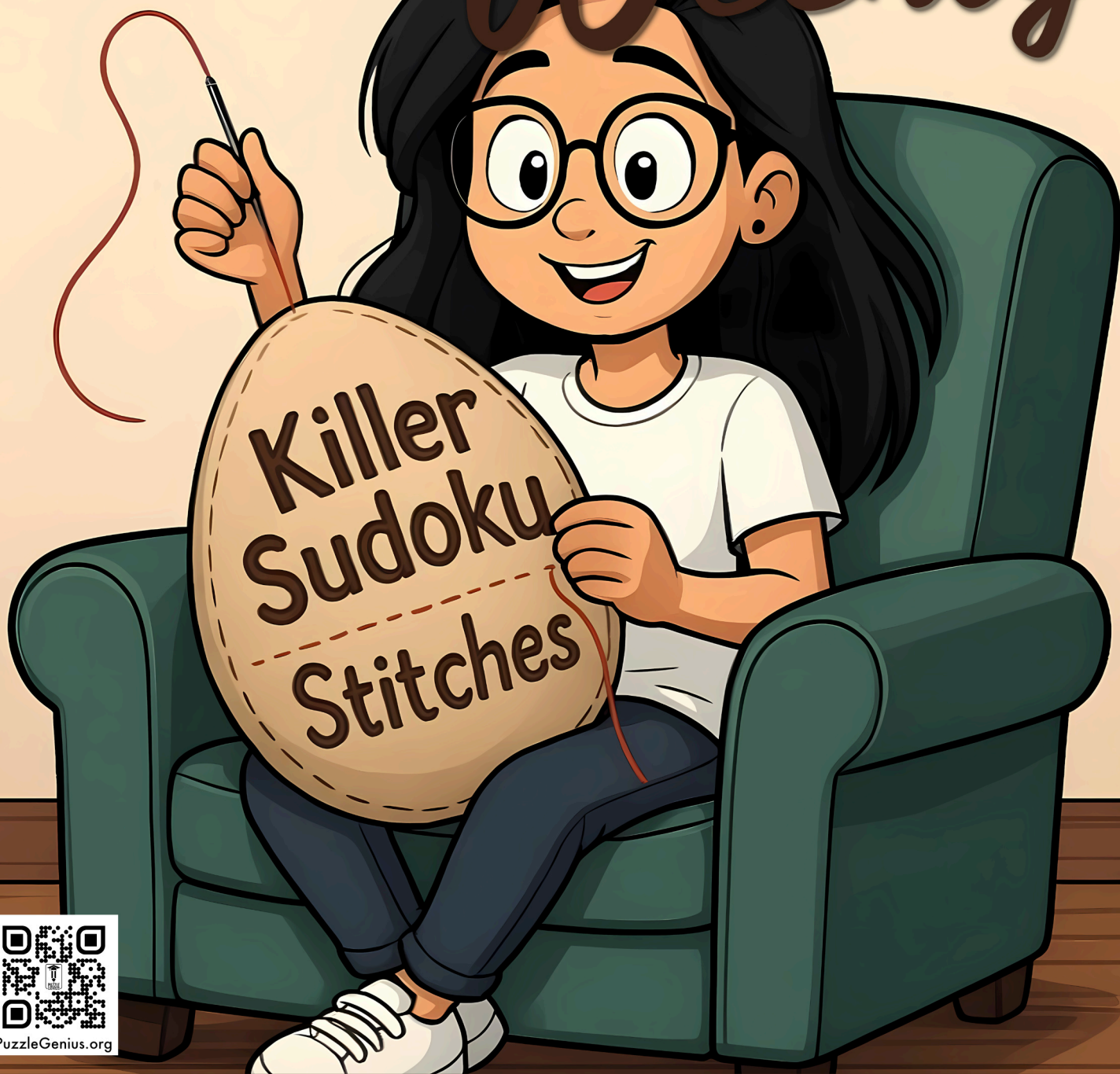


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Etymology Corner

The word *Easter* has a fascinating origin story, rooted in traditions that predate Christianity. The English term derives from *Eostre* or *Eastre*, the name of a Germanic goddess of spring and dawn. The Venerable Bede, an 8th-century English monk, first documented this connection in his work *De Temporum Ratione*.

Before Christianisation, Anglo-Saxon pagans celebrated Eostre during the month we now call April. This festival honoured renewal and fertility during the spring equinox, marked by symbols of new life that persist today – eggs and rabbits among them.

When Christianity spread through northern Europe, the celebration of Christ's resurrection conveniently aligned with these existing spring festivities. Missionaries often incorporated local customs into Christian observances to ease conversion, and thus the name *Easter* was adopted for the resurrection feast in English-speaking regions.

Interestingly, most other languages use terms derived from the Hebrew *Pesach* (Passover), such as *Pascua* in Spanish or *Pâques* in French, directly connecting the holiday to its Jewish roots.

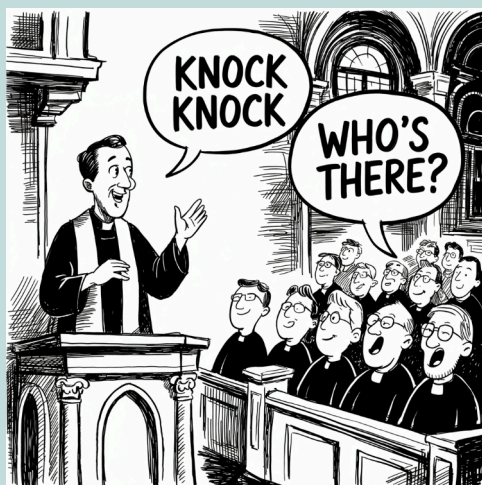
From The Editor



Greetings, puzzle lovers, and happy Easter – a bit early I know, but our next issue is after the event. Killer Sudoku is back this week. It's a special year for fans of that puzzle because 2025 happens to be 45 squared. 45 is, of course, a very important number when playing Killer Sudoku; if you don't know why, do take the time to have a look at our tutorial! $2025 = 45^2$ is just the sort of useless but fascinating fact we puzzlers love. I'm sure it's the sort of thing Dora would know, too, so I'm delighted we've finally managed to get her on the cover. As you can see, she's a fan of Stitches, as well, which also features in this issue. Have a great week!

Felix Linklater

Did You Know...?



During medieval times, churches would hold Easter Laughter (Risus Paschalis) services, where priests would tell jokes and amusing stories to celebrate joy after Lent.

The Easter Bunny tradition originated in Germany in the 1700s, where children would make nests for a mythical hare called *Osterhase* to lay coloured eggs in.

The world's most expensive chocolate Easter egg sold for £7,000 in London. It was crafted from Tanzanian chocolate and contained edible gold leaf.

The world's oldest known sewing needle isn't made of metal, but bone. Discovered in Denisova Cave, Siberia, it dates back around 50,000 years.

Before the invention of thread, ancient peoples used animal sinew, plant fibres and even human hair to stitch materials together.

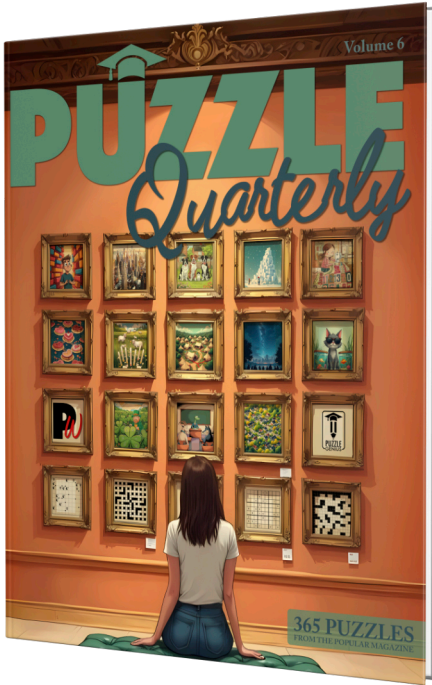
The humble sewing machine was once considered so revolutionary that it sparked riots. In the 1830s, French tailors burned down a factory containing newly invented sewing machines, fearing unemployment.

Permanently Puzzled Pete



Featured Book

Unleash Your Puzzle Passion: A Celebration of *Puzzle Weekly's* Finest

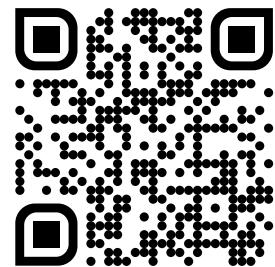


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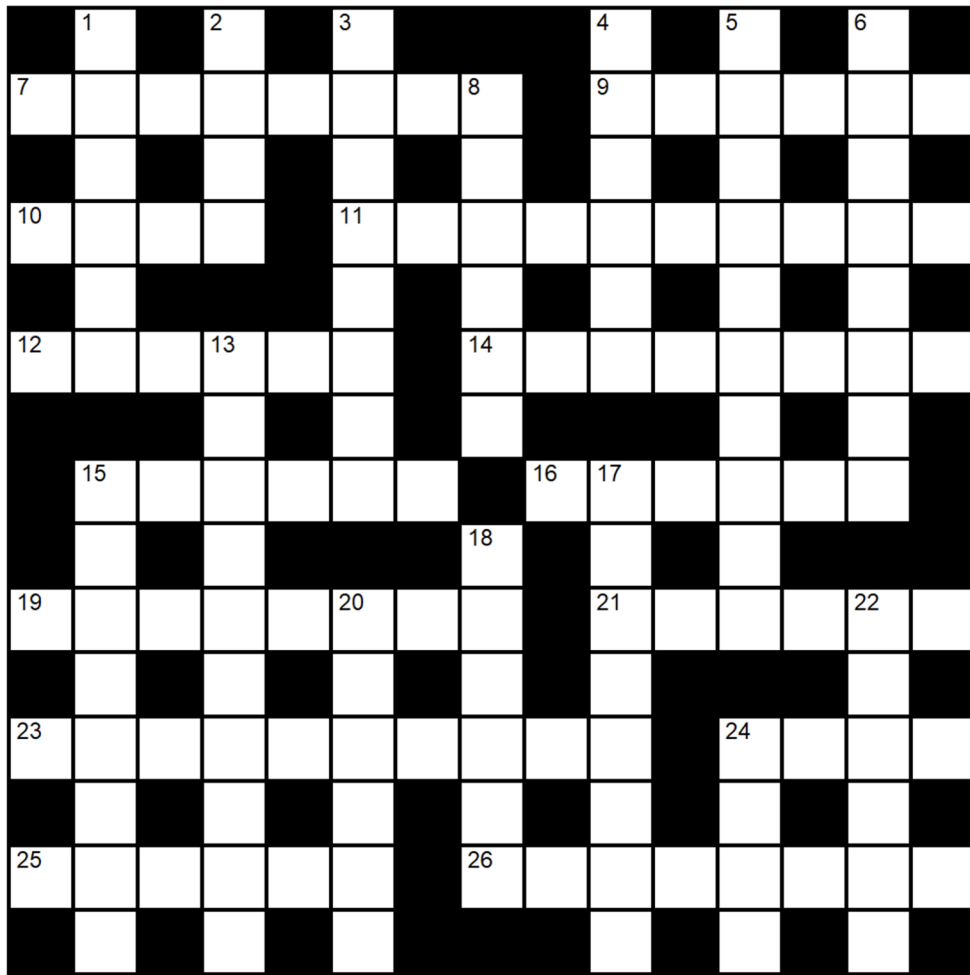
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Word Puzzles

Quick Crossword



Across

- 7 Guidance for personal betterment
- 9 Deadly culprit
- 10 Undulating shape
- 11 Faster than sound
- 12 Situated within
- 14 Rebel who abandons cause
- 15 Very much in style
- 16 Springtime holy festival
- 19 Liable to make mistakes
- 21 Thin paper for wiping
- 23 Done without help
- 24 Laid by chickens
- 25 Stitching fabric
- 26 Relating to sorcery

Down

- 1 Recover possession
- 2 Dubious or uncertain
- 3 Frame supporting a mattress
- 4 Marked slope for downhill
- 5 Barriers controlling water flow
- 6 Confuse completely
- 8 1960s Warhol-style movement
- 13 Aspiring to perfection
- 15 Miniature rail toy
- 17 Come before in time
- 18 Confer as a gift
- 20 Structure over a gap
- 22 Needing immediate attention
- 24 Reverberating sound

Solution in next week's *Puzzle Weekly*. Last week's solution:

Across: 7-hospital, 9-oeuvre, 10-like, 11-omnipotent, 12-tempeh, 14-estimate, 15-crouch, 16-laddie, 19-waterway, 21-health, 23-reasonable, 24-reed, 25-doctor, 26-laid-back
Down: 1-bovine, 2-apse, 3-strophic, 4-hot pot, 5-multimedia, 6-brunette, 8-lintel, 13-propensity, 15-chaperon, 17-athletic, 18-symbol, 20-winery, 22-trench, 24-robe

Word Ladder



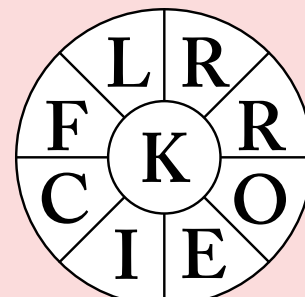
Climb the ladder by changing one letter at a time, each time making a new word, until you reach the top. There may be more than one valid solution. Our solution next week.

Last week's solution:

RIVER → LIVER → LOVER → MOVER →
MOVES → MOTES → MOTHS

Word Wheel

Make as many 4-letter or longer words as you can. Letters can only be used once per word, and every word must include the middle letter. There's one word that uses all nine letters.

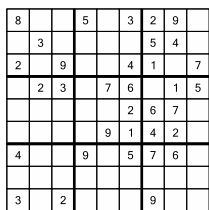


Minimum: 16 words. Clever-clogs: 30 words. Puzzle Genius: 41 words.
(9-letter word solution next week. Last week's 9-letter word was REPUTEDLY)

Tips & Tutorials

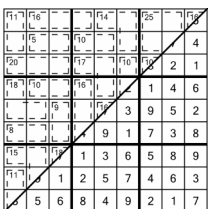
There are three types of puzzle in this magazine, plus the kids puzzles, for a total of seven different types. If some of the puzzles are new to you, we have helpful tutorials on-line. They'll get you up to speed in no time.

This Week's Puzzles



Sudoku

Our all-time favourite puzzle, Sudoku is a fascinating challenge. We have a detailed three part tutorial here: puzzlegenius.org/learnsudoku

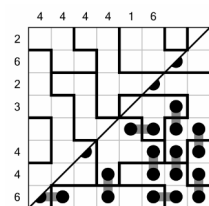


Killer Sudoku

Jump into a killer conundrum, melding math and logic to challenge your deductive prowess.

Our tutorial here: puzzlegenius.org/learnkillersudoku

We also have a Killer Sudoku calculator here: puzzlegenius.org/killer-sudoku-calculator



Stitches

Navigate the woven world of Stitches, connecting neighbours with precision, guided by edge clues in this tapestry of logic and elegance. Here's our tutorial: puzzlegenius.org/learnstitches

Tip: tap or click these links on the puzzle pages for quick access to tutorials and solutions:



Tutorial on-line



See the solution



Return to the puzzle

2 Ways To Play

On Device

Play the puzzles right on your device. We've designed our pages around big puzzles, ideal for filling in on your iPad, Kindle Scribe, reMarkable, or Kobo Elipsa.

If you're already reading this on your device, you're all set to go.

If you need help getting Puzzle Weekly onto your device, there are instructions on our website, here:

puzzlegenius.org/devices

Printable Section

If you prefer to do your puzzles 'old school', on paper, you can print out our printable section. It contains all the puzzles for the week on just 7 pages. You can choose whether to include the colouring pages.

Full print section: 35-43

No kids colouring page: 35-42

No adult colouring page: 36-43

Puzzles only (no colouring pages): 36-42

For help on how to print just those pages, see our guide:

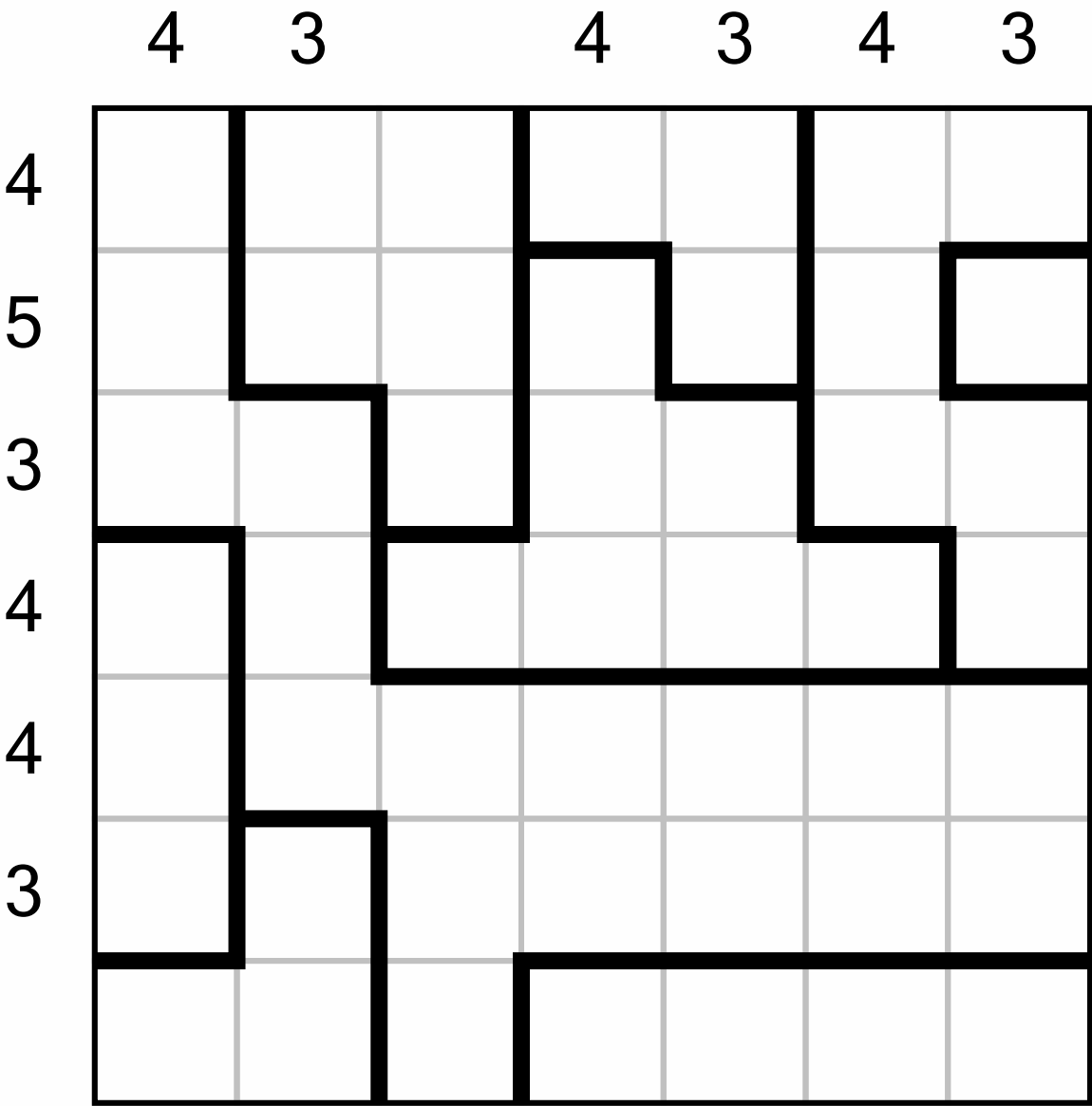
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Sudoku

3				9	7	6	5	
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		4	6				1	
2	9		1	3	4			
4			5	7	6	9	8	
7	6	5	9	8	2	1		4
	8	9			1	3		5
	2		8	4			6	9
		7	3	6		8		



Stitches



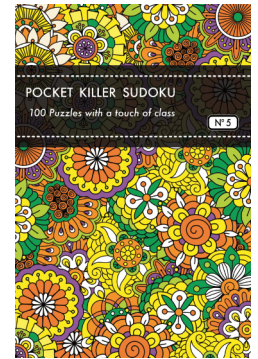
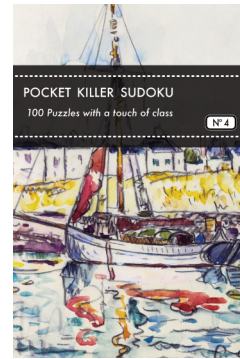
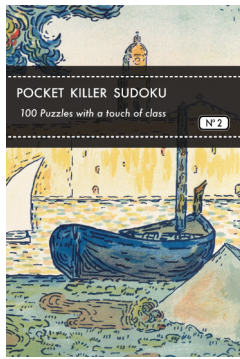
Killer Sudoku

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6		7		25				11
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	14			17			19	
6		17		11			13	
5		13		12				
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		16			7			



Featured Books

The Pocket Killer Sudoku Collection

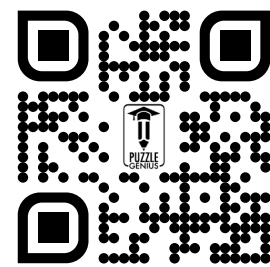


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Kids Sudoku 4x4

			3
	1		2
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	2		1



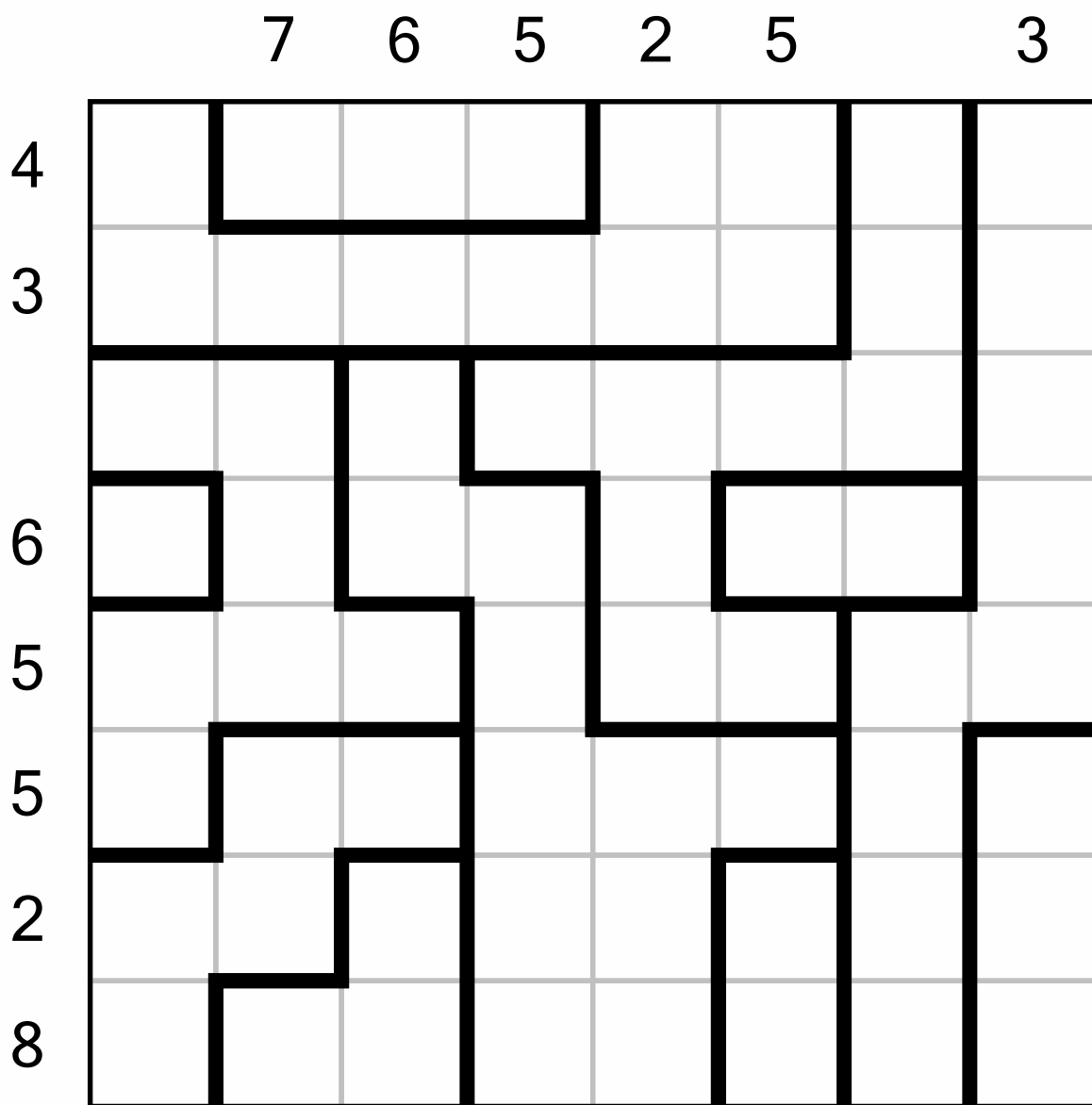
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Sudoku

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	8			9	4		1	5
7					1			9
8	4		5		3	9	6	2
2				8		5		3
	3	9	6	7	2	1	4	8
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			1					6
1		2			8	3		



Stitches

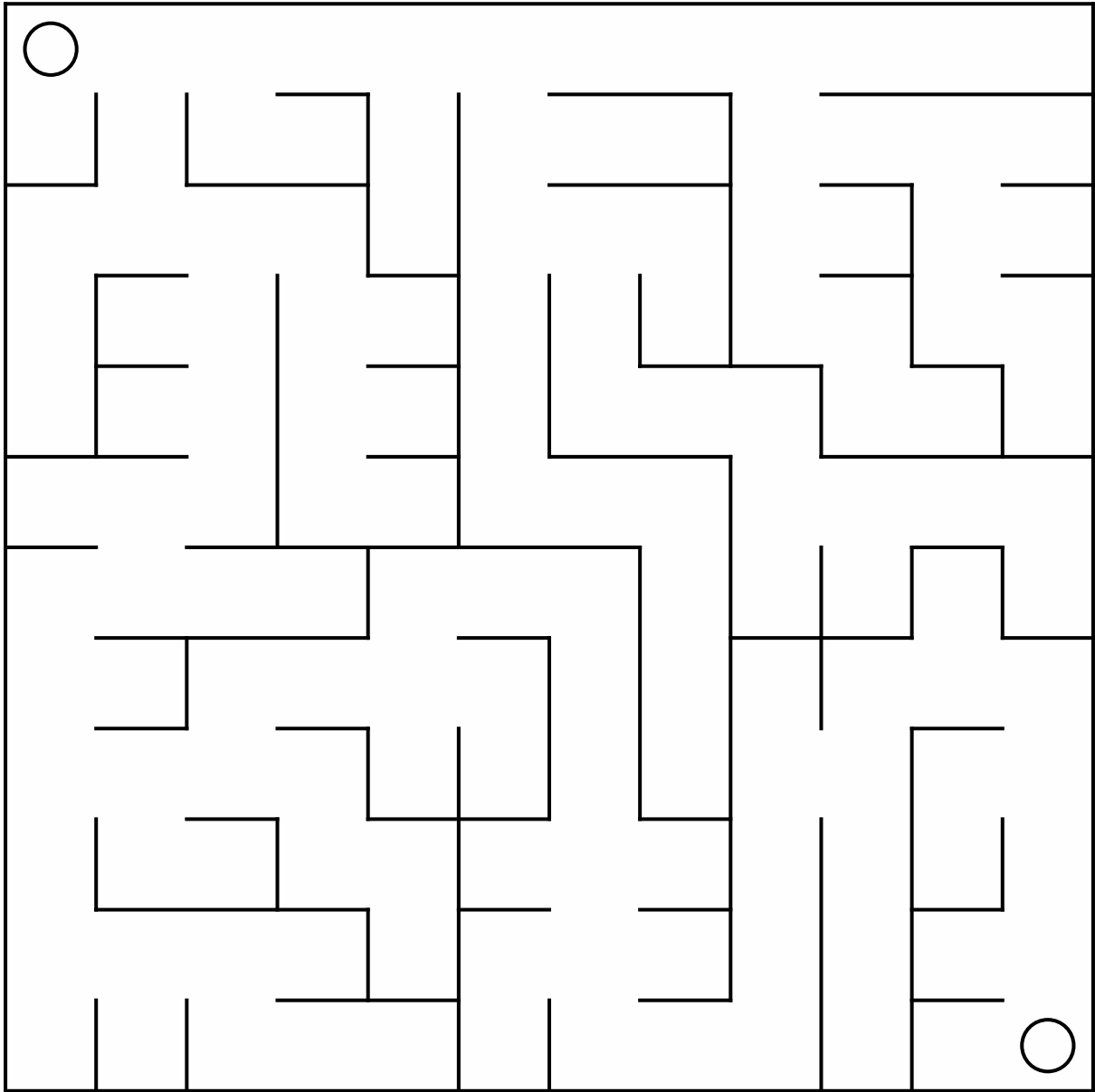


Killer Sudoku

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		21		16				
5			13		17	20	8	
6							15	
24			16		5			9
11		3		17		4		
16	15		8			18	23	



Kids Maze



Wednesday 16 April 2025

Sudoku

		9		1	5		7	8
3				9		5	1	
1					8	9		4
2		3	8				5	9
5		8		3		7		
6		1						
		6	7	2	3	4		
		5		8				
	2			5	1	8	3	



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Wednesday 16 April 2025

Killer Sudoku

15			19		12	14		
12						17	14	
15	19		11	9				
				7	11		9	
11	8	12			12	4		24
			7	14		22		
16	17						14	
		10	18		7			
				15			10	



Kids Sudoku 6x6

		4			6
		3			1
			4		
	5				
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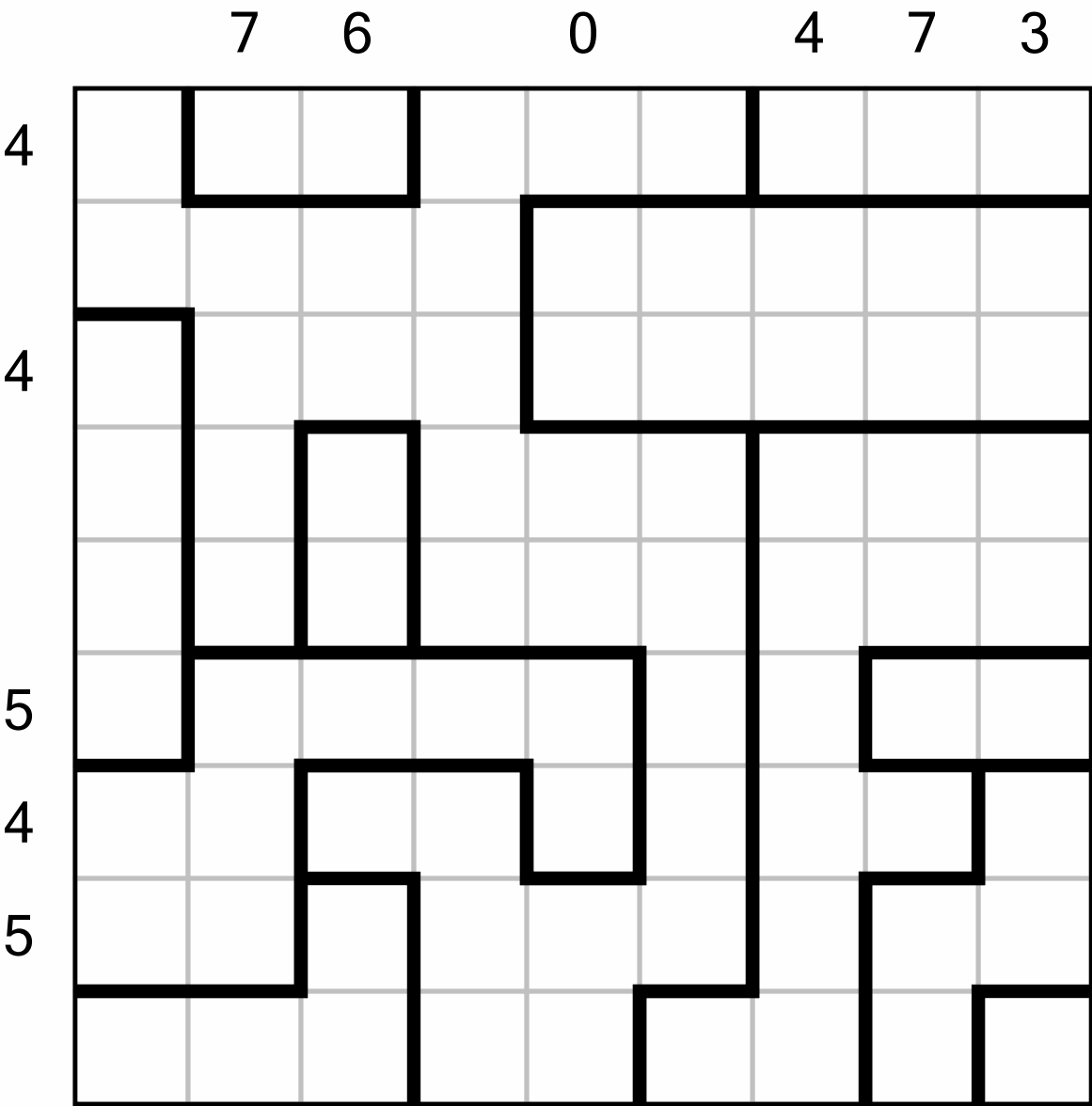


Sudoku

	1	2			3	6	4	
	4	3		1				
9					4	8		1
6				9				8
		8		4		1		2
		7		2			6	
	5	9		6		7		
3	7			8			1	
		4	1	3				6



Stitches



Killer Sudoku

12			17	16			14	
18	11	8			10		22	
			11					
	10		8		17			7
23		32	19		12		26	
					15			
11	9			10		11		
	9	18				9		
				11			9	



Kids Number Cross

	8	18	13	23	10
25	4	4	9	9	8
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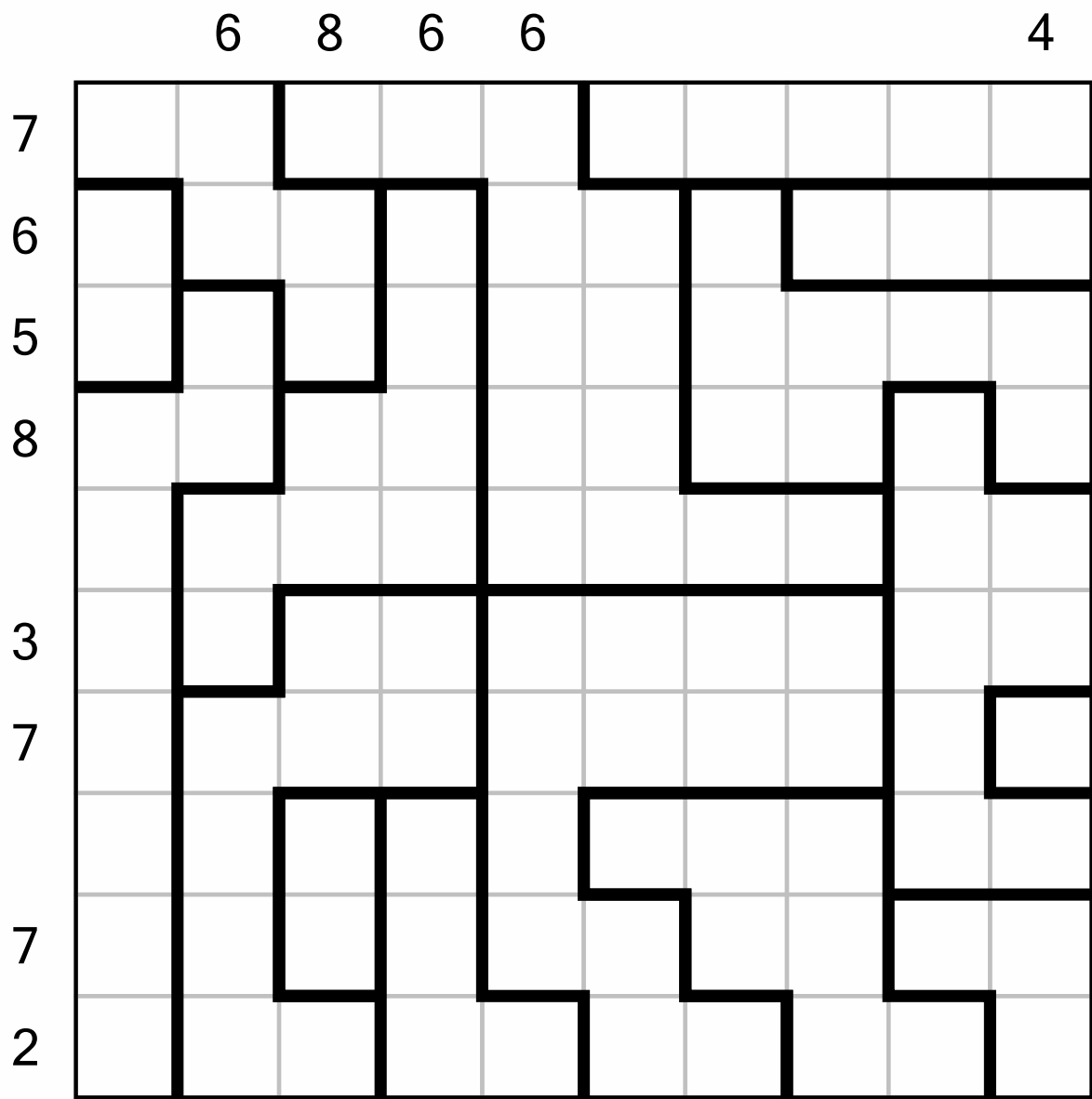


Sudoku

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		1	4	9		8		
						2		3
								6
		2	5	6			9	
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Stitches

