Love 2 Hate is a sometimes accurate, more often surreal game of finishing sentences. The rules are simple, the fun endless!

Love 2 Hate consists of two decks: Starter cards (with red backs) and Finisher cards (with black backs).

To begin, shuffle both decks and deal five Finisher cards to each player.

The player who has fallen in love most recently is the judge for the first round of play, and starts the game by drawing a Starter card. (Feel free to pick the first judge some other way. Who are we to tell you what to do?) When the first round is over, the next player clockwise takes a turn as the judge, and so on around the table. This continues until a winner is declared.

The judge draws a Starter card and then uses it to begin a sentence. The judge can choose to start the sentence with either, “I love the way…” or, “I hate the way…” followed by the word(s) on the Starter card. For example, the Starter card “Crabs” can be played either as, “I love the way crabs…” or, “I hate the way crabs…”

Now the other players must finish the sentence. Each player picks a Finisher card from his or her hand and plays it face down (so the judge won’t know who played what). The judge shuffles the cards and then reads each complete sentence aloud. The judge then picks the best card and announces the result. As you might imagine, best in this situation is entirely subjective! The winning card might be the one the judge finds most funny, truthful, or strange. The judge’s choice is final. No working the ref!

The winning player takes the Starter card as a trophy. The first player to get five Starter cards in this way is the winner of the game! The number of cards you need to win can be adjusted up or down for longer or shorter games as you prefer.

Now get out there and have some fun! I love the way…