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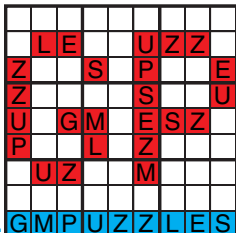
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# SEASON 2 SUBSCRIPTION DETAILS

We're kicking off 2024 with the start of Season 2 of our subscription blog releases. This next week will be a free preview of what a subscription week is like. From Monday to Saturday there are 2 daily puzzles, starting with a warm-up puzzle on the easier end and then a regular puzzle (scaling difficulty through the week). We'll also have something different for you each Sunday, either a larger or harder puzzle, experiments with new genres, and other things. All puzzles have digital solving options and PDF files, as well as solution animations to help you understand steps where you might get stuck.

Starting next Monday, we will have 12 more weeks of puzzles for our Season 2 subscribers, running from February through to the end of April. **We encourage you to sign up early, as subscriptions to Season 2 will be discounted to \$10 through the end of February (the \$2 discount taken automatically in the cart).**

Also, **we're discounting the original Season 1 to just \$8 (from \$10)** for people who missed our first exciting season. New subscribers to Season 1 will immediately be able to get access to the 175+ puzzles, but without the same active discussion that happened when the puzzles first posted.

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<https://shop.gmpuzzles.com/products/season-2-subscription-for-february-april-2024-puzzles>

## Season 1

<https://shop.gmpuzzles.com/collections/subscriptions/products/season-1-a-fresh-start-subscription-for-july-2023-september-2023-puzzles>

# TomTom by Serkan Yürekli

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.