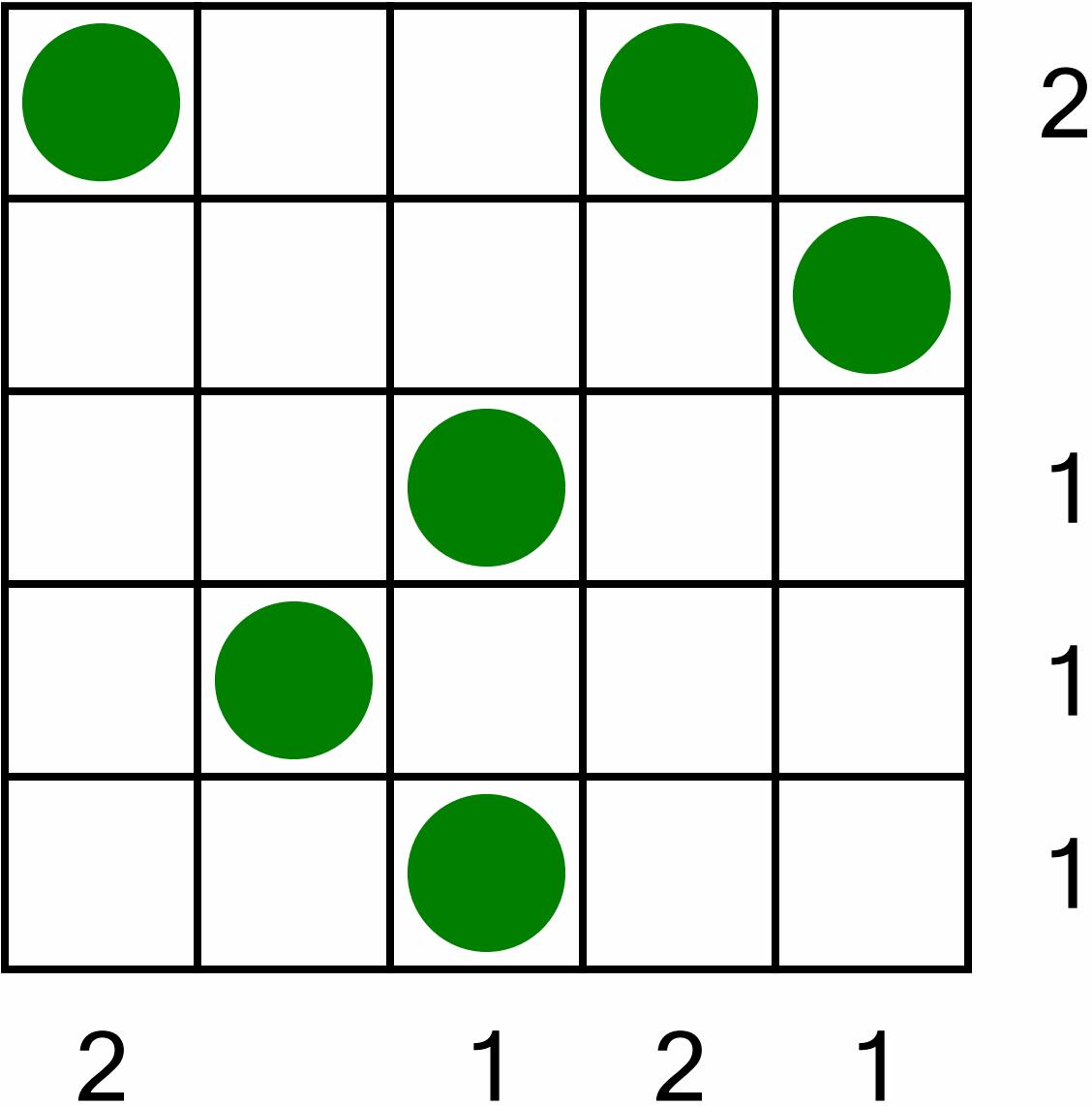


Killer Sudoku

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			15	9		3	20	
8				10				



Kids Tents

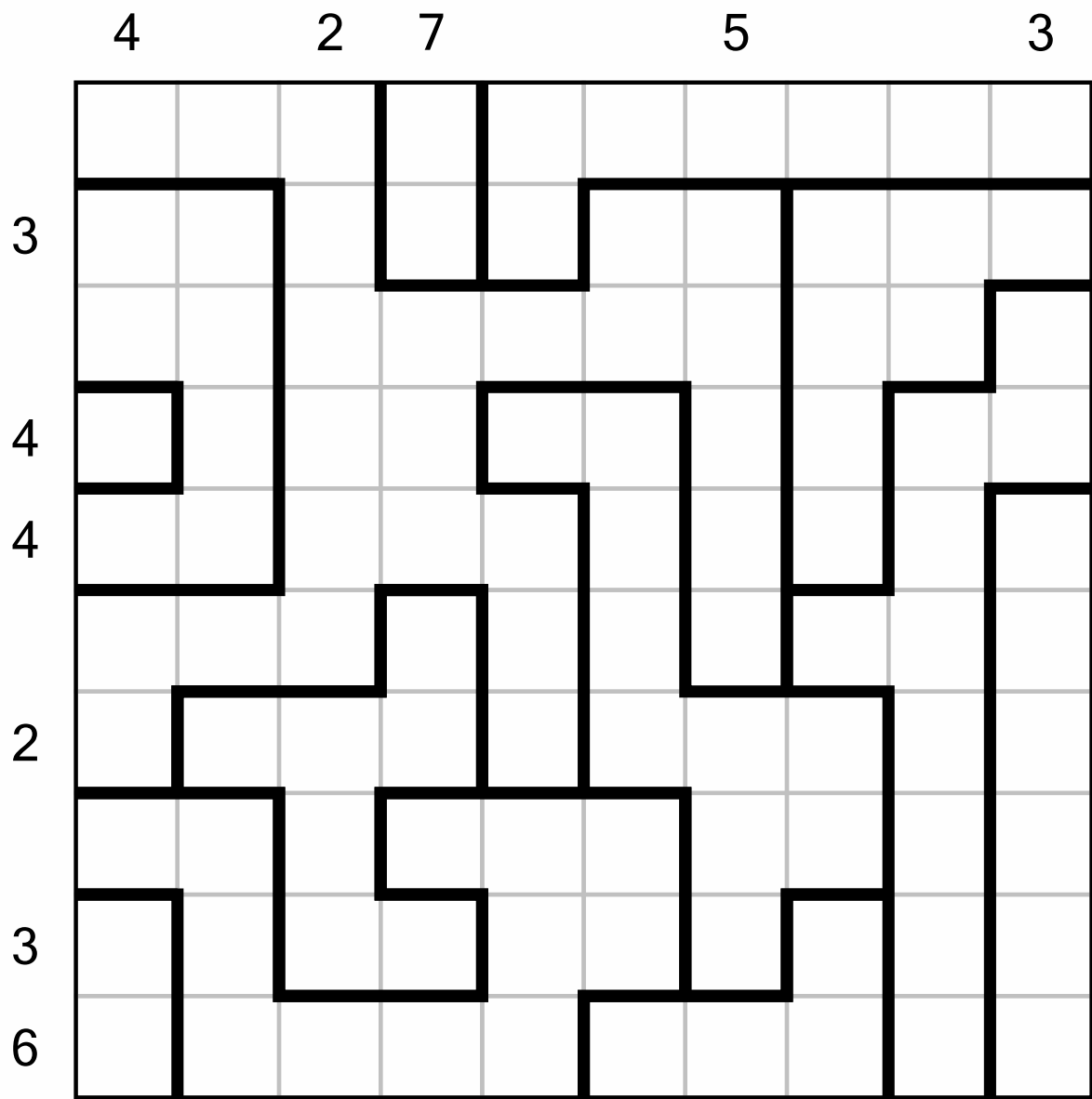


Sudoku

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	7						4	
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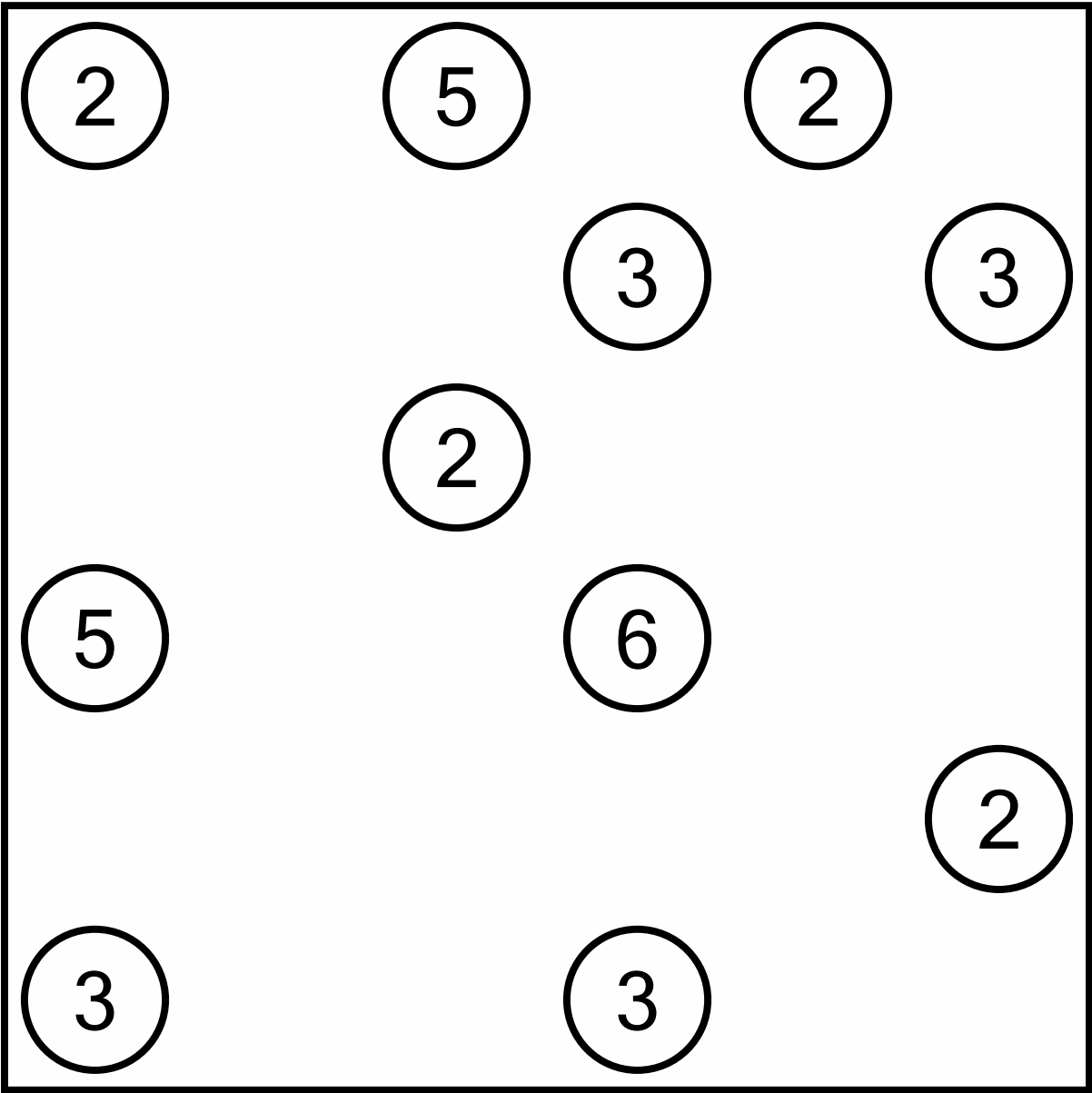


Killer Sudoku

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Kids Hashiwokakero

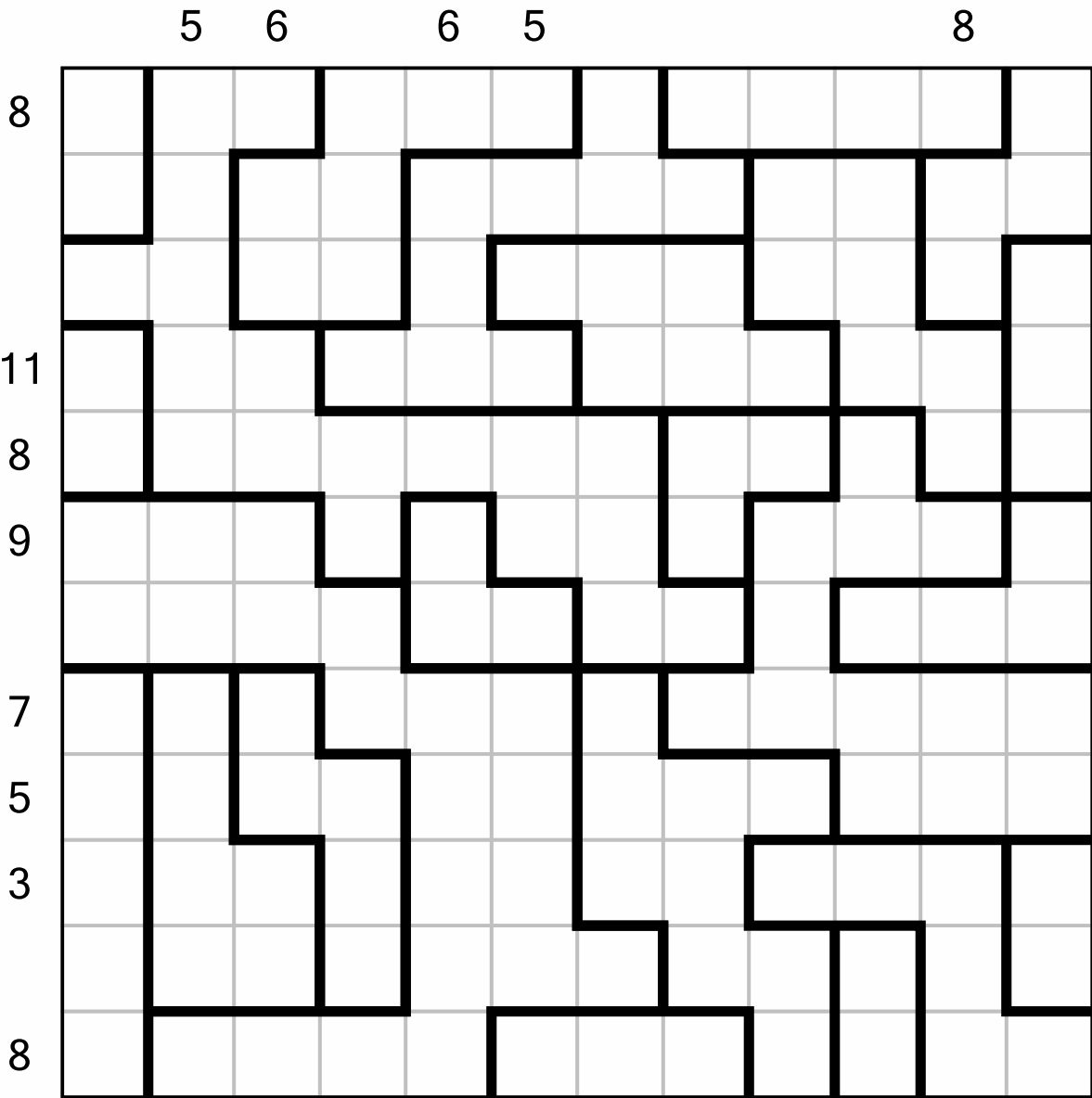


Sudoku

							5	2
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7			4			5	2	
	5		3					
6				2				



Stitches



Killer Sudoku

13	16			18		13		
	11		30		8		12	
					21		11	16
17		14		15				
	16		10		22			6
						17		
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	9				17	18	19	
		5						



Kids Calcudoku

9+	5+	4+	
		4	
	1	7+	
7+			3





Sudoku

3				9	7	6	5	
8	5	6			3		9	7
		4	6				1	
2	9		1	3	4			
4			5	7	6	9	8	
7	6	5	9	8	2	1		4
	8	9			1	3		5
	2		8	4			6	9
		7	3	6		8		



Stitches

	4	3		4	3	4	3	
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Killer Sudoku

14		6	4	9	14	5		13
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6		7		25				11
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		16			7			



Kids Sudoku 4x4

			3
	1		2
1			
	2		1



Sudoku

9		1				4	3	
	8			9	4		1	5
7					1			9
8	4		5		3	9	6	2
2				8		5		3
	3	9	6	7	2	1	4	8
	6	8	3	2		7		1
			1					6
1		2			8	3		



Stitches

	7	6	5	2	5		3
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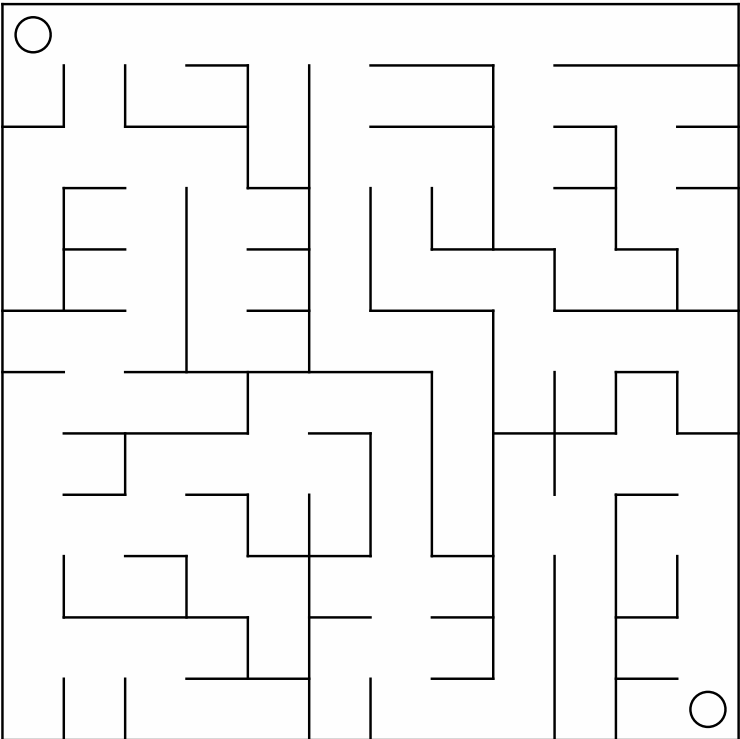


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11		3		17		4		
16	15		8			18	23	



Kids Maze



Sudoku

		9		1	5		7	8
3				9		5	1	
1					8	9		4
2		3	8				5	9
5		8		3		7		
6		1						
		6	7	2	3	4		
		5		8				
	2			5	1	8	3	

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Stitches

		7	5	6	4		4	3	4
6									
5									
1									
5									
5									
5									
8									

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Killer Sudoku

15			19		12	14		
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15	19		11	9				
				7	11		9	
11	8	12			12	4		24
			7	14		22		
16	17						14	
		10	18		7			
				15			10	

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Kids Sudoku 6x6

		4			6
		3			1
			4		
	5				
	3		2	5	



Sudoku

	1	2			3	6	4	
	4	3		1				
9					4	8		1
6				9				8
		8		4		1		2
		7		2			6	
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		4	1	3				6

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Stitches

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4								
4								
5								
4								
5								

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Killer Sudoku

12			17	16			14	
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			11					
	10		8		17			7
23		32	19		12		26	
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	9	18				9		
				11			9	

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Kids Number Cross

	8	18	13	23	10
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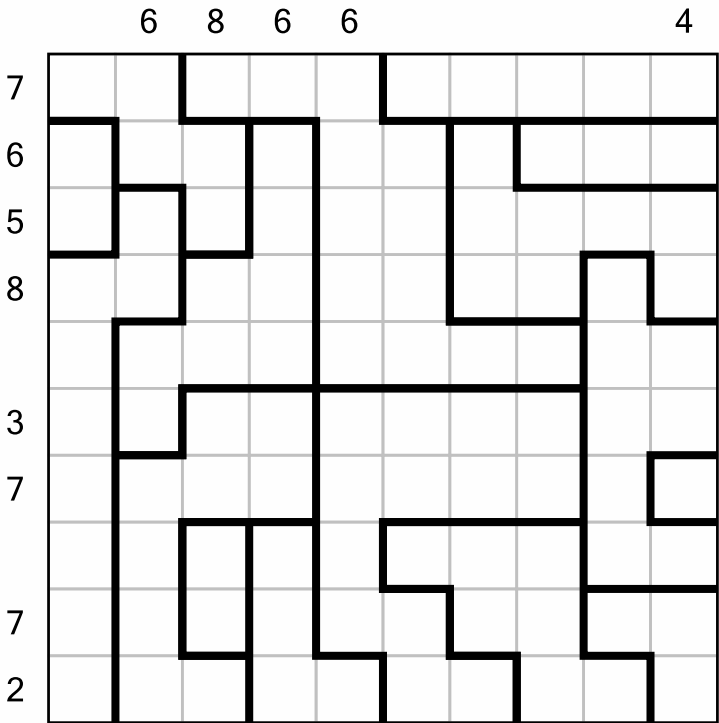


Sudoku

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						2		3
								6
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Stitches



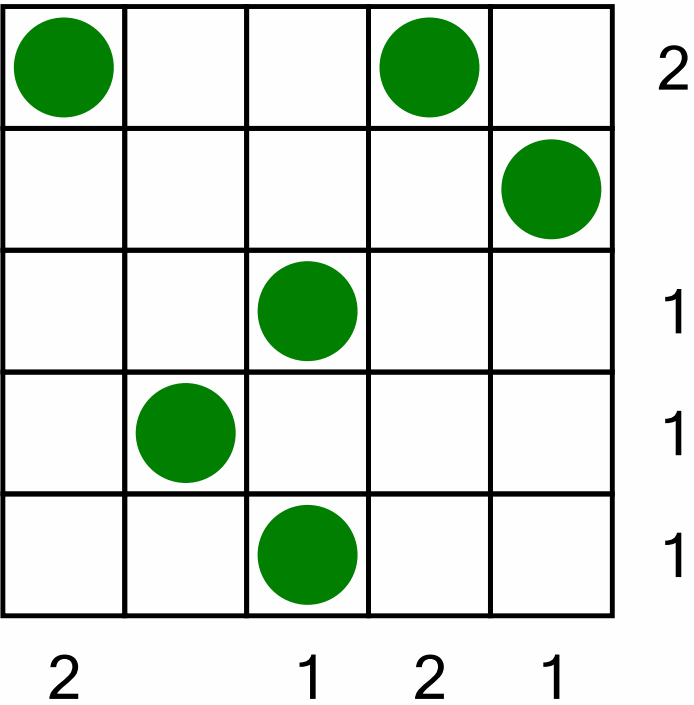
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Kids Tents

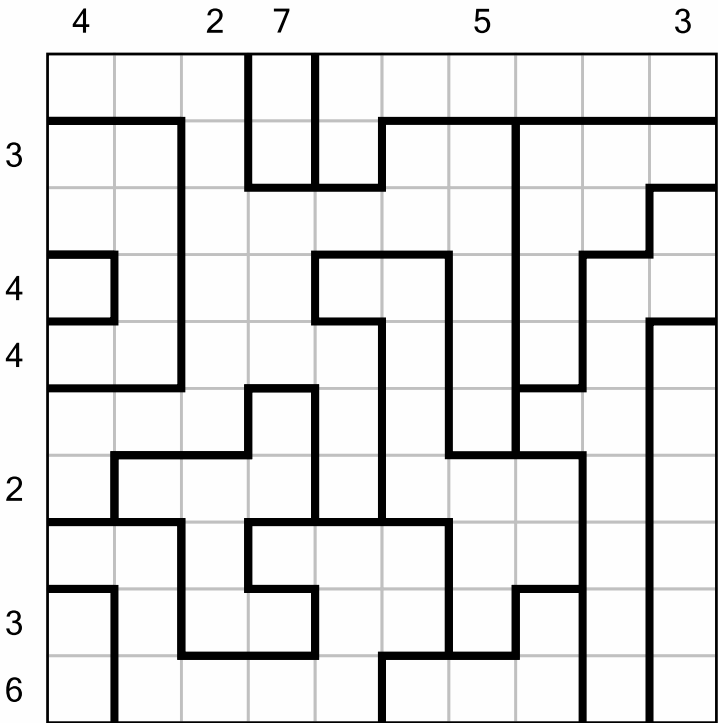


Sudoku

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	7						4	
	8		9	7				3
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							9	
		5			9			2
2						6		
4		6	1		7			



Stitches

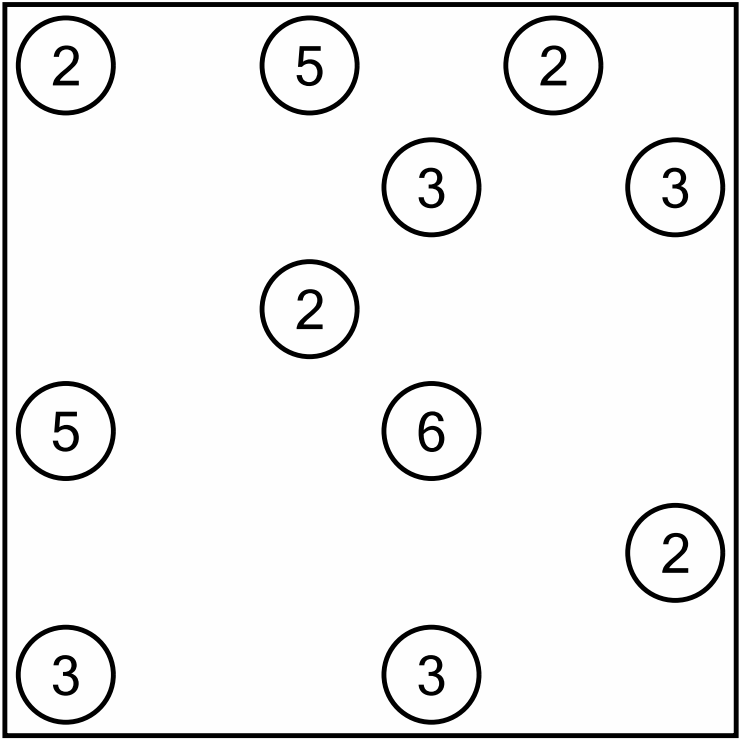


Killer Sudoku

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	17	13				12		
			10				9	
		15	14		16	17		15
14								
		16			15			



Kids Hashiwokakero



Sudoku

							5	2
			2		7	4		1
		7		6		3		
3				4				
1		2	8					
5	9				2	6		3
7			4			5	2	
	5		3					
6				2				

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Stitches

	5	6		6	5			8	
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Killer Sudoku

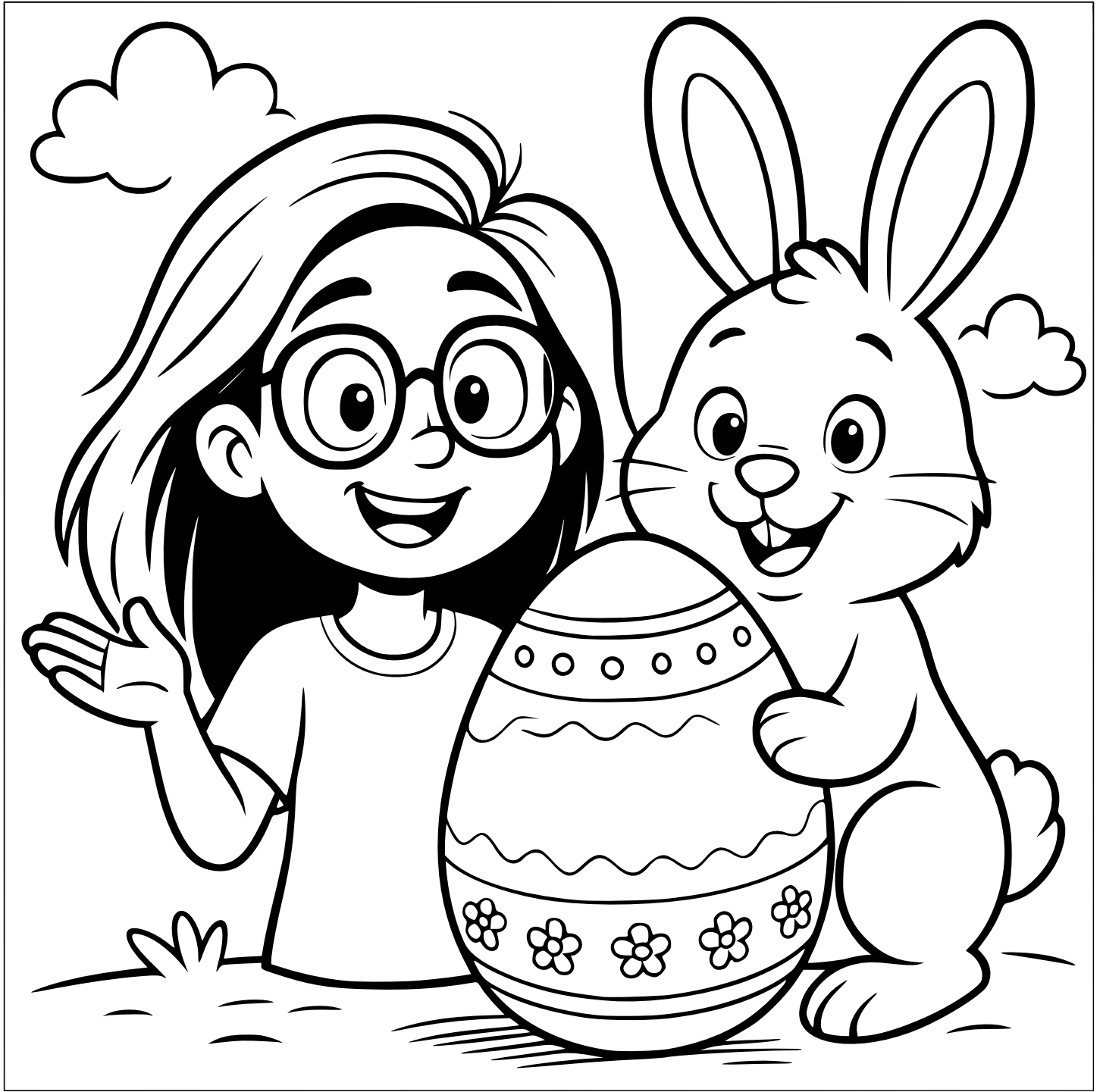
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Kids Calcudoku

9+	5+	4+	
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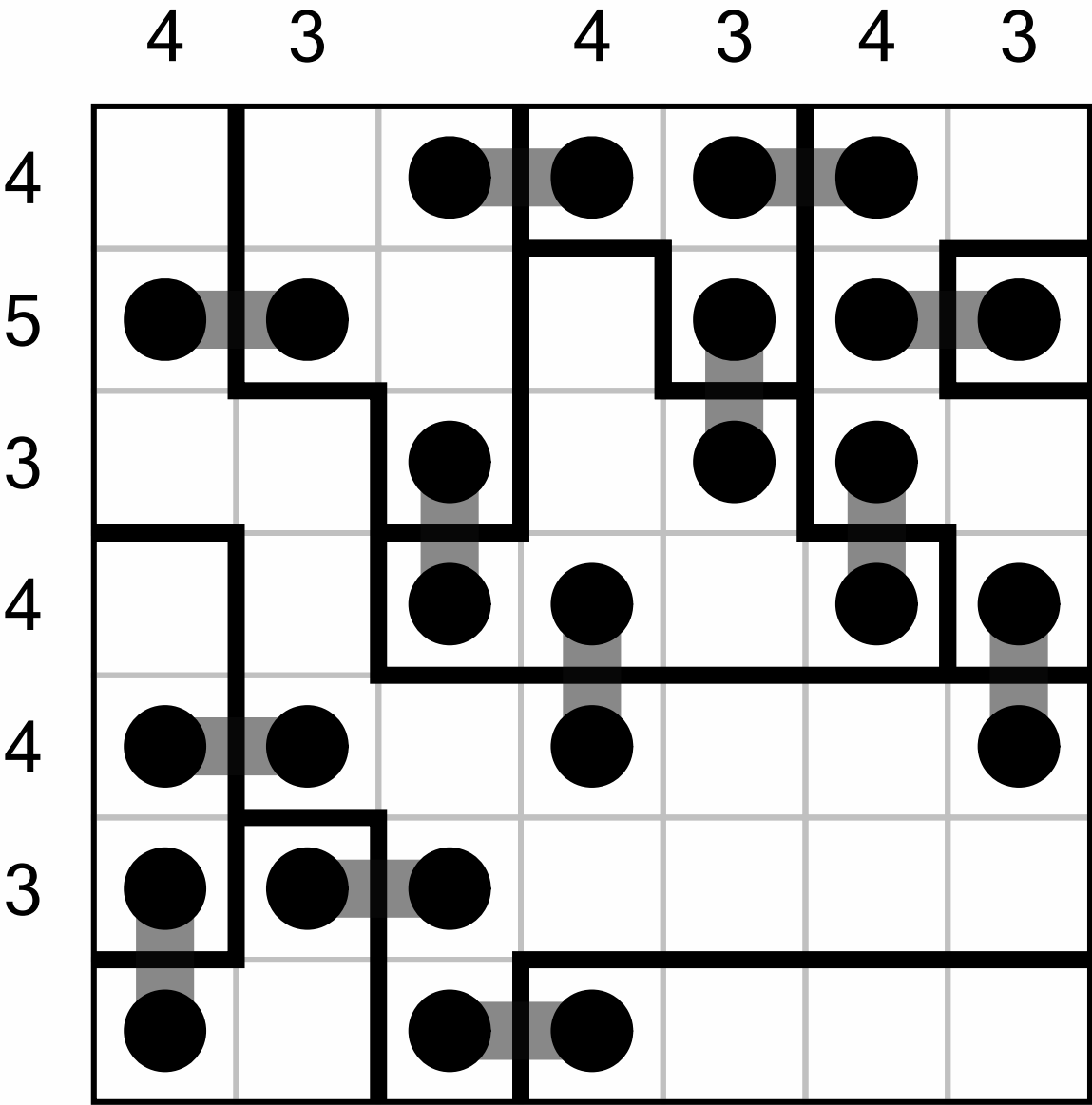


Sudoku

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4	3	1	5	7	6	9	8	2
7	6	5	9	8	2	1	3	4
6	8	9	7	2	1	3	4	5
1	2	3	8	4	5	7	6	9
5	4	7	3	6	9	8	2	1



Stitches



Killer Sudoku

6	8	2	3	7	9	4	1	5
9	7	4	1	2	5	3	6	8
1	5	3	4	6	8	2	7	9
3	1	6	8	4	7	9	5	2
7	9	5	2	3	1	6	8	4
4	2	8	9	5	6	7	3	1
2	3	7	5	8	4	1	9	6
5	4	1	6	9	3	8	2	7
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Kids Sudoku 4x4

2	4	1	3
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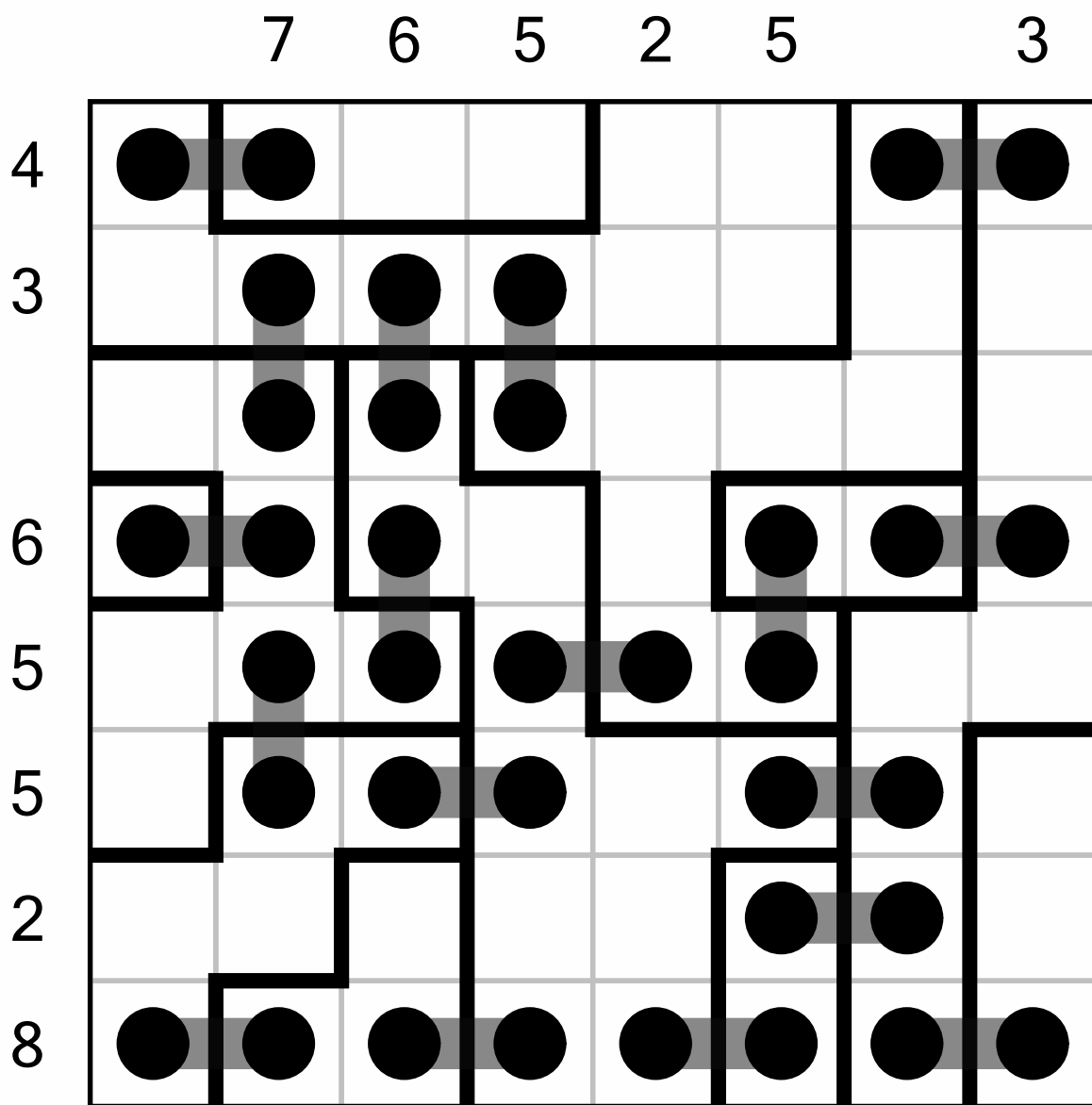
Tuesday 15 April 2025

Sudoku

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8	4	7	5	1	3	9	6	2
2	1	6	4	8	9	5	7	3
5	3	9	6	7	2	1	4	8
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Stitches

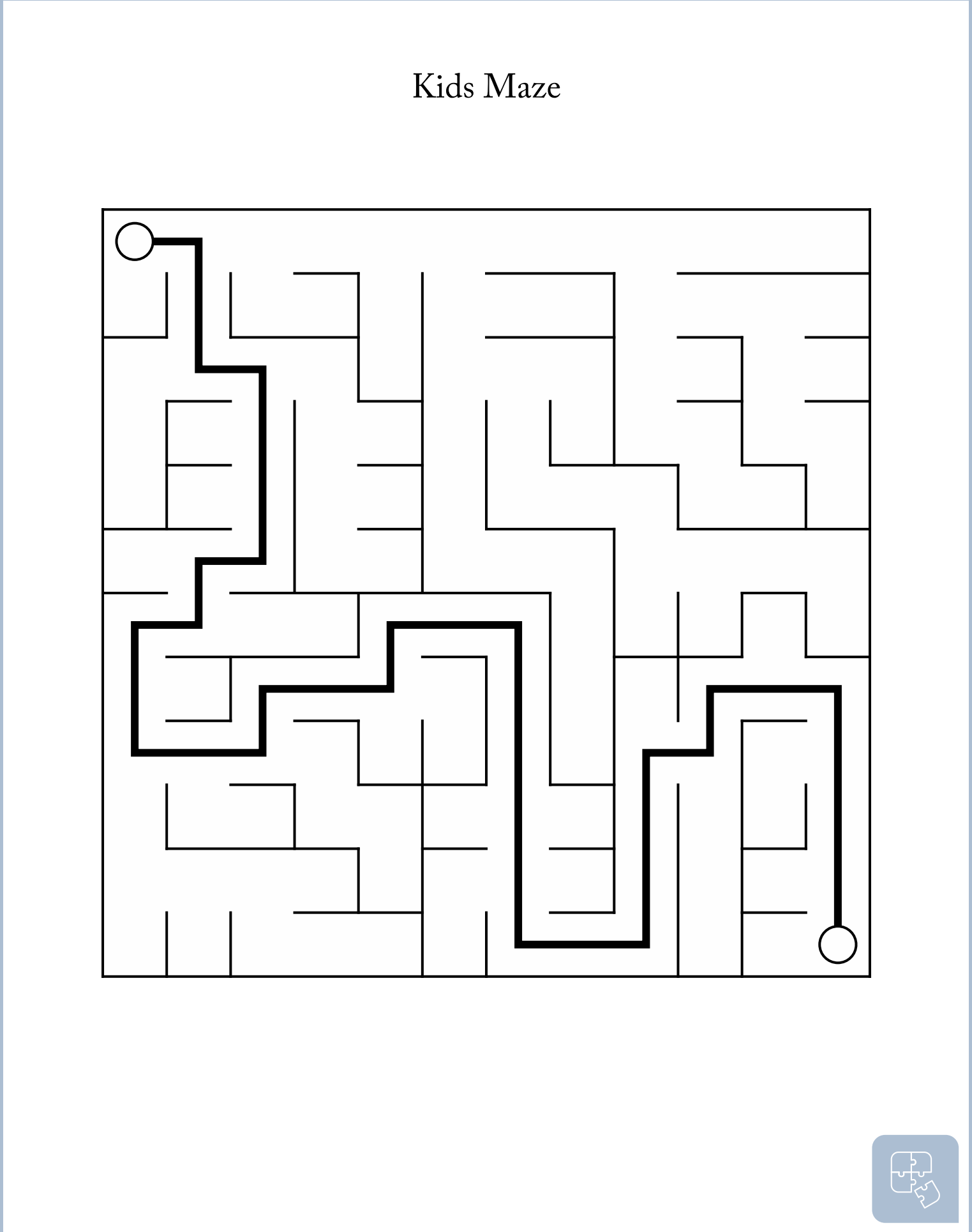
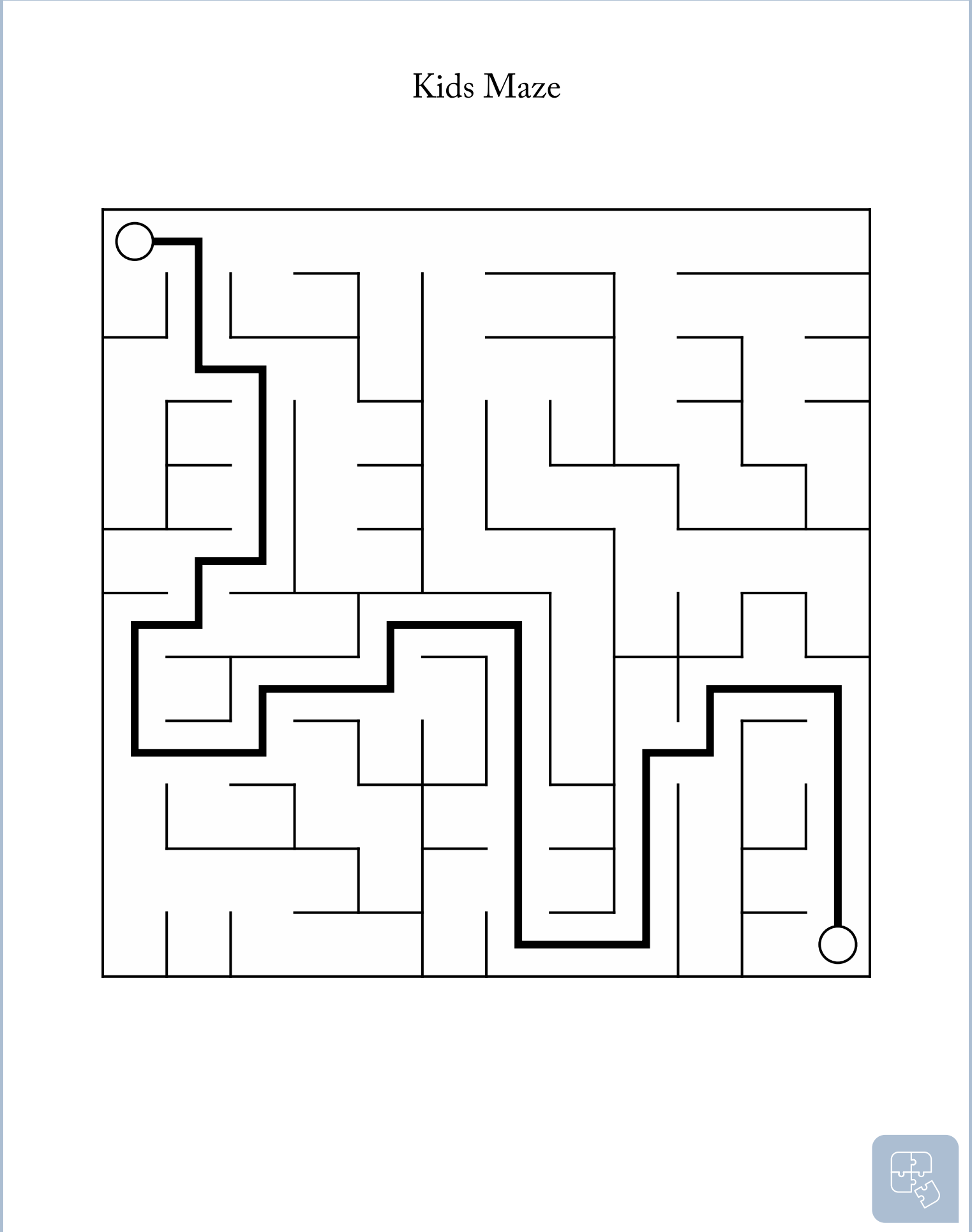


