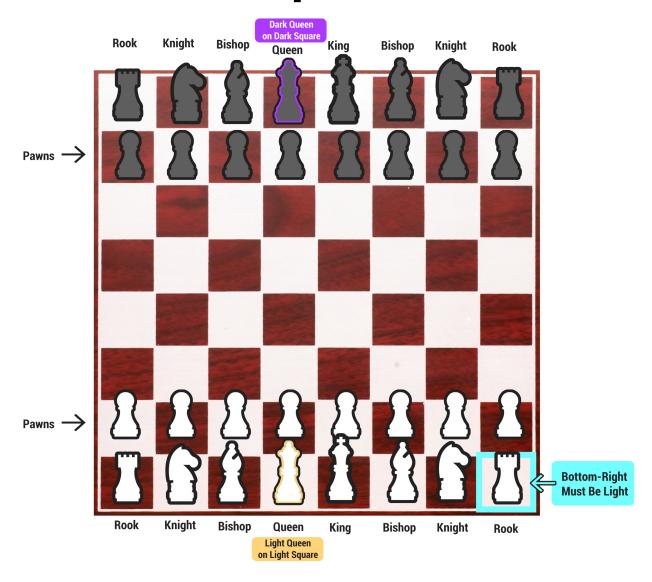
## How to Set Up a Chess Board



**Step One:** Make sure that the bottom-right square is light. If it's dark, rotate your board.

**Step Two:** Position the Light Queen on the center-most light square and the Dark Queen directly across from her on the center-most dark square. Then place the King at the Queen's side at the center of the first row.

**Step Three:** Complete the first row by placing the remaining non-pawn pieces in height order (tallest to shortest) from the center of the first-row outwards: *Bishops next to royalty, then Knights, and Rooks in the corners*.

**Step Four:** Finally, complete the chess board setup by positioning the Pawns along the second row directly in front of the first-row pieces.

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