

TerrificTerrific TomTom: Tasting Menu from Dr. Sudoku (Thomas Snyder)

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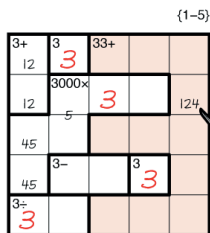
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History: TomTom is not a puzzle I invented, but it is a grid-based logic puzzle that I helped improve starting in 2009 by updating rules for subtraction/division and by encouraging more hand-crafted, elegant themes. The publisher named the style after me, perhaps since “Ken” was nowhere to be found. These puzzles are selected from one of the easier “Starter Pack” collections I’ve published through my company Grandmaster Puzzles. We showcase the beauty of puzzles focusing on reason and logic, in genres ranging from shading and loop/path puzzles to number placement puzzles like TomTom and Sudoku. We just launched a new two-puzzles-a-day subscription you might enjoy.

Rules: Insert a number from 1 to N into each cell in the N by N grid so that no number repeats in any row or column. Also, the number in the upper-left corner of each bold cage indicates the value of a mathematical operation (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division) applied successively to all numbers in the cage, starting with the largest number for subtraction and division (e.g., 1,2,4 with subtraction is a 1– clue as $4-2-1 = 1$). The operation may or may not be given in the cage, but at least one of the four operations must apply. Numbers can repeat within a cage.

Starter Pack 3: TomTom

by Thomas Snyder



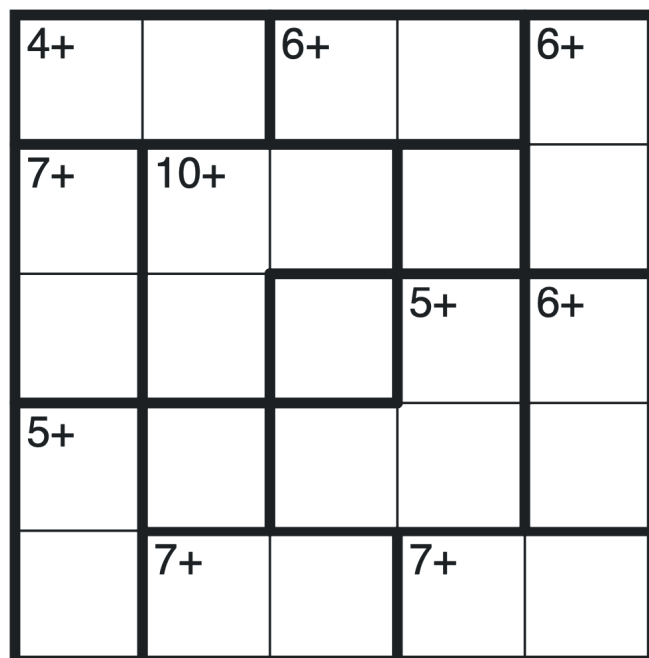
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PUZZLE
01

Sum Thing to Start

{1–5}



PUZZLE
03

Negative Thinking

{1-5}

2-		4-		2-
2-	1-		3-	
	3-	1		2-
3-		1-		
	2-		3-	



PUZZLE
07

Fully Operational

{1-6}

9+			3-	4-	5-
4+					
5+					
				6x	
5÷	3÷	2÷		12x	
				20x	



PUZZLE
11

All 4 Something

{1-6}

4-		40x		4+	
	14+	44+		4x	
4+					
	4÷	4-		4-	
4					



PUZZLE
27

Eight Is Enough

{1-6}

8		8		8	
8	8				
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Totally Credible Tile Crosswords: Tasting Menu from Dr. Sudoku (Thomas Snyder)

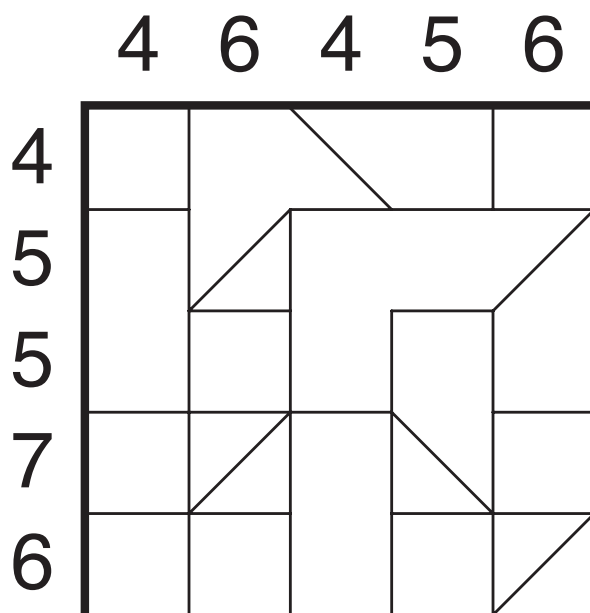
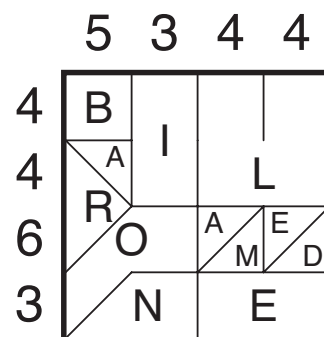
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History: Tile Crosswords is a grid-variant style of crossword puzzles I invented after exploring similar fractured grids for number-based logic puzzles. That certain cell shapes now sit across multiple rows and columns and can have different orderings when looking left to right and top to bottom from diagonals gives the style some different properties from standard “word shapes”. But the grids sure do look weird most of the time. I wrote a full book of Tile Crosswords with Slik (Mike Selinker), but never found other places to publish some of the ones I wrote in the past. So here are three word puzzles that have been sitting in my archive for about ten years since the last rejection letter.