{1-5}

16x			75x	
10x				32x

*Multiple Corners*

# TomTom by Murat Can Tonta



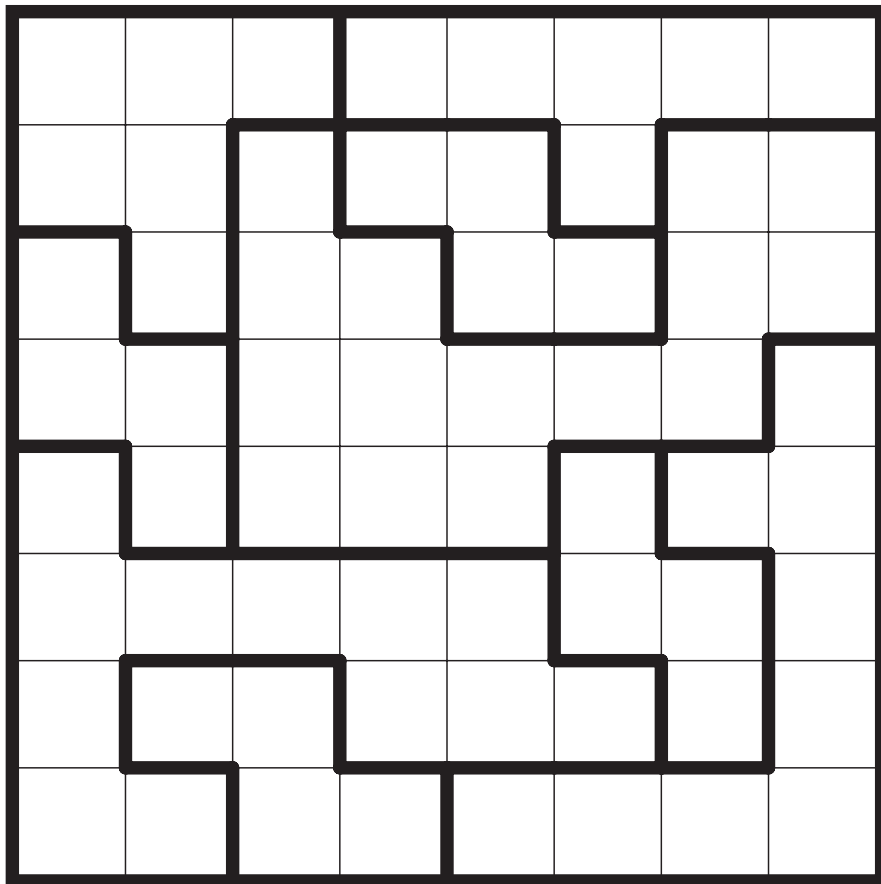
{1-5}

2	8x		10	
			4÷	
2÷				
			6x	2
20				

*Easy Evens*

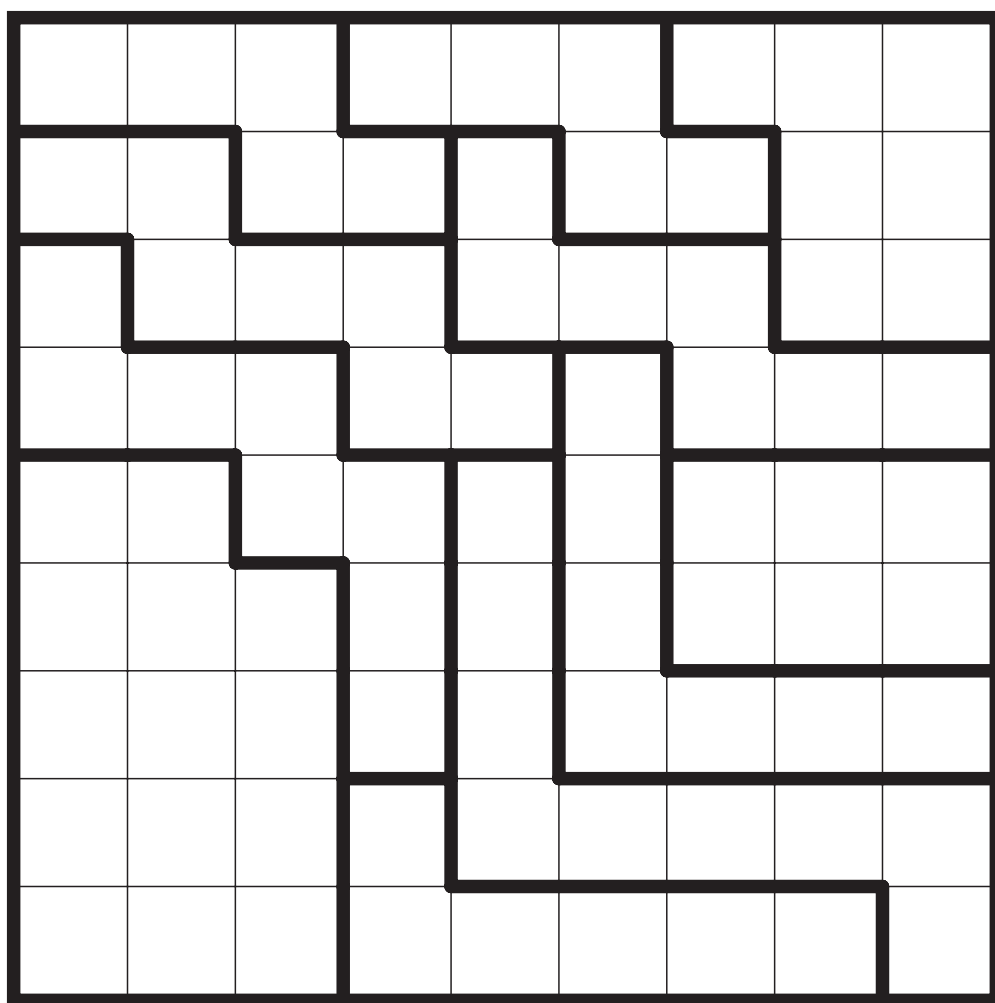
# LITS by Serkan Yürekli

Rules: Shade exactly four connected cells in each outlined region, to form an L, I, T, or S tetromino, so that the following conditions are true: (1) All shaded cells are connected with each other; (2) No 2x2 group of cells can be entirely shaded black; (3) When two tetrominoes in adjacent regions share an edge, they must not be of the same type (L, I, T, or S), regardless of rotations or reflections.



*All Givens*

# LITS by Prasanna Seshadri



*Worms*

# Numberlink by Serkan Yürekli

Rules: Connect each pair of identical numbers with a path passing through edge-adjacent cells. No cell may be used on more than one path.



