



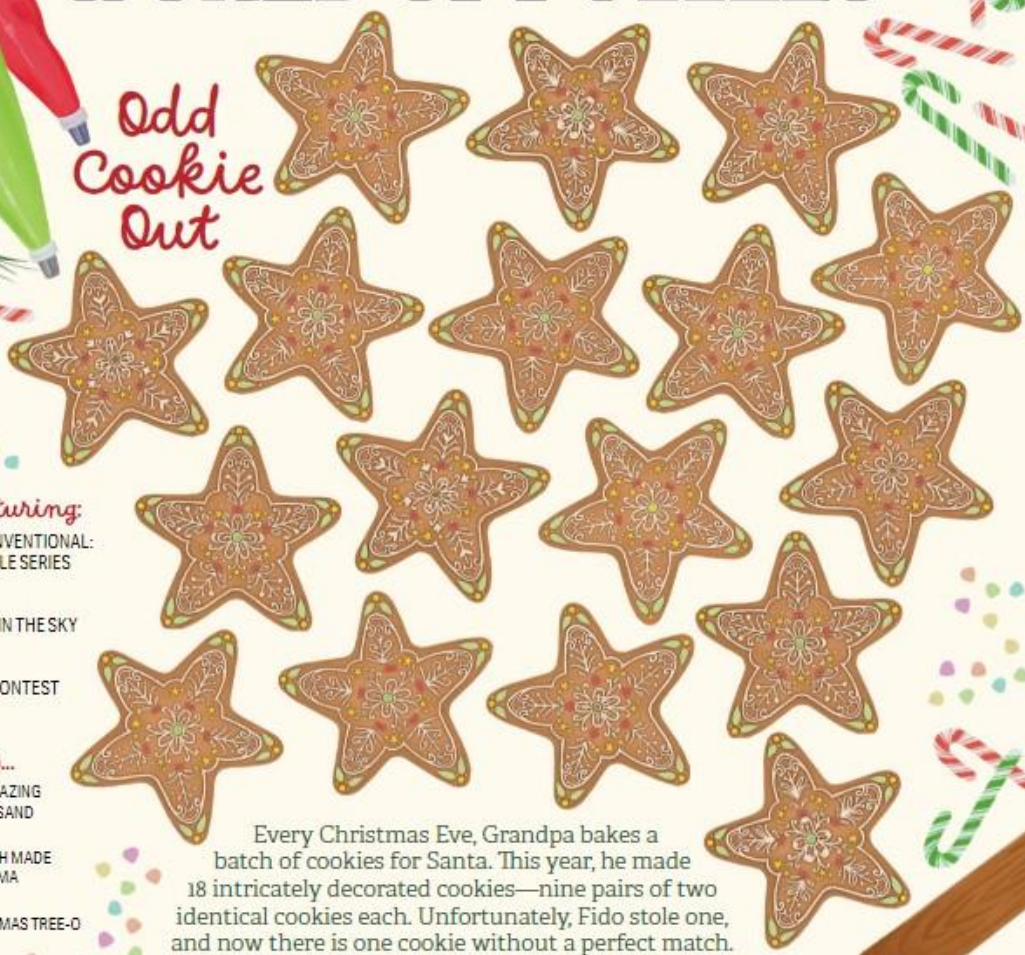
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Every Christmas Eve, Grandpa bakes a batch of cookies for Santa. This year, he made 18 intricately decorated cookies—nine pairs of two identical cookies each. Unfortunately, Fido stole one, and now there is one cookie without a perfect match. Can you find the odd cookie out?

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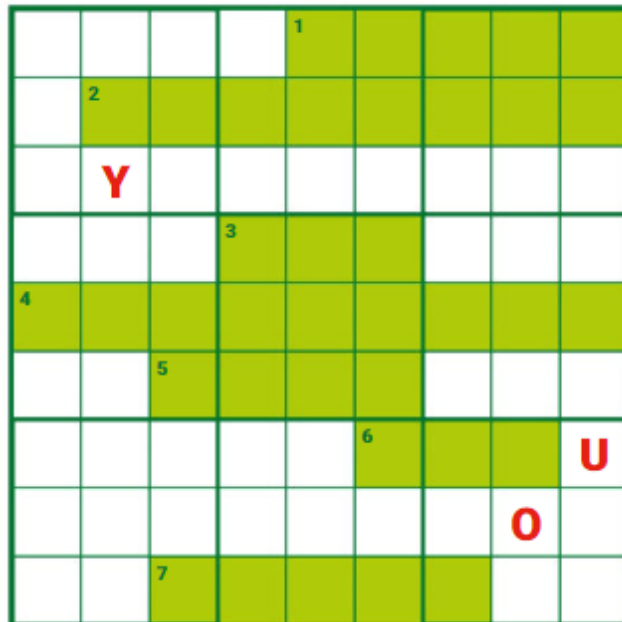