Rules: In a Tile Crossword, entries will read across or down one cell at a time, but the cells (or “tiles”) can be many different shapes and can stretch into multiple rows or columns. Simply put: every time you cross a line a new letter occurs. For example, in the grid to the right you can find BILL (two L’s from one lined tile), RAIL, ROAMED, and ONE reading across and BARON, ION, LAME, and LEDE reading down. The clues to a Tile Crossword are presented in alphabetic order by clue so you must determine which row / column matches each entry. The lengths of each entry are given outside the grid to assist you.



Across:

- Change for the better
- Devious
- Focused
- Maker of the Easy-Bake Oven
- One member of a pair of famous hill climbers

Down:

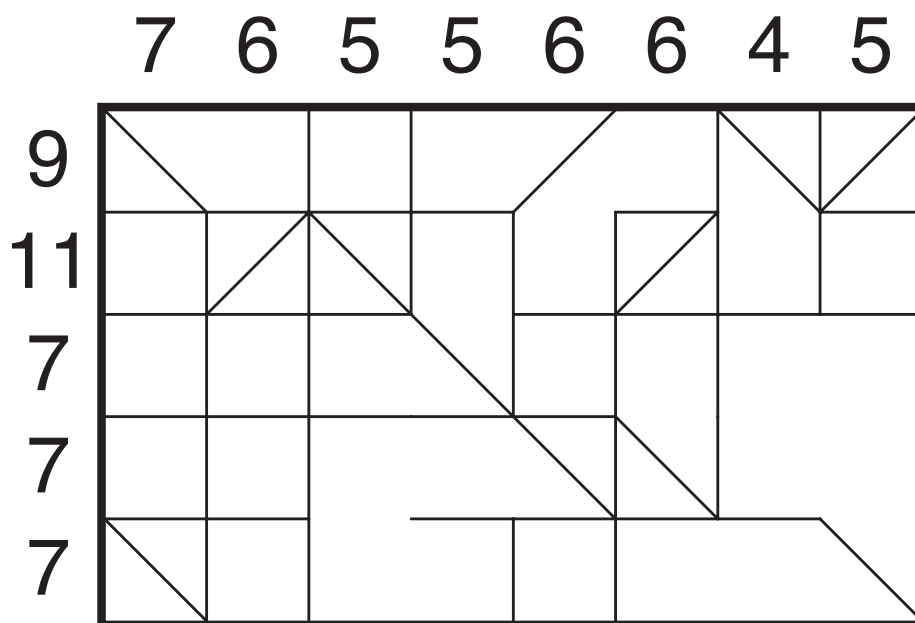
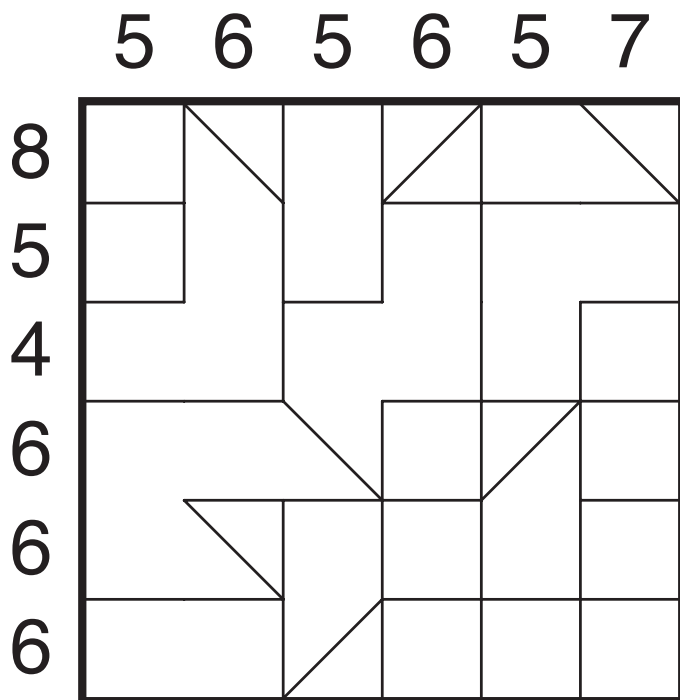
- One member of a pair of famous hill climbers
- Saint Petersburg was once named after him
- Sometimes it is on the house
- Successfully vaccinated
- *The Dark Knight* costar

Across:

- Get excited
- Position in football
- Repeated sounds
- Squeal
- *The Gates of Hell* creator
- Trait seen in many NPL puzzles and games

Down:

- Leave behind
- Northerners, sometimes
- Put down on paper
- *The Price is Right* game
- This can be right
- Turn right, for example

**Across:**

- *Land of _____*: 2 wds.
- Late night TV host who followed the one below in 2013
- Late night TV host who preceded the one above in 2013
- Quality of staying inside the lines?
- Someone afraid of lefties?: Hyph.

Down:

- A dish that's best served cold?
- Blizzard output
- Bobby's wife
- Breath mints discontinued midway between when I wrote this puzzle and today
- First digit when counting, sometimes: 2 wds.
- Frenchman known for his portraits
- Go on at length
- New York City team