



# GUARDENER SANSD

A Chess Variant By Simon Edward Jepps

## How To Play

**Guardener Sansd** is a variation of **Guardener Chess** whereof the Dice are removed and the **Guardener's** power increased. Thus an **8x8+16sq** board, whereby an extra 4 squares are extended from each side, creating two extra files and two extra ranks (labelled **w/z** and **0/9**), and including one **Guardener** piece per player.

Aside from some additional specifics detailed herewith, all Classical Chess rules apply, including Check, Check-Mate, EnPassant and so forth.

The extra squares (called 'Terraces') in **Guardener Sansd** serve purely as a freely augmented arena of play ~ However NEITHER Player may employ them until either BOTH **Kings** or BOTH **Queens** have made their FIRST move. Until either both **Kings** or both **Queens** have made their first move, only the two **Guardeners** may utilise the extra squares. These 1st moves must be made within the standard 64sq arena.

One additional Piece called the '**Guardener**' (a compound name of 'gardener' & 'guard') is given to each Player. This Piece sits between **d0/9** & **e0/9** behind the Player's **King** & **Queen** at the beginning of the game & may move/be Captured from EITHER **d/e0/9** on/by its FIRST move.

- The **Guardener** in the 'Sansd' version of the game Moves & Captures the same way as in the standard version (ONE square Diagonally & LEAPS to the SECOND square Orthogonally) however:
  - Additionally the **Guardener** MAY Slide WITHOUT Capturing like a **Bishop** but ONLY TO a **Terrace** ~ and MAY Leap WITHOUT Capturing like a **Knight** but ONLY FROM a **Terrace**.

The **Guardener** is notated with a "G".

All in all, I think this is a wonderful **Qwik Var** featuring a wonderful new Chess piece!

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#### SANSd

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The **Guardener Chess** set you see in the photograph is a modified leather pouch set I bought from [Brettspielerey](https://www.brettspielerey.com/) ~ I created the **Guardeners** myself by de-crowning a **King**, glueing opposite-dyed wooden semi-spheres on top and finishing with a satin varnish. I likewise improved the print and extended the board by hand with fade-proof Indian inks.

This product you see here is the first experimental set and I think it looks fabulous! They are only small, un-weighted pieces, but they play very firmly considering their leather carpet beneath. Please excuse the anomalies of photography, the squares are actually square as the final photo better represents, although will be finer quality in future production.

I will soon be making more **Guardener Chess** sets like this from scratch myself, using split leather with similar wooden pieces and of course the 4-sided **Dice**. I thus hope to perhaps start selling these sets here at **Jeppsquare** in future, with a choice of rectangular cuboid or classic pyramidal **Dice**. If you would be interested in seeing how I get on and possibly to purchase, please leave a comment.

Thank you for reading.

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