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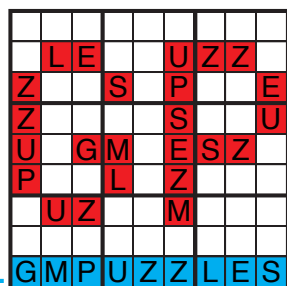
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Nurikabe (Cipher) by Sam Cappleman-Lynes

Rules: Standard Nurikabe rules, except the size of each island has been encrypted. Each letter in this puzzle stands for a different positive integer, which must be determined while solving the puzzle.

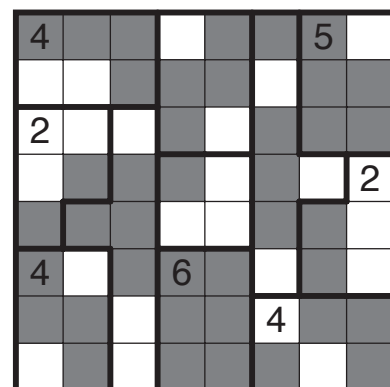
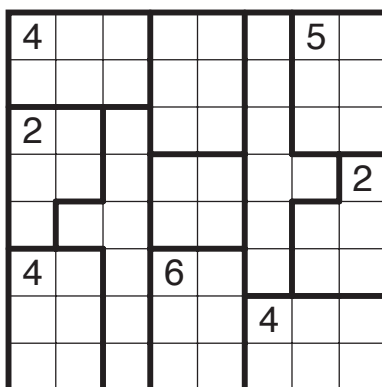


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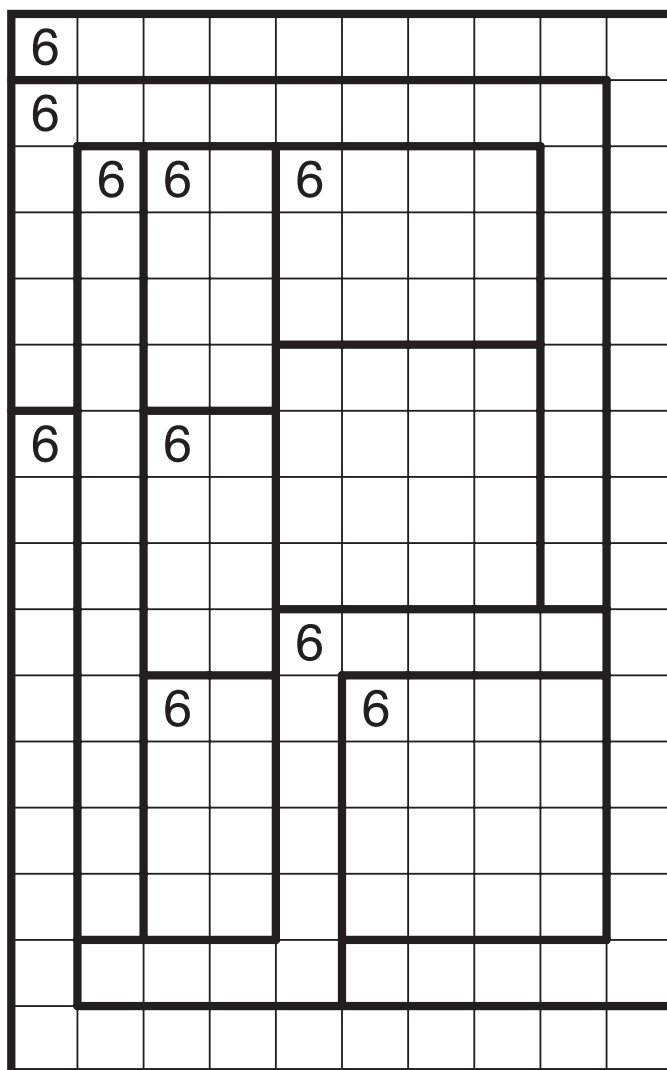
Planet EVRTH

Aqre by Eric Fox

Rules: Shade some cells so that all shaded cells form one connected group. Regions with numbers must contain the indicated count of shaded cells, and it is allowed to shade over the numbered cells. There may not exist a run of four or more consecutive shaded or unshaded cells horizontally or vertically anywhere in the grid.