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

*Gate*

# Numberlink by Grant Fikes



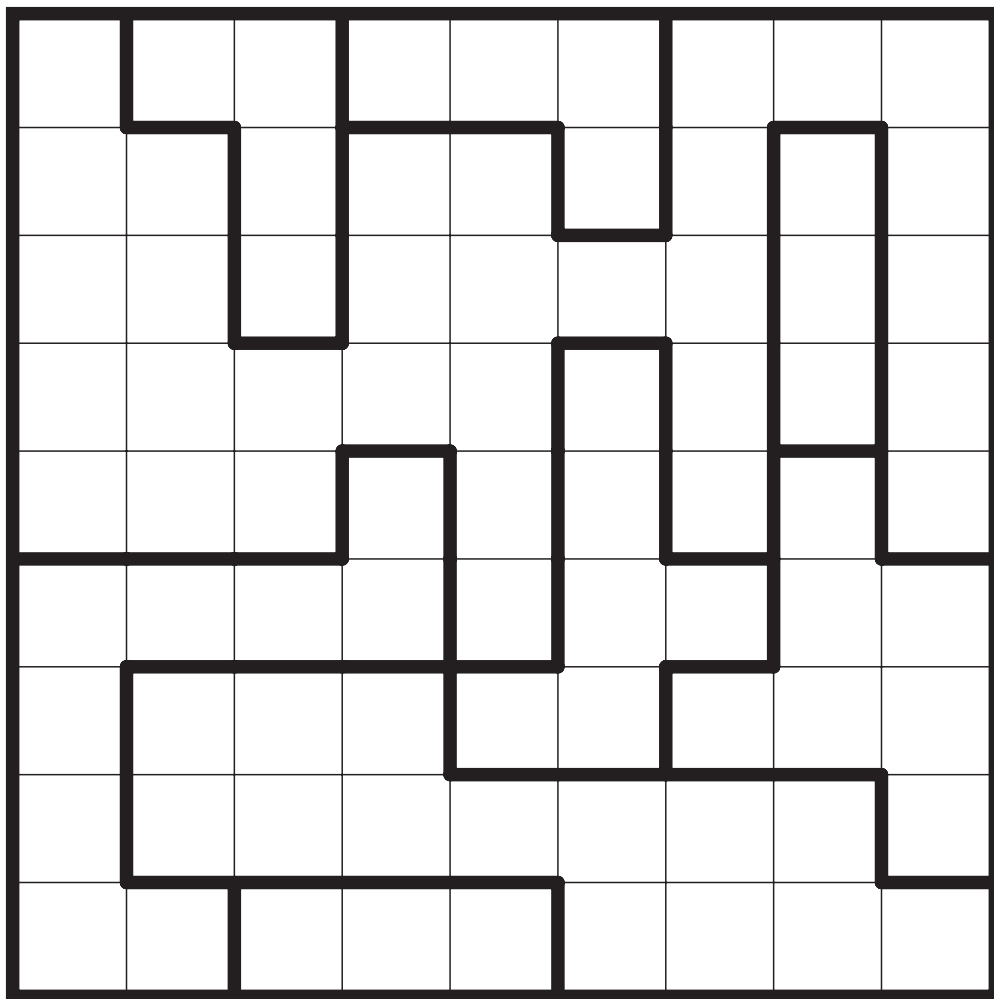
	1											2
				3				2				
		4									5	
		1			6	7	8				9	
	7											10
	4											11
				11	8			12	13			
	3											14
	15											13
		10	12							5	14	
	16				16	6	9					15

