

The Magic Storage Loadout

A one-page fit test, format checklist and two-minute reset for the cards that actually leave the shelf.

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Buy by job, in this order

JOB	MINIMUM ANSWER	FIT TEST
Sleeve	One opaque matched set plus spares	No identifiable backs or split sleeves
Deck box	Rigid case for the active format	Load every sleeved card, token and divider
Browse	Side-loading zip binder	Curated cards only; pockets never strained
Archive	Labeled modular case	Several real decks, not imagined future clutter
Surface	Licensed art mat plus tube	Improves pickup and stays rolled, never folded

Four format kits

KIT	CARDS	DO NOT FORGET
Constructed	Main deck plus sideboard	Matching sleeve spares and exact tokens
Commander	100 including commander	Test double-sleeve bulk; isolate dice
Jumpstart	Labeled half-decks	Theme name and recoverable list
Draft	Empty sleeves and a small box	Basic lands if needed and room for the pool

The two-minute reset

- Count**
Confirm the deck, sideboard or commander count before leaving the table.
- Separate**
Return borrowed cards, tokens and trades to labeled homes.
- Inspect**
Replace split, cloudy or identifiable sleeves as a matched set.

Climate beats containers

- ☐ **No hot cars** — Heat can warp cards and soften storage materials.
- ☐ **No damp rooms** — Fix humidity or condensation before upgrading the box.
- ☐ **No direct sun** — Protect cards, artwork and playmats from sustained UV exposure.
- ☐ **No dice on edges** — Keep hard objects in a separate tray during travel.

Sources. Wizards format and tournament rules; Dragon Shield, Ultimate Guard, Gamegenic, Ultra PRO, Vault X and BCW product specifications cited in the guide.
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