

Bishop Endgames

Chess

Same-colour and opposite-colour bishops behave completely differently.

Same-coloured

- Play like a normal endgame
- Extra pawn usually wins
- Put your pawns on the OPPOSITE colour to your bishop
- Their pawns on your bishop's colour are targets

Opposite-coloured

- Extremely drawish
- Two extra pawns may not win
- The defender blockades on his own colour
- In the middlegame they favour the ATTACKER

THE DIFFERENCE THAT MATTERS

Opposite-coloured bishops draw endgames and sharpen middlegames. The same feature does opposite things at different

Wrong-coloured bishop: with a rook pawn whose queening square your bishop cannot control, it is drawn even with the pawn.