Lyre



# Star Battle (Hidden Double) by Serkan Yürekli

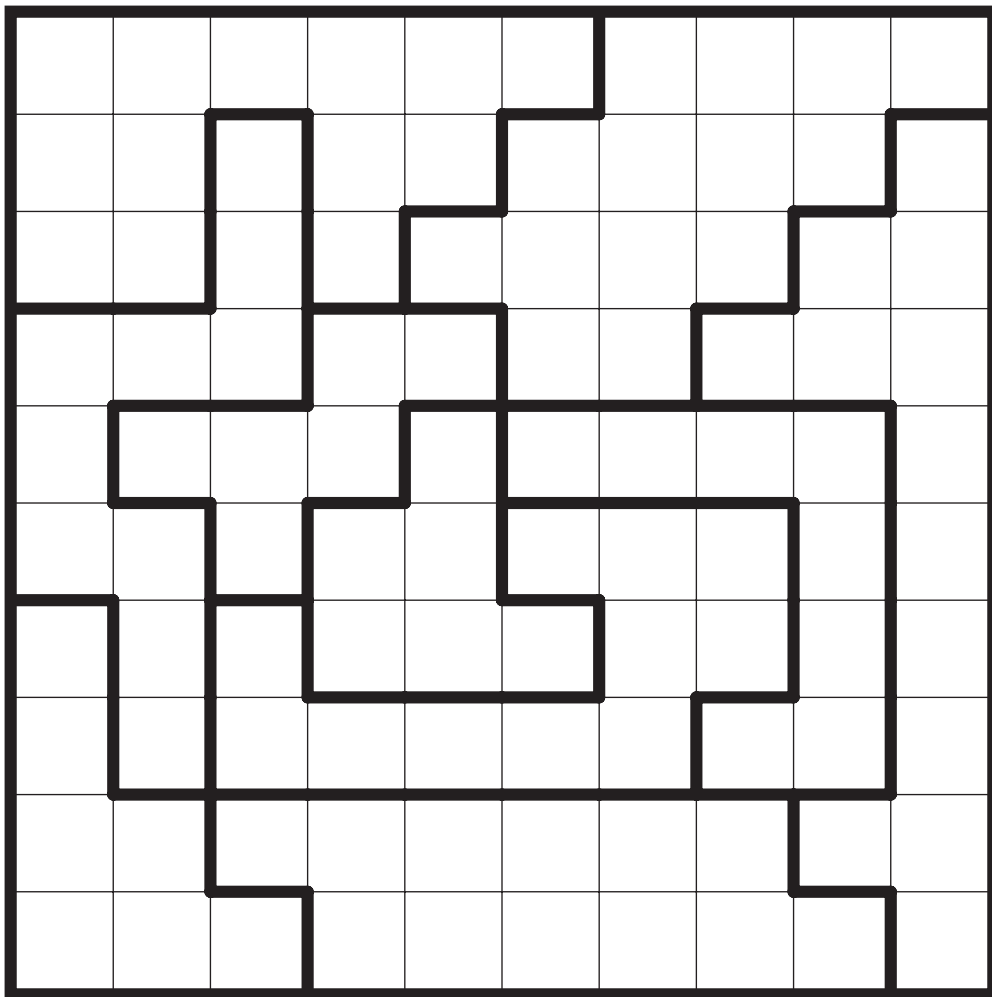
Rules: Variation of Star Battle rules. There are three stars per row, column, and region. Cells with stars can contain either 1 or 2 stars, but stars can still not be placed in adjacent cells that share an edge or corner.