Tuesday 15 April 2025

Killer Sudoku

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3	2	6	5	7	9	8	1	4
1	5	4	6	2	8	7	9	3
8	9	7	4	3	1	5	6	2
5	6	2	9	8	4	1	3	7
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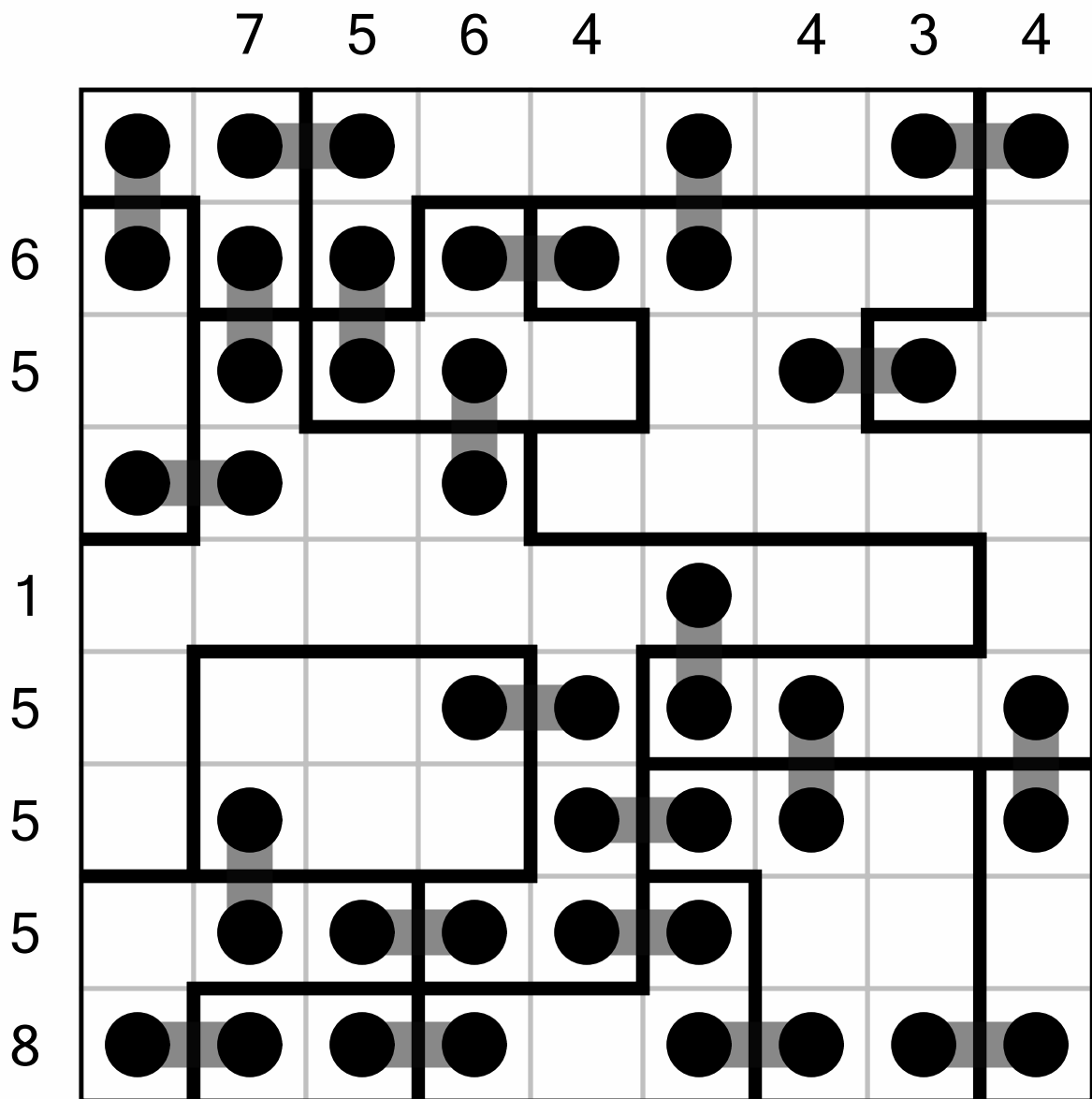
Sudoku

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5	9	8	1	3	2	7	4	6
6	7	1	5	4	9	2	8	3
8	1	6	7	2	3	4	9	5
7	3	5	9	8	4	6	2	1
9	2	4	6	5	1	8	3	7



Wednesday 16 April 2025

Stitches



Killer Sudoku

4	6	5	7	1	8	9	2	3
3	1	8	9	2	4	5	7	6
7	2	9	5	6	3	8	4	1
8	7	1	6	3	9	2	5	4
9	5	6	2	4	7	3	1	8
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6	8	2	4	5	1	7	3	9
1	9	3	8	7	2	4	6	5
5	4	7	3	9	6	1	8	2



Kids Sudoku 6x6

5	1	4	3	2	6
6	2	3	5	4	1
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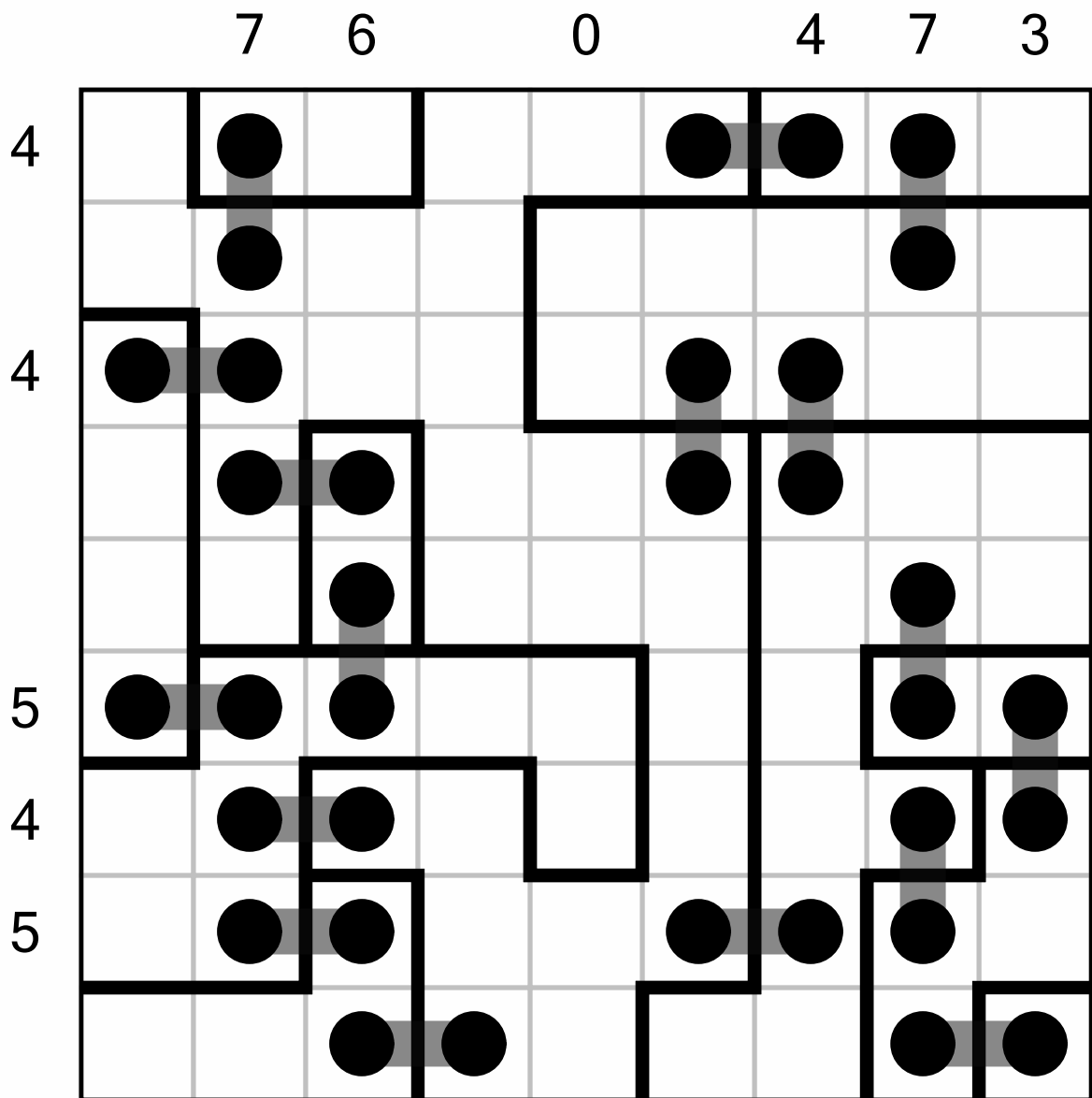
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Sudoku

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6	2	1	3	9	5	4	7	8
5	3	8	7	4	6	1	9	2
4	9	7	8	2	1	3	6	5
1	5	9	4	6	2	7	8	3
3	7	6	5	8	9	2	1	4
2	8	4	1	3	7	9	5	6



Stitches



Killer Sudoku

1	7	4	5	2	6	8	9	3
5	3	6	4	8	9	1	7	2
9	8	2	1	3	7	5	6	4
4	9	1	3	5	2	7	8	6
7	2	5	6	9	8	4	3	1
8	6	3	7	4	1	9	2	5
3	1	8	9	6	5	2	4	7
2	4	7	8	1	3	6	5	9
6	5	9	2	7	4	3	1	8



Kids Number Cross

	8	18	13	23	10
25	4	4	9	9	8
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13	3	3	9	4	6

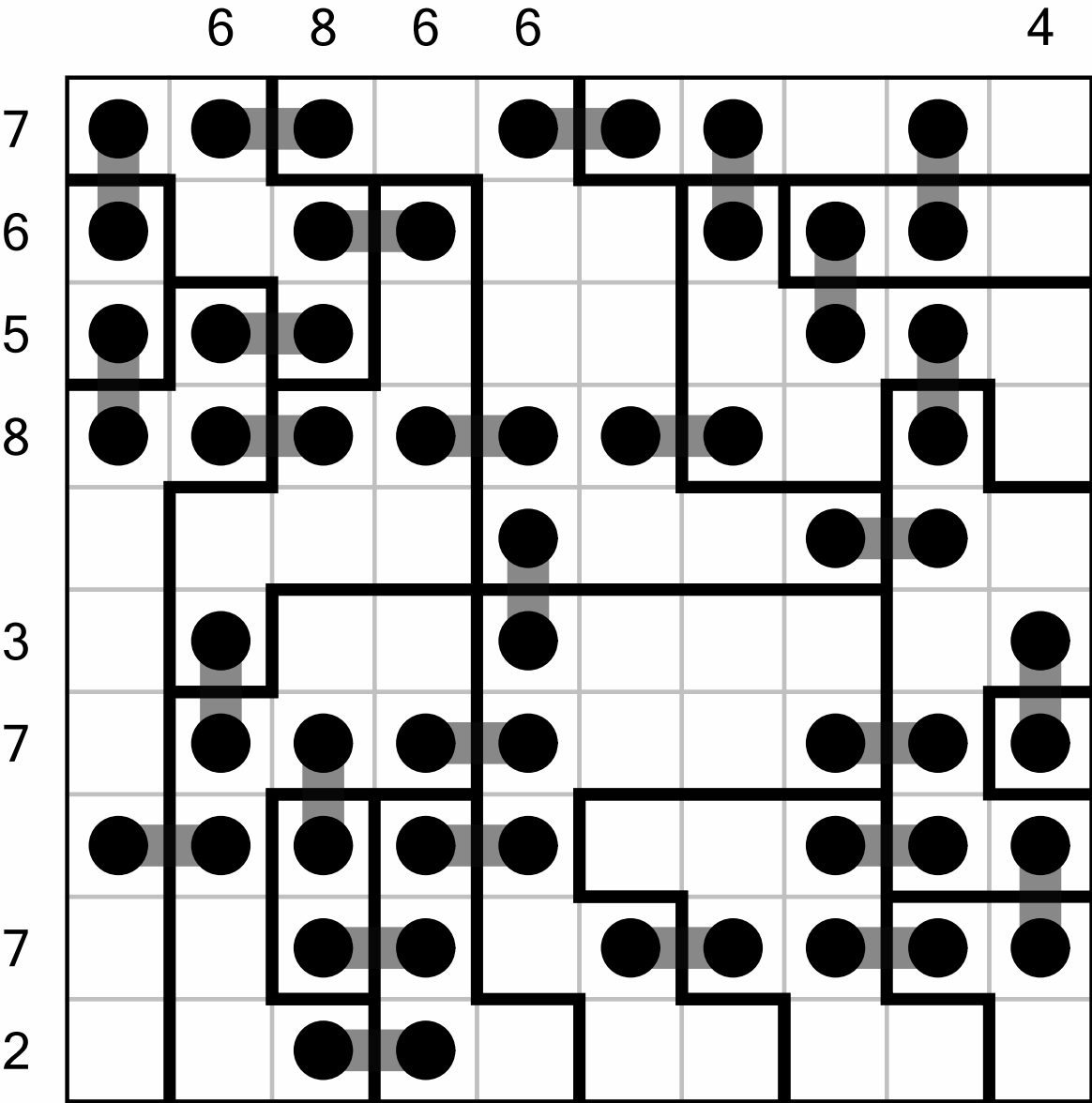


Sudoku

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3	8	2	5	6	7	4	9	1
5	4	6	1	8	9	7	3	2
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Stitches

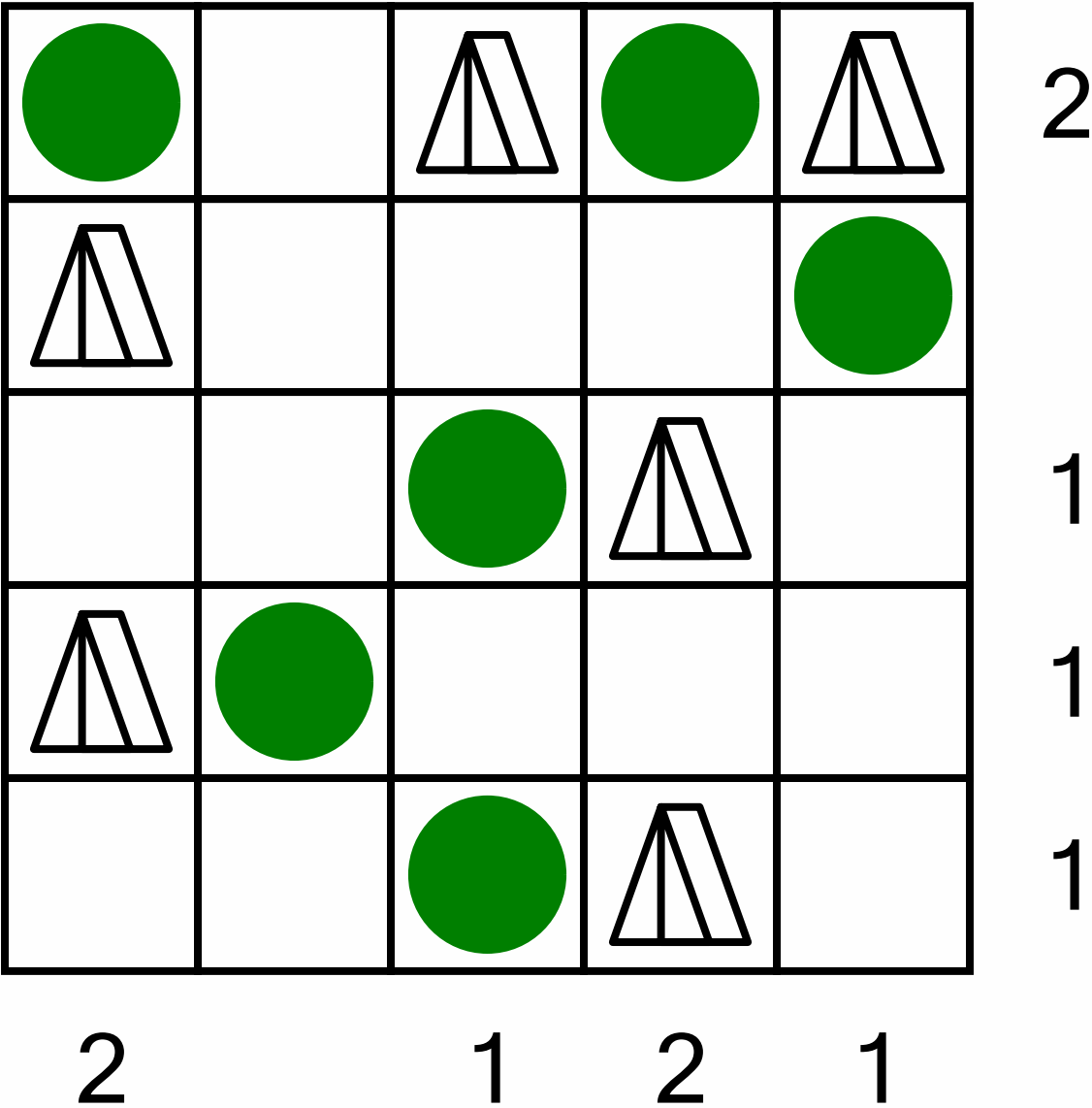


Killer Sudoku

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4	1	8	9	2	3	7	5	6
5	6	7	1	4	8	9	2	3
3	9	2	7	6	5	4	1	8
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6	2	5	4	3	7	1	8	9



Kids Tents

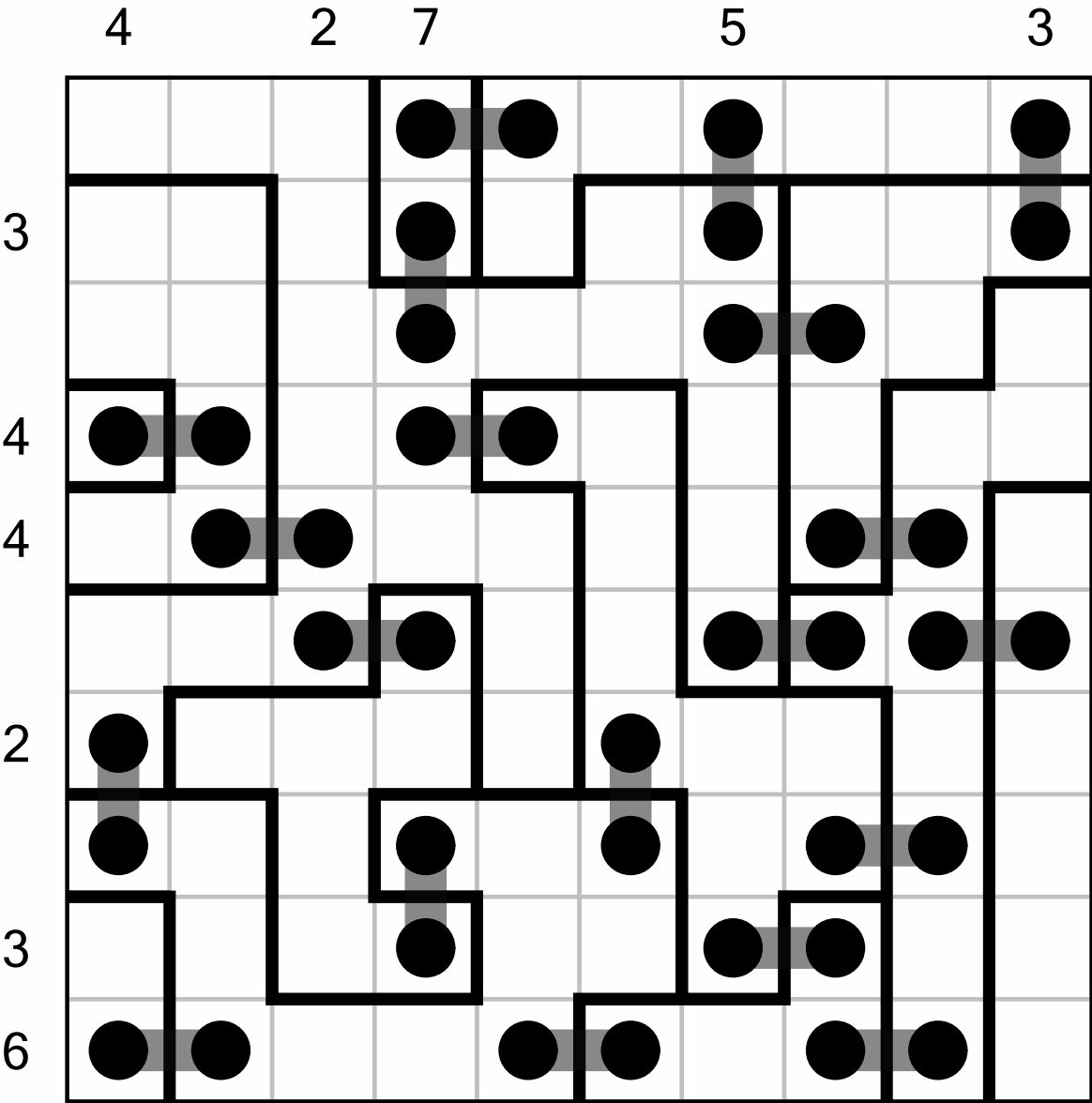


Sudoku

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1	2	9	3	5	6	4	7	8
7	6	3	8	1	4	2	9	5
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Stitches



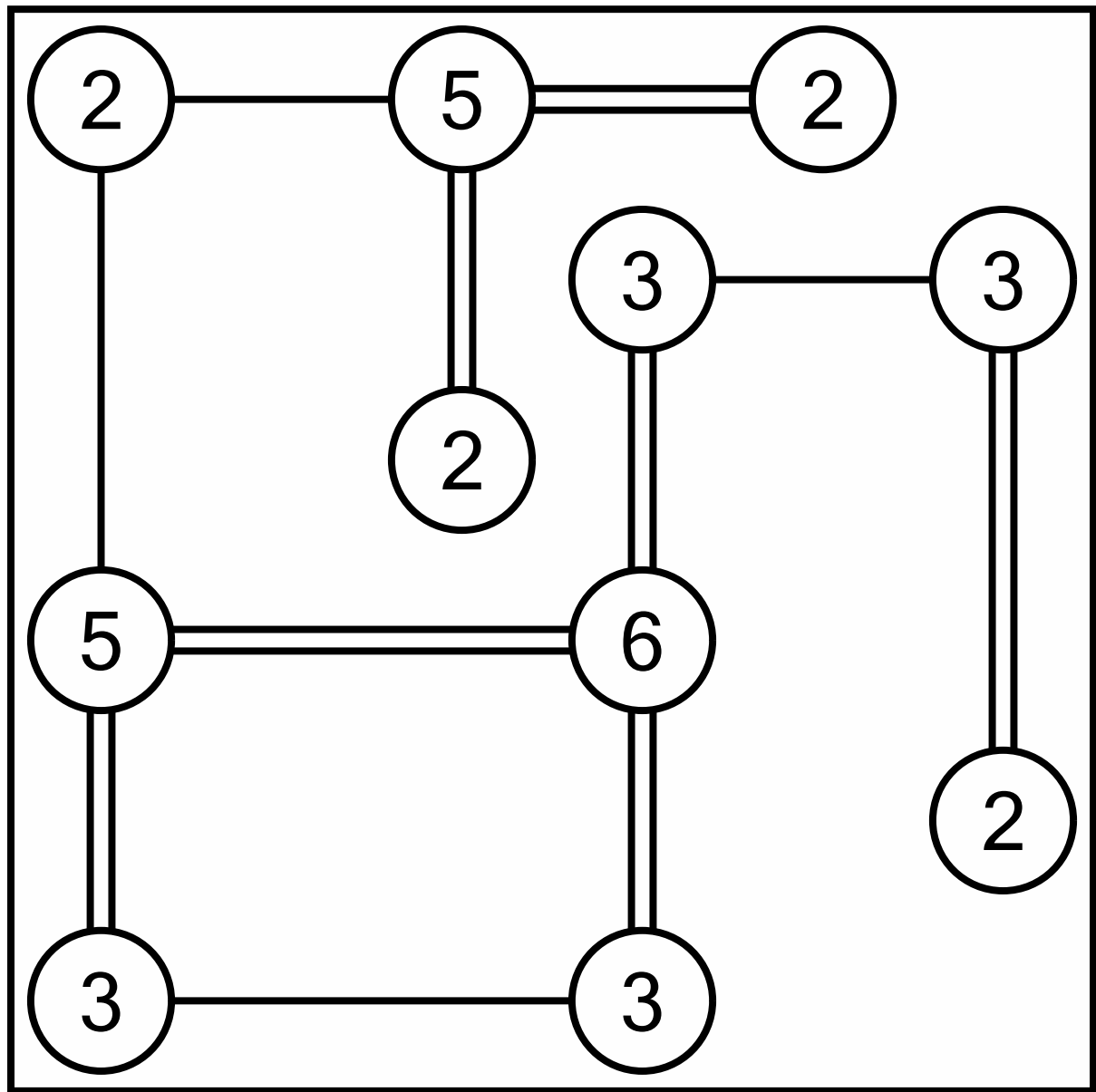
Killer Sudoku

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7	4	6	1	2	8	3	5	9
3	1	8	9	5	6	2	7	4
2	9	5	3	7	4	6	1	8
6	7	2	5	1	9	4	8	3
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Saturday 19 April 2025

Kids Hashiwokakero

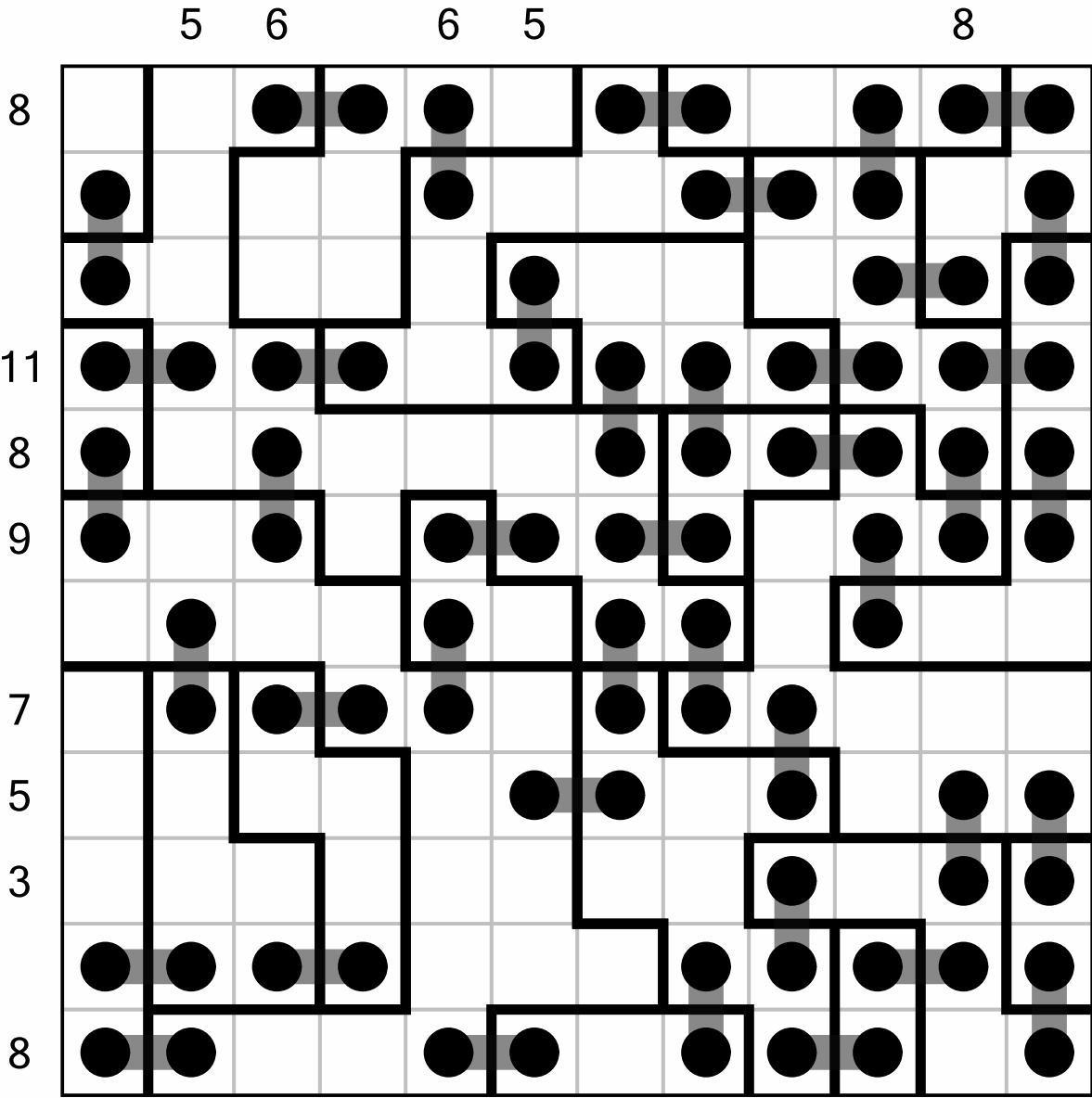


Sudoku

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1	6	2	8	5	3	9	7	4
5	9	4	7	1	2	6	8	3
7	8	3	4	9	1	5	2	6
2	5	1	3	7	6	8	4	9
6	4	9	5	2	8	1	3	7



Stitches



Killer Sudoku

7	9	1	6	4	5	2	3	8
4	8	3	9	1	2	6	7	5
2	5	6	7	8	3	4	1	9
9	3	2	5	6	1	8	4	7
8	1	7	2	9	4	5	6	3
6	4	5	8	3	7	9	2	1
3	6	9	4	7	8	1	5	2
1	2	8	3	5	6	7	9	4
5	7	4	1	2	9	3	8	6



Sunday 20 April 2025

Kids Calcudoku

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

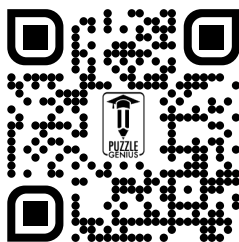


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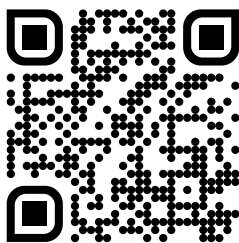
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