



Review Tetris 99

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Tetris 99 is the remake of the 1984 Gameboy classic, but improving to a whole new level. Graphically very similar to the original, but working according to the principle of Battle Royale. In it you will have to play against 98 other players and try to be the last one standing

Tetris 99 is basically the same game that came out in 1984 on Gameboy and millions of people loved it, making it one of the most played **games and apps** ever. With its mechanics so easy to play, in which the main objective was for the falling figures to fill in a row so that it disappeared while the rest were accumulating and growing below, if they did not succeed and you reached the limit of the screen, you had lost, it's that easy. This Nintendo madness is addictive and you find it available to **download for free**, exclusively, for everyone who owns a Nintendo Switch Online.

This one, influenced by the Battle Royale trend of 2019, gives you the opportunity to compete against 98 other players to stack tetrominoes and try to be the last one standing. And how to make Battle Royale work in a game like Tetris? Well, you add mechanics, you can target other players, and hitting them adds a number of lines to their stack, which makes them freak out because they're close to death or actual death, as they call it K.O.

It is very important to know how to adjust your pieces, how to defend yourself and especially how to attack the other players. The first thing you have to be clear about is that Tetris 99 is the same as the original, the same pieces keep falling into the same hole, in this version you have the advantage that if there is one that at the moment does not suit you, you can reserve some for use in the future. The only big difference is that you will not be alone, on the screen you will see 98 other players who are in the same situation, or worse, and with whom you must interact if you want to win.

On the other hand, to attack you can aim manually, or you can use presets. It works as a defense system, once someone points it, it automatically directs it backwards and when you lift your finger, you just have to target random people. Also, you have some combos that you can do and with which you will receive rewards and the game also counts your number of deaths, so that you feel better.

If they attack you, you can see who is the user who has you in their sights. The yellow square of the people who are targeting you will light up on the screen. In addition, so that there are no doubts, these are attached to your lower part with a line of the same color and where it will notify us of this situation with a Watch out message.

In the left part of your own game cell, colored squares will be stored that represent a garbage line, if you are not careful and accumulate, those gray lines will appear in your own game, reducing your space.

Mostly people are testing the game, they even have their own tournament, so if you're good enough, you're free to compete! Also, there is some kind of level system, but that's just a number and it just shows you how much you are addicted to **Tetris 99**. Anyway, the game keeps all your logs, so you can see how many people you have defeated, how many combos you have done or how many hours you have spent in the game.

It's a battle royale Tetris. The graphics are the same as the original, as well as the music, but what it offers you is hours and hours of entertainment, especially if you are being attacked all the time by multiple players, that is really annoying!

The pace of the game picks up when there are only 50 players left, as well as when 10 people remain, just to make

the game faster and a bit more difficult. However, most people will tell you that they prefer to start with this fast-paced **game mode**, because by default it is a very slow game. Listening to the demands of its players, Nintendo added the Invictus mode, where you can meet more experienced players and the game is also faster.

They also added BigBlock DLC, which added two other modes: CPU Battle, so you can play offline too, and Marathon, which connects 98 players in an endless stacking game, trying to achieve the highest possible score.

Pros	Cons
- Great retro, enhanced by modern trends. - Music - A high pace as you go - Being able to interact with other players	- You get bored quickly - The movements become repetitive - It can have a very high rhythm and not give time to react - Many attacks at once

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