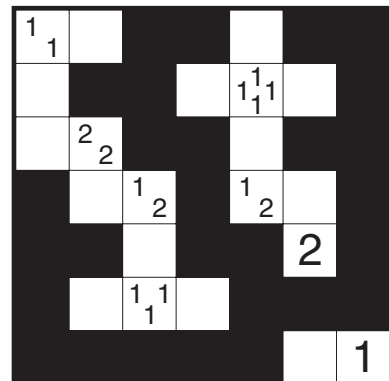
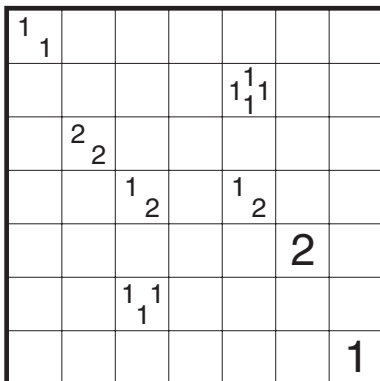
Example by Serkan Yürekli



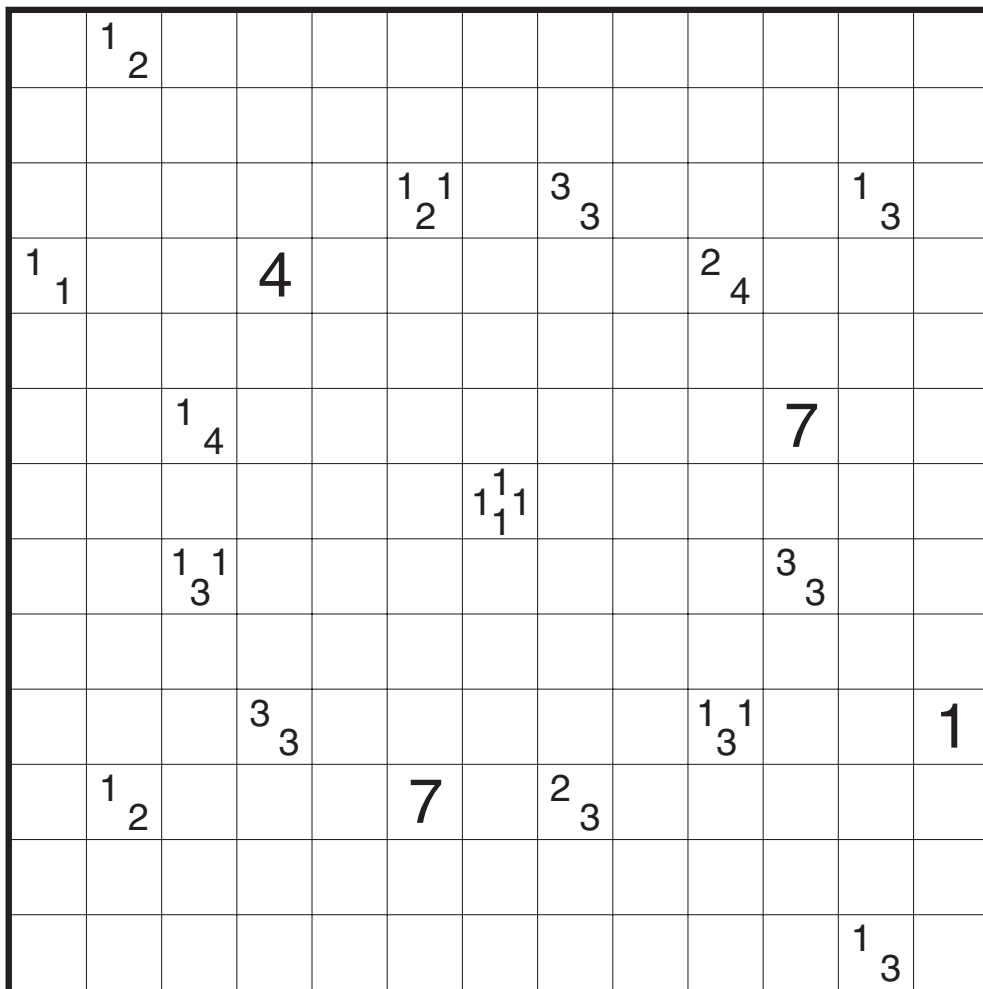
Sixes

Pata by Serkan Yürekli

Rules: Variation of Tapa rules. The clue numbers refer to the groups of unshaded segments around that cell. Cells with numbers count as unshaded cells for adjacent clues. All other rules for the shaded Tapa are the same as usual.



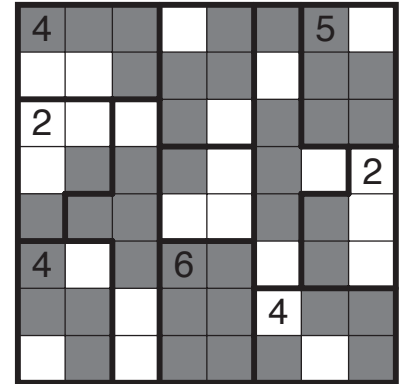
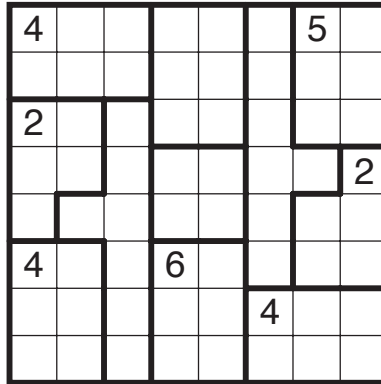
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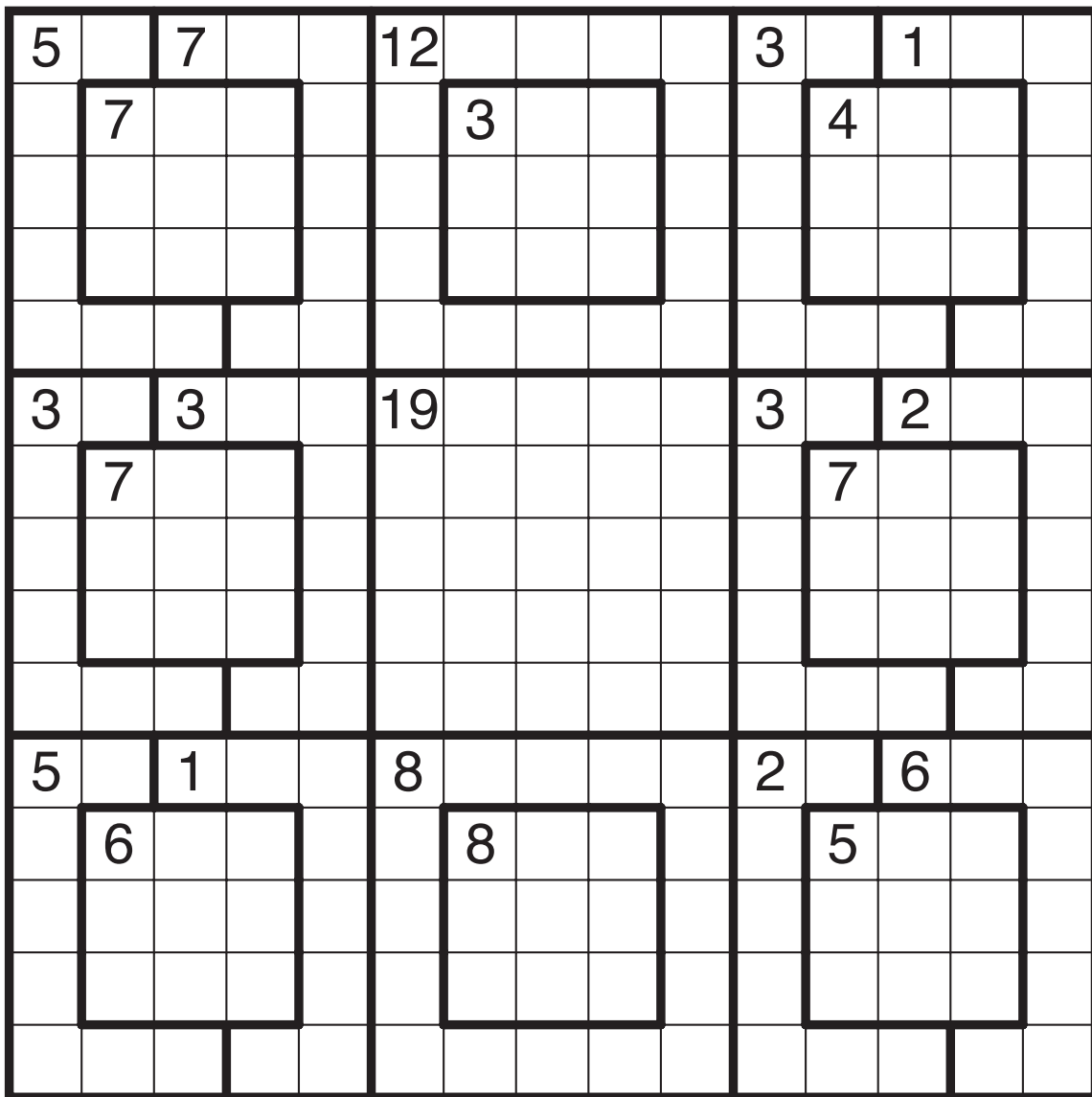
Singularity at the Black Hole

Aqre by Murat Can Tonta

Rules: Shade some cells so that all shaded cells form one connected group. Regions with numbers must contain the indicated count of shaded cells, and it is allowed to shade over the numbered cells. There may not exist a run of four or more consecutive shaded or unshaded cells horizontally or vertically anywhere in the grid.



Example by Serkan Yürekli



Squares

Cross the Streams (Matching Sections) by Grant Fikes

Rules: Standard Cross the Streams rules. Also, the grid is divided into 5×5 sections, it must be possible to pair sections up such that the shading of the section in each pair is identical. Sections may be rotated to be paired up, but not reflected.



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