Abstract: A method for playing a slot gaming machine is provided which includes the steps of providing a display to display a plurality of arrays of symbols, each array of symbols having at least three reels and at least one payline associated with each array, betting at least one credit per payline, activating all of the reels in each of the plurality of arrays such that each of the paylines displays an associated set of symbols, detecting whether a winning combination of symbols is displayed with respect to the paylines, and paying credits for each winning combination detected, based on a pay table. A slot machine used for applying this method is also provided.
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