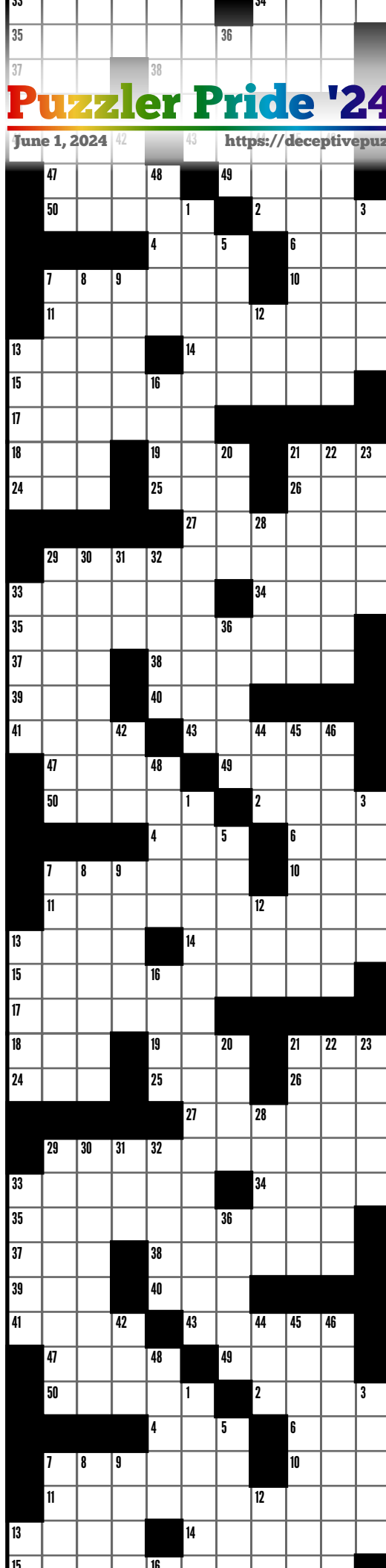
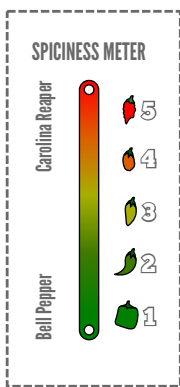


**Welcome to  
Puzzler Pride  
2024: 'Infinite  
Pride Edition'**

The puzzle community is host to a wealth of talented authors that identify as LGBTQIA+. We are pleased to present a showcase of their creations today.

Being LGBTQIA+ is a core part of many of our lives, and we live those lives all year long, not just during 'Pride Month'. So this year, we're dedicating the puzzle packet to the infinite: love beyond the concept of time, forever and ever.



**Crossword** 🍌 3

Use the clues provided below to fill the grid at left with words going across and down.

By BuzzBee

**Across**

- 2 Maryland Athlete, familiarly
- 4 "\_\_\_\_ Carter", album series from Lil' Wayne
- 6 Family name of a Harlem restaurant and pasta sauce brand
- 7 Fine tune
- 10 Tories, and in a sense, owls, for short
- 11 Straight up not having a good time
- 13 Regarding
- 14 A couple bucks, where a buck is a bird
- 15 Xe, for example
- 17 Body image?
- 18 Jesus, as written in the Quran
- 19 December setting in Denver
- 21 [ˈraɪtɪŋ ˈsɪstəm ʌv ɒɪs kluː, fɔːr ʃɔːt]
- 24 Handmade animation frame
- 25 Moment of clarity?
- 26 Oft forgot aviation follow-on to SEA
- 27 "\_\_\_\_ Fidelis", Latin carol
- 29 The Eagle, in a famed 1969 transmission
- 33 Admiral Levine, asst Secretary for Health and the first openly trans 4 star officer in the US Military
- 34 Doesn't doff
- 35 Ready to score
- 37 Through
- 38 Stereotypical starbucks selections
- 39 How one might go off the beaten track
- 40 Fashion inits
- 41 Peetah's Primetime Partner
- 43 Some Swedish vehicles
- 47 \_\_\_\_\_ Khalifa, worlds tallest structure
- 49 [Yes, wriet it excalty like tihs]
- 50 Plus

**Down**

- 1 Adage true in both adversity and prosperity, fabled to be inