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Tamagotchi Connection: Corner Shop



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The rewards keep you playing

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If you haven't heard of Tamagotchi by now, you've probably been living under a rock, were raised by wolves, or perhaps you just fell out of the sky and onto that chair in front of this computer. Who knows? But one thing's for sure; I'll bet most of you have seen those little virtual pets hanging around someone's neck or off a keychain (or even on someone's GBA)!

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When you load up Tamagotchi Connection: Corner Shop, you get your choice of three adorable little creatures: Memetchi, Mametchi and Kuchipatchi. Mametchi (the middle choice) was by far the cutest, so I went for her, or him (I'm not sure; for the sake of this review Mametchi is a him). And then you're given a poor little Tamagotchi sitting lonely in a bare room, waiting for you to clothe him, feed him and decorate his tiny space. It'll just break your heart.

So how exactly to do you do clothe, feed, and decorate for little Mametchi? Mini-games; that's how! These mini-games are the shops you have to run. Which character you pick at start up determines which shops will be opened first. And, like so many games before it, the more you play, the more you unlock – new shops, clothes, decorations, and more.

When it's all said and done, there are 11 shops divided into three different sections. In the Patchi Forest you'll find the Takoyaki Shop, the Spa, the Accessory Shop and the Florist Jeweler. In Mame City there's a Dentist, the Cleaners, a Music Club and the Dental Salon. And finally, in Guruguru Town you've got the Beauty Salon, Bakery and Flower Shop.

The mini-games aren't exactly awesome; they're all pretty basic. At the Cleaners, throw clothes into a washer, iron them, do some stain removal, and you're done; at the Florist, make a pretty bouquet of your customer's choice – basic. The only one that really stood out for me was the Music Club; it's reminiscent of Parappa the Rapper and I absolutely adore those games. But is it enough to carry the whole game? No. But the music from that mini-game will definitely leave you humming.

Despite the fact the mini-game action fell a bit flat, I was still intrigued to play on. What this game does really well is reward you for your play, and at just the right time. I know I would've tossed Tamagotchi Connection: Corner Shop down long ago if it was any harder to unlock the next shop. But the rewards kept coming at the right time, and in the end my little Mametchi was fed, clothed, and had a sweet looking pad.

As for the re-playability of this game, in my books, it's not worth a second glance. But the first time around was pretty fun.

OVERALL:

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GAMEPLAY:

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SOUND:

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GRAPHICS:

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