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Instructions

Welcome to the first piece of this year's Advent Calendar! This year's grid is a 35x35 Area 51 puzzle. Area 51 combines many familiar clue types from slitherlink, masyu, and corral puzzles.
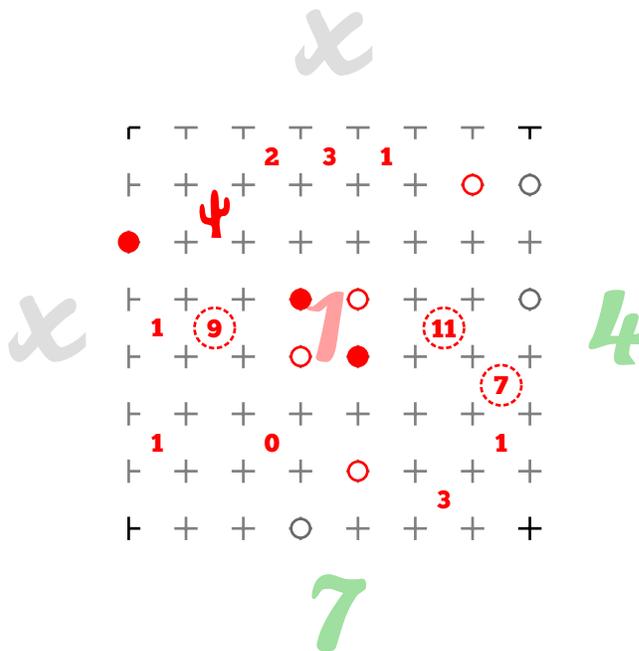
Clue Types

The various clue types are provided on the bottom half of today's calendar piece.

Bonuses

Throughout Advent, look for profile badge codes and small puzzles and riddles included below calendar pieces on each of the daily puzzle sheet postings.

Postcard

After completing the calendar, you may e-mail me your solution and mailing address in exchange for a postcard with holiday greetings and a special puzzle!

Fenceposts

The fence must turn 90 degrees at each black fencepost with straight fencing before and after. It must stay straight across white fenceposts with a 90 degree turn before and/or after the fencepost.

Numbers

Each number tells how many pieces of fence must surround its square.

Figures In/Out

Aliens must remain inside the finished loop. Cacti must remain outside the finished loop.

Number Pods

Each pod must remain inside the finished loop. The number displayed is the number of spaces to the north, south, east, and west between it and the nearest piece of fence, including itself.