NUMBER CROSSWORD SUDOKU

BY RODOLFO KURCHAN

Crossword Sudoku is like traditional sudoku, except that numbers are replaced by letters. To solve this puzzle, first solve the crossword clues. The answers to the clues will be numbers, but they should be written as words in the shaded boxes. Then solve the Sudoku so that there are no repeated letters in any row, column or 3x3 square. Some letters have been given to start you off.

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PUZZLE 1

ACROSS

1. This number plus 7-Across adds up to 100
2. The reverse of 4-Across
3. This number has half as many letters as its numerical value
4. A square number
5. This number has the same number of letters as its numerical value
6. This number plus 5-Across adds up to 10
7. This number is 10 times 6-Across

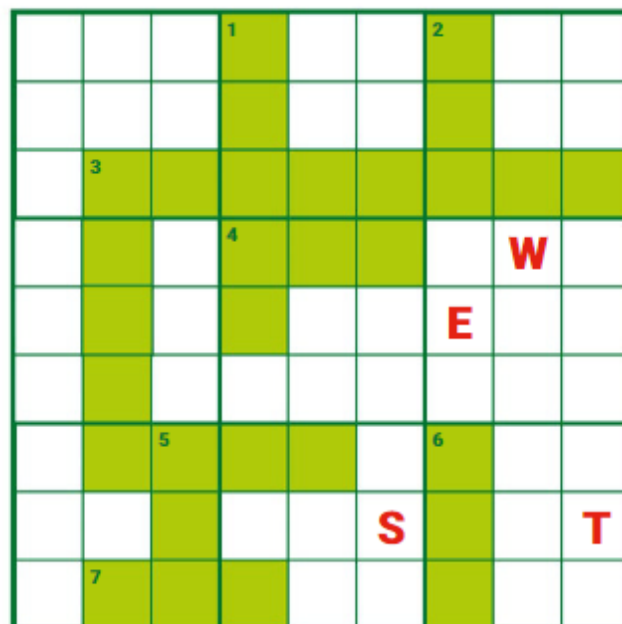
PUZZLE 2

ACROSS

3. A prime number
4. This number plus 6-Down equals a square number
5. This number plus 2 down equals a square number
7. A square number

DOWN

1. This number is the product of 4-Across and 6-Down
2. This number is twice 7-Across
3. One less than 3-Across
5. This number minus 6-Down equals a square number
6. This number minus 5-Across equals a square number



NUMBER ARRANGEMENT SUDOKU



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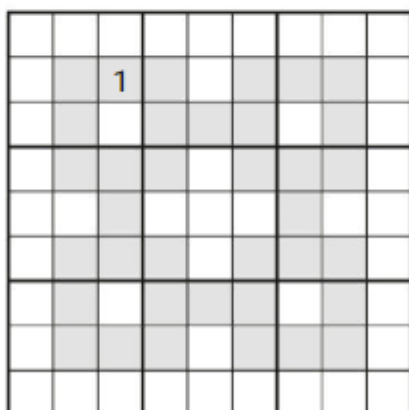
Fit the given 3-digit numbers in the shaded squares (there is only one combination that will fit all of the numbers) and then solve the Sudoku. The example below shows the grid filled with the 3-digit numbers followed by the final solution.

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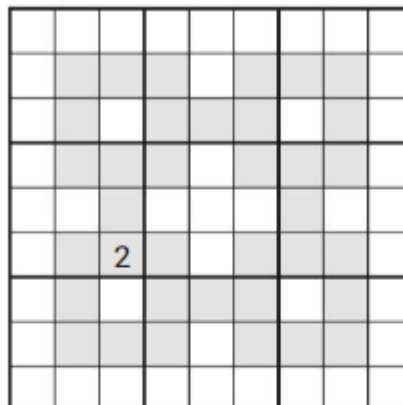
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