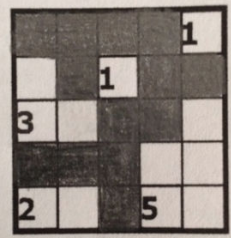
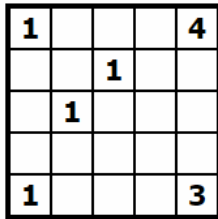


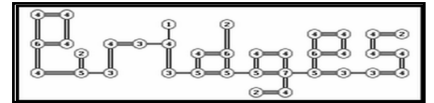
Here are 6 of the most entertaining pencil & paper puzzles to come out of Japan since Sudoku...



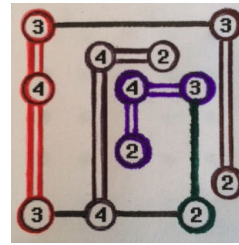
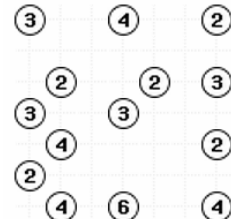
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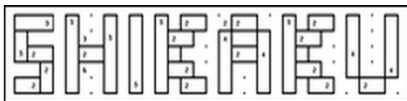
A favorite of Will Shortz. One could easily fill page after page of 5x5 (shown here) just for the sheer pleasure of shading!



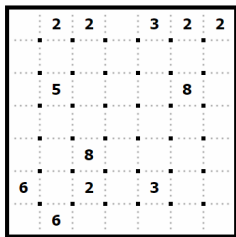
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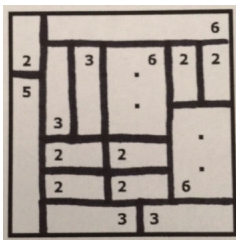
The simple elegance of this variation will bring out your inner engineer. Grab a straight edge and start bridging!



also known as “Rectangles”



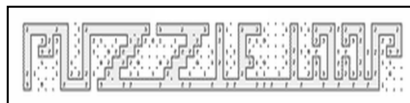
These are super easy and fun! Great as a solitary challenge but even better when racing against a friend – 7x7 is my favorite!



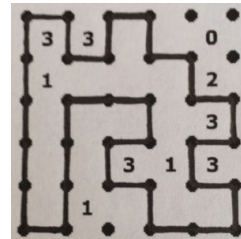
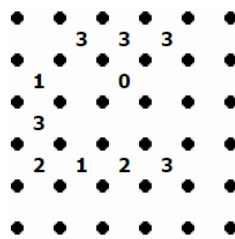
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also known as “Slitherlink,” “Loop the Loop” or “Fences”

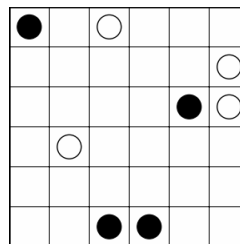


Perhaps the trickiest of the puzzles showcased here. If you can do these in pen you are truly on the path to bushido. Puzzle samurai!

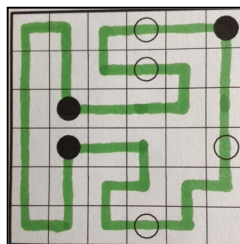
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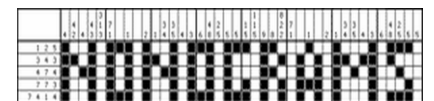
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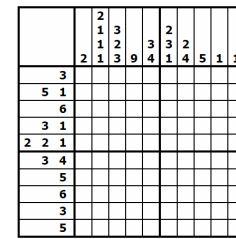
Another Nikoli creation (for the true puzzler, check out their top of the line spiralbound books.) It’s Slither with a little feng shui!



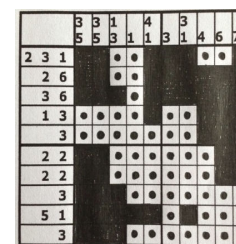
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or “Paint by Numbers”



Maybe the most logic-based of the bunch. The easiest puzzles should win you over quickly, the bigger ones reveal mosaic pictures!



How To <http://www.nonograms.org/instructions>
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