# Star Battle (Hidden Double) by Takeya Saikachi

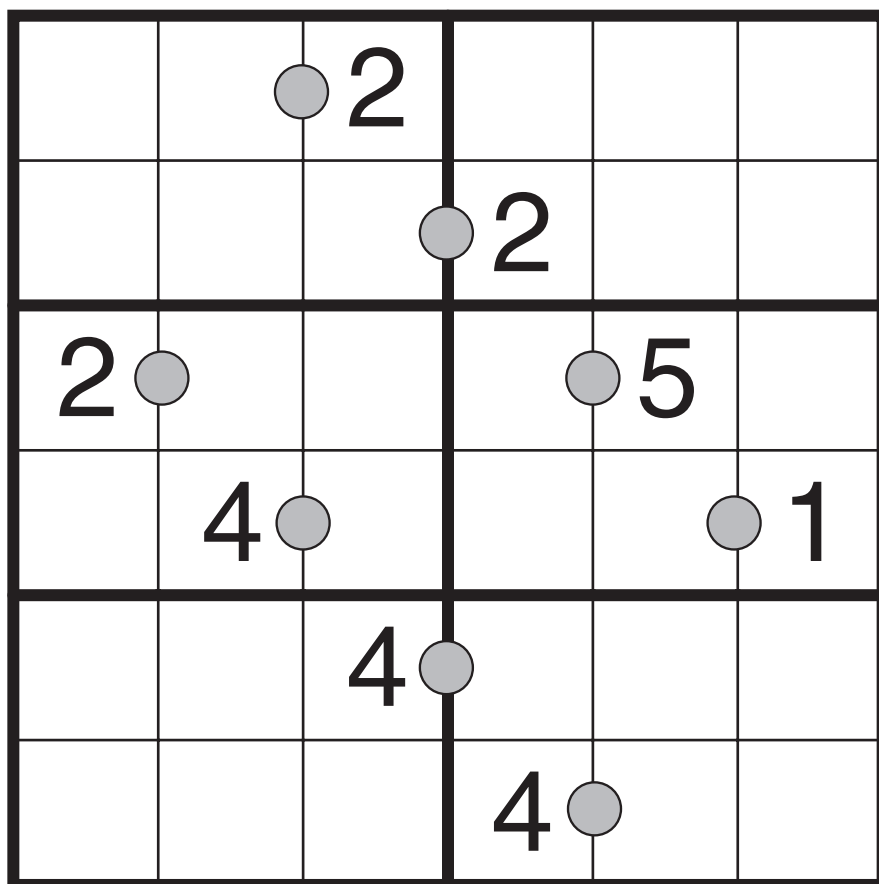


3★



# Consecutive Pairs Sudoku by Serkan Yürekli

Rules: Standard Sudoku rules (insert a number in the indicated range into each cell so that no number repeats in any row, column, or bold region). Also, if a gray circle is given between two adjacent cells, then the two numbers in those cells must be consecutive. (Note: not all gray circles are given; adjacent cells without a circle may contain either consecutive numbers or nonconsecutive numbers.)



*Diagonals*

{1-6}

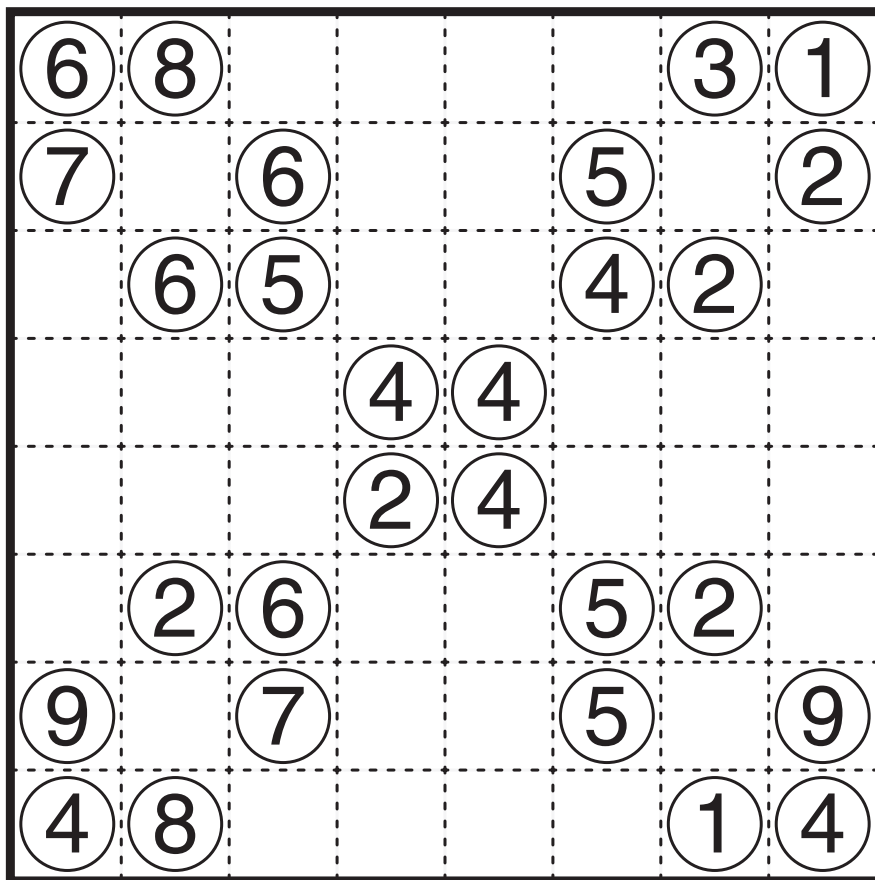
# Consecutive Pairs Sudoku by Akash Doulani



	7					4	
4			●		●		5
	●			●		●	
	●						
	●			2		●	
						●	
							●
8	●		●		●	●	6
	5				●	9	

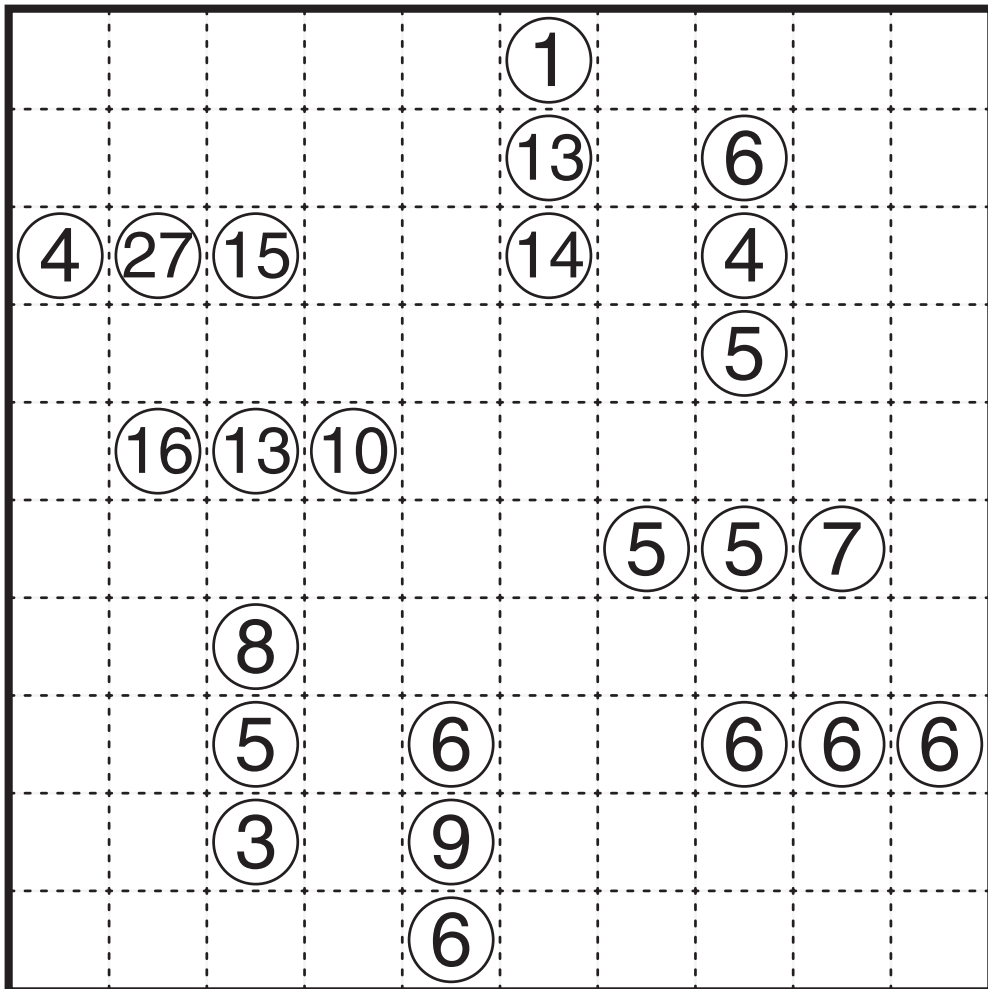
# Araf by Serkan Yürekli

Rules: Divide the grid into some regions formed of edge-adjacent squares. Each cell is part of one region, and each region should contain exactly two given numbers. Each region must have an area that is strictly between those numbers. (This means, for two number clues A and B with  $A < B$ , the area C fulfills  $A < C < B$ .)



*Flower*

# Araf by Serkan Yürekli

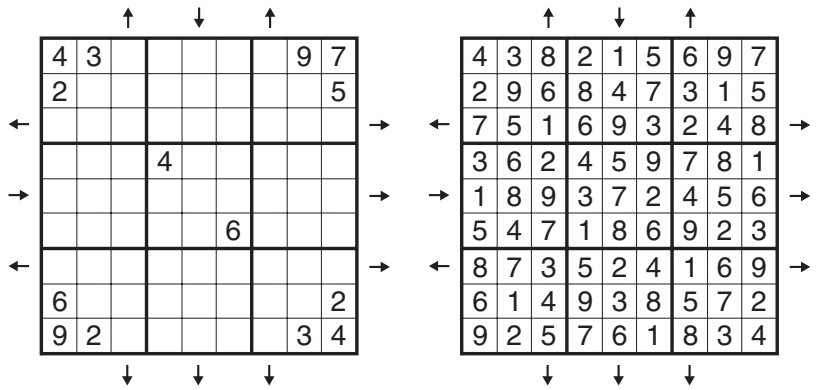


*Triplets*

# Rossini Sudoku by Ashish Kumar

Rules: Standard Sudoku rules.

Also, arrows outside the grid indicate if the first three numbers are in ascending or descending order. The arrow points towards the highest number in the series. If no arrows outside the grid are given, the first three numbers can be in neither ascending nor descending order.



Example by Ashish Kumar



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

*Ribbon*