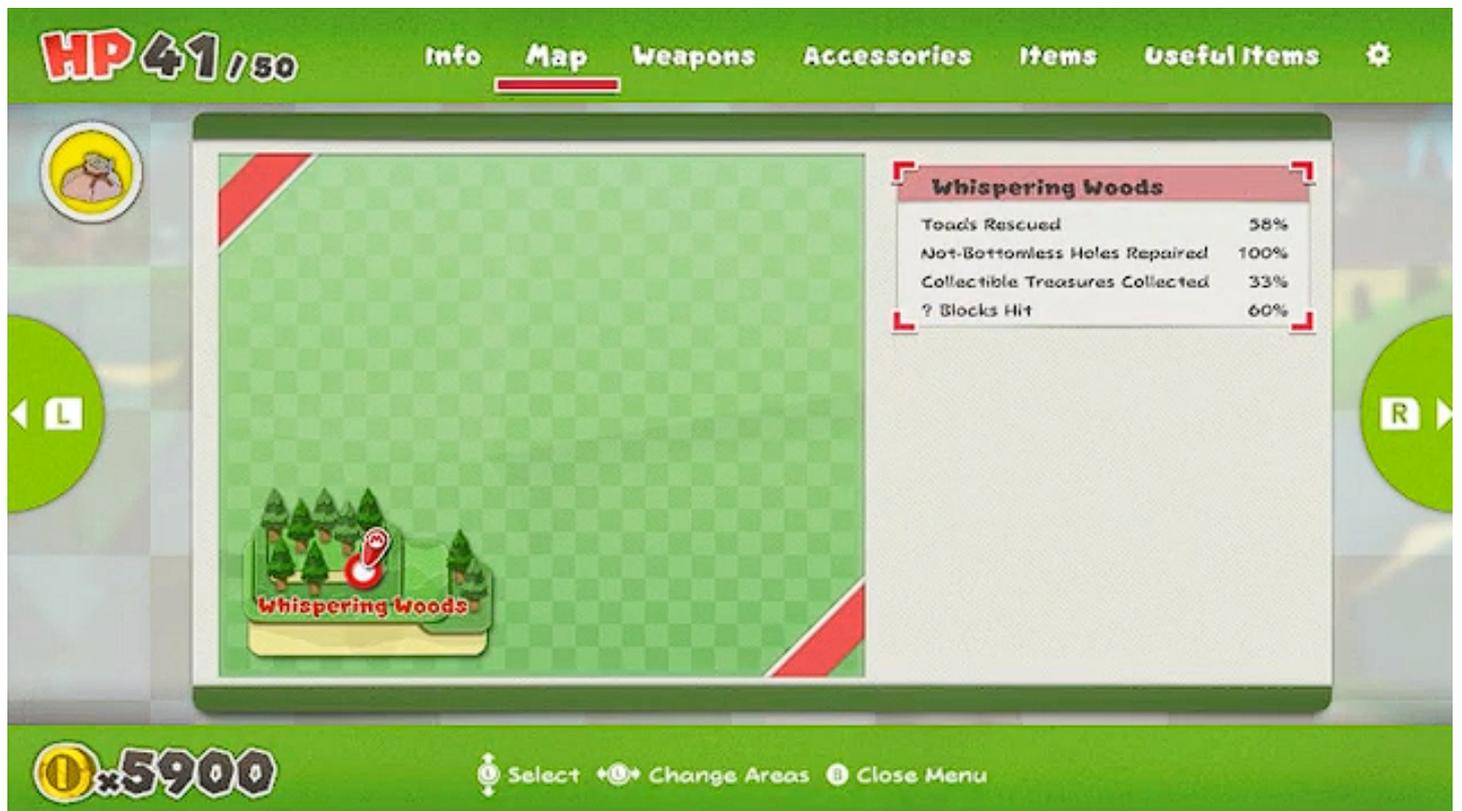
- Whispering Woods
- Toad Town
- Graffiti Underground
- Picnic Road
- Overlook Mountain
- Earth Vellumental Temple
- Overlook Tower

Blue Streamer Zone:

- Autumn Mountain
- Chestnut Valley
- Water Vellumental Shrine
- Eddy River
- Shogun Studios
- Ninja Attraction
- Big Sho' Theater

Yellow Streamer Zone:

- Sweetpaper Valley
- Breezy Tunnel
- Scorching Sandpaper Desert
- Scorching Sandpaper Minor
- Scorching Sandpaper West
- Scorching Sandpaper East
- Scorching Sandpaper Far West
- Scorching Sandpaper Far East
- Fire Vellumental Cave
- Temple Of Shrooms
- Shroom City



Purple Streamer Zone:

- The Great Sea
- The Princess Peach
- Bonehead Island
- Mushroom Island
- Heart Island
- Spade Island
- Club Island
- Crescent Moon Island
- ? Island
- Hammer Island
- Scuffle Island
- Diamond Island
- Ice Vellumental Temple
- Sea Tower

Green Streamer Zone:

- Shangri-spa
- Spring of Jungle Mist
- Spring of Rainbows
- Bowser's Castle

Final Zones:

- Hotfoot Crater
- Origami Castle



Toad Town is the central hub of the game. These are some of the locations you will be able to unlock and access.

- Weapon & Item Shop
- Accessory Shop
- Battle Lab
- Museum

Fax Travel

After a certain point in the game, you'll unlock Fax Travel! This clever little twist on fast travel allows you to be Faxed between locations you unlock throughout the world.

Vehicles

Some of the zones feature little vehicles to traverse the landscape:

- Boot Car
- Ship
- Airship

TIPS & TRICKS

Take The Hint

Most bosses are not susceptible to regular attacks and you'll need to figure out what their weakness is. Don't waste any time trying to figure it out yourself, just include the envelope panel in your first pathway to the boss and ensure you don't lose a chance to do some damage.

Fill Your Confetti Bag

Running short on Confetti to fill all those Not-Bottomless Holes? You can fill it up by fighting battles, hitting trees and flowers, and searching every nook and cranny of the world.

Splash That Cash

There is plenty of coin to go around. When you find yourself in Toad Town don't hesitate to load up on weapons and items. The more you spend, the more discount you earn on future transactions.



CONCLUSION

This unique entry in the Mario franchise is really delightful and we know you'll enjoy exploring the paper origami world and solving the puzzles. If you get stuck don't give up, try again!