

Learn Nonograms

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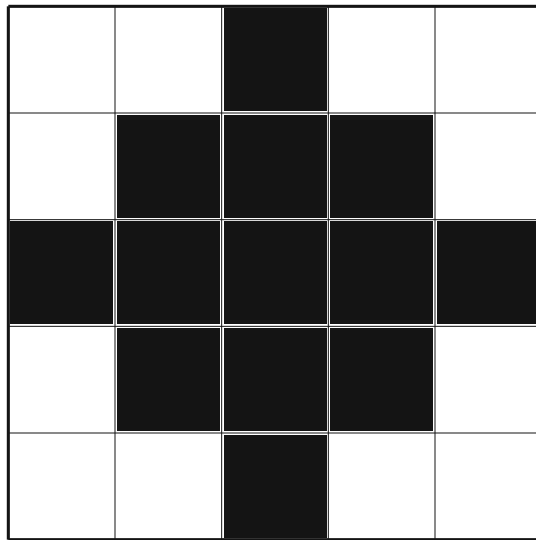
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4 Worked Lessons and 60 Practice Puzzles from 5x5 to 15x15

A guided start in picture logic

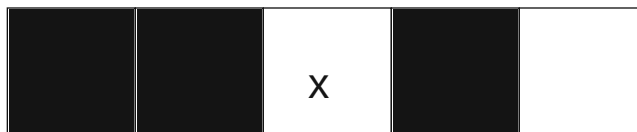


Start with a certain square.
Let the crossings show you what comes next.

Read the blocks in order

Clues on the left describe rows from left to right. Clues above the grid describe columns from top to bottom. Each number gives the length of one continuous shaded block.

2 1



A clue of **2 1** means two shaded squares, at least one empty square, then one shaded square. The blocks must stay in that order. Extra spaces may also come before the first block or after the last.

Shade a square when it must belong to a block.

Cross a square when it must be empty.

Leave it blank when you do not yet know.

A clue of **0** means the whole line is empty. Blocks in the same row or column must have at least one empty square between them. They may touch diagonally across different lines.

Bold numbers are clues. Smaller numbers above and to the right identify columns and rows for the explanations. A heavier line marks each group of five squares.

A line with no spare space

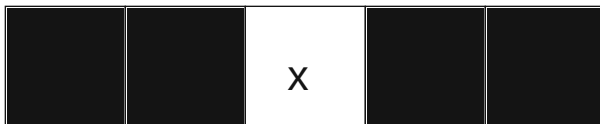
Start with a clue that accounts for an entire line. In five squares, the clue 5 fills every square.

5



For several blocks, include the compulsory gaps. The clue 2 2 takes $2 + 1 + 2 = 5$ squares. There is only one arrangement in a five-square line.

2 2



You can shade both pairs and cross the middle square immediately. That cross stops the pairs joining into one incorrect block of five.

When the shaded blocks already use every number in a clue, cross the remaining unknown squares in that line. You have found all its shaded squares, so no others can be added.

Keep only the overlap

A block of 7 can slide inside a ten-square row. Compare its earliest and latest possible starts.

7



Earliest start: column 1

7



Latest start: column 4

Columns 4-7 are shaded at both extremes and at every start between them. Shade those four squares. The ends are still uncertain.

7



Do not cross the other squares yet. Some will belong to the block. A crossing clue will help decide which ones.

Make the crossings work

Each square belongs to a row and a column. A new shade or cross in one direction can restrict the blocks in the other.

Respect the order

Place the first block before the second, and leave a compulsory gap. A shaded square does not automatically belong to the first clue.

Test the available spaces

A crossed square cannot be part of a block. Try the allowed starts between crosses, keeping every shaded square inside a block.

Keep certain marks

If several arrangements remain, mark only squares that have the same state in all of them. Do not choose one whole arrangement because its shape looks right.

Move on, then return

A line can be useful even when it cannot be finished. Check a crossing line after each new mark. Come back when more information is available.

Use the help in layers

Each practice has two small hints. The second follows from the first. Answers show the finished picture, with white squares left empty.

Lesson 1 / Start with certainty

Begin with a full row. Then use its marks to complete the crossing columns.

	1	2	3	4	5	
	1	3	5	3	1	
1						1
3						2
5						3
3						4
1						5

Try a few marks first. The next pages explain a complete route. Other equally valid solving orders are possible.

Lesson 1 / Moves 1-4

	1	2	3	4	5	
	1	3	5	3	1	
1	×				×	1
3	×				×	2
5						3
3	×				×	4
1	×				×	5

1. Row 3 / clue 5. This one block fills all 5 squares in the line. Shade columns 1-5.

2. Column 1 / clue 1. The shaded squares already account for every block in the clue. The remaining squares must be empty. Cross rows 1-2, 4-5.

3. Column 3 / clue 5. This one block fills all 5 squares in the line. Shade rows 1-2, 4-5.

4. Column 5 / clue 1. The shaded squares already account for every block in the clue. The remaining squares must be empty. Cross rows 1-2, 4-5.

Lesson 1 / Moves 5-8

	1	2	3	4	5	
	1	3	5	3	1	
1	×	×		×	×	1
3	×				×	2
5						3
3	×				×	4
1	×	×		×	×	5

5. Row 1 / clue 1. The shaded squares already account for every block in the clue. The remaining squares must be empty. Cross columns 2, 4.

6. Row 2 / clue 3. With the marks already in this line, the only possible block start is at column 2. Shade columns 2, 4.

7. Column 2 / clue 3. With the marks already in this line, the only possible block start is at row 2. Shade row 4. Cross row 5.

8. Column 4 / clue 3. With the marks already in this line, the only possible block start is at row 2. Shade row 4. Cross row 5.

Practice 01

Let the clues reveal the picture. Keep unknown squares blank.

	1	2	3	4	5	
	1	2	5	2	1	
1						1
3						2
5						3
1						4
1						5

Optional hints: page 92.
Picture answer: page 101.

The puzzles are grouped by size, with simpler line patterns generally appearing earlier in each group. A larger grid is not always a harder puzzle.

Practice 02

Let the clues reveal the picture. Keep unknown squares blank.

	1	2	3	4	5	
	3	4	3	4	3	
1						1
3						2
5						3
2 2						4
2 2						5

Optional hints: page 92.
Picture answer: page 101.

Practice 11

Let the clues reveal the picture. Keep unknown squares blank.

12345678910

6446

0293113920

22										1
22										2
22										3
22										4
6										5
6										6
222										7
8										8
22										9
4										10

Optional hints: page 93.
Picture answer: page 106.

The puzzles are grouped by size, with simpler line patterns generally appearing earlier in each group. A larger grid is not always a harder puzzle.

Practice 12

Let the clues reveal the picture. Keep unknown squares blank.

12345678910

111

241077710442

5										1
11										2
11										3
5										4
5										5
5										6
8										7
8										8
10										9
10										10

Optional hints: page 93.
Picture answer: page 106.

Practice 37

Let the clues reveal the picture. Keep unknown squares blank.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
			2	2	4	5				5	4	2	2			
	2	1	3	3	3	3	5	5	5	3	3	3	3	1	2	
	2	5	5	5	5	5	3	3	3	5	5	5	5	5	2	
5																1
7																2
7																3
11																4
11																5
0																6
11																7
13																8
11																9
0																10
6 6																11
6 6																12
5 5																13
6 6																14
6 6																15

Optional hints: page 97.

Picture answer: page 119.

Practice 38

Let the clues reveal the picture. Keep unknown squares blank.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
				5	1			4			1	5				
	4	8	8	2	5	12	12	2	15	12	5	2	8	8	4	
2																1
2																2
2																3
5																4
4 4																5
3 2 2 3																6
3 2 2 3																7
4 2 2 4																8
4 2 2 4																9
3 3 3 3																10
3 3 3 3																11
2 3 3 2																12
6 6																13
9																14
5																15

Optional hints: page 97.

Picture answer: page 119.

A little help

Read only as far as you need. Hint 2 assumes you made Hint 1.

Practice 01

1. Start with row 3 (clue 5). Shade columns 1-5.
2. After that move, use column 1 (clue 1). Cross rows 1-2, 4-5.

Practice 02

1. Start with row 3 (clue 5). Shade columns 1-5.
2. After that move, use row 4 (clue 2 2). Shade columns 1-2, 4-5. Cross column 3.

Practice 03

1. Start with row 3 (clue 5). Shade columns 1-5.
2. After that move, use column 1 (clue 1). Cross rows 1-2, 4-5.

Practice 04

1. Start with column 2 (clue 5). Shade rows 1-5.
2. After that move, use row 1 (clue 1). Cross columns 1, 3-5.

Practice 05

1. Start with row 2 (clue 5). Shade columns 1-5.
2. After that move, use column 1 (clue 1). Cross rows 1, 3-5.

Practice 06

1. Start with row 2 (clue 0). Cross columns 1-5.
2. After that move, use row 5 (clue 5). Shade columns 1-5.

Practice 07

1. Start with column 1 (clue 5). Shade rows 1-5.
2. After that move, use column 5 (clue 0). Cross rows 1-5.

A little help

Read only as far as you need. Hint 2 assumes you made Hint 1.

Practice 08

1. Start with row 2 (clue 5). Shade columns 1-5.
2. After that move, use row 3 (clue 5). Shade columns 1-5.

Practice 09

1. Start with column 4 (clue 5). Shade rows 1-5.
2. After that move, use row 1 (clue 1). Cross columns 1-3, 5.

Practice 10

1. Start with row 3 (clue 5). Shade columns 1-5.
2. After that move, use column 2 (clue 1 1). Cross rows 2, 4.

Practice 11

1. Start with column 1 (clue 0). Cross rows 1-10.
2. After that move, use column 4 (clue 6 3). Shade rows 1-6, 8-10. Cross row 7.

Practice 12

1. Start with column 3 (clue 10). Shade rows 1-10.
2. After that move, use column 7 (clue 10). Shade rows 1-10.

Practice 13

1. Start with column 3 (clue 10). Shade rows 1-10.
2. After that move, use column 4 (clue 10). Shade rows 1-10.

Practice 14

1. Start with column 1 (clue 0). Cross rows 1-10.
2. After that move, use column 6 (clue 10). Shade rows 1-10.

A little help

Read only as far as you need. Hint 2 assumes you made Hint 1.

Practice 36

1. Start with column 1 (clue 0). Cross rows 1-15.
2. After that move, use column 2 (clue 0). Cross rows 1-15.

Practice 37

1. Start with row 6 (clue 0). Cross columns 1-15.
2. After that move, use row 10 (clue 0). Cross columns 1-15.

Practice 38

1. Start with row 8 (clue 4 2 2 4). Shade columns 1-4, 6-7, 9-10, 12-15. Cross columns 5, 8, 11.
2. After that move, use row 9 (clue 4 2 2 4). Shade columns 1-4, 6-7, 9-10, 12-15. Cross columns 5, 8, 11.

Practice 39

1. Start with column 1 (clue 0). Cross rows 1-15.
2. After that move, use column 2 (clue 0). Cross rows 1-15.

Practice 40

1. Start with row 12 (clue 15). Shade columns 1-15.
2. After that move, use row 15 (clue 0). Cross columns 1-15.

Practice 41

1. Start with column 7 (clue 4 3 6). Shade rows 1-4, 6-8, 10-15. Cross rows 5, 9.
2. After that move, use column 9 (clue 4 3 6). Shade rows 1-4, 6-8, 10-15. Cross rows 5, 9.

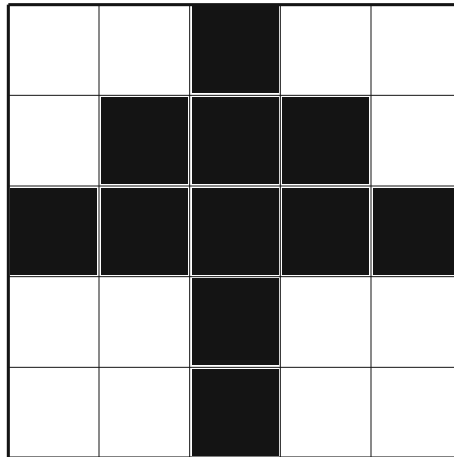
Practice 42

1. Start with row 7 (clue 15). Shade columns 1-15.
2. After that move, use row 8 (clue 15). Shade columns 1-15.

Picture answers

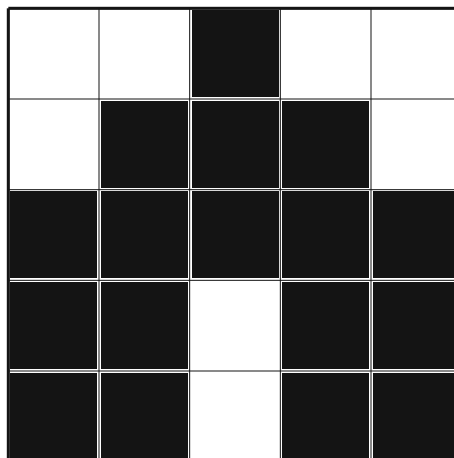
01 / Fir tree

Puzzle on page 32



02 / Little house

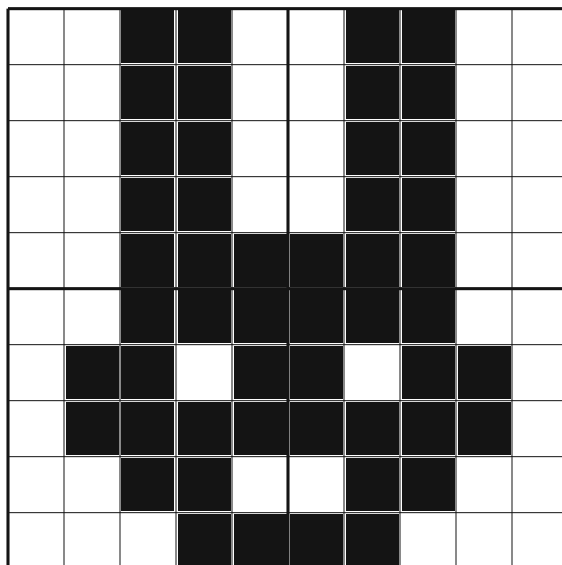
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Picture answers

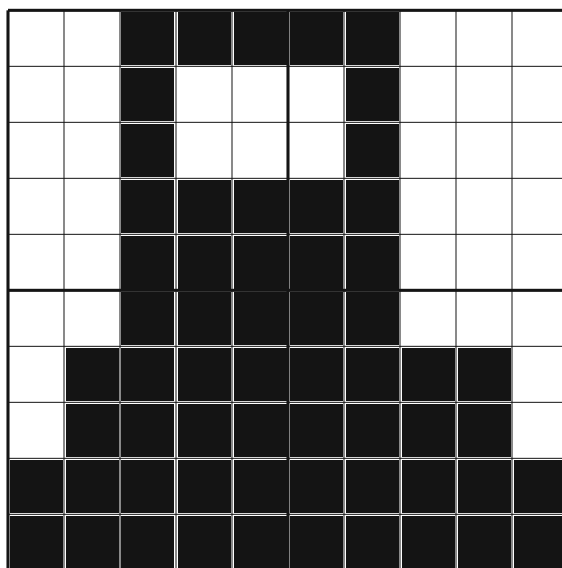
11 / Rabbit

Puzzle on page 42



12 / Boot

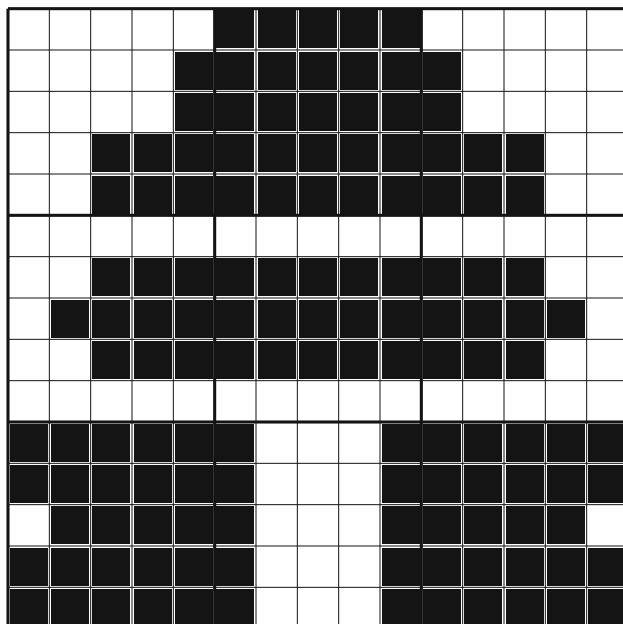
Puzzle on page 43



Picture answers

37 / Beehive

Puzzle on page 68



38 / Pumpkin

Puzzle on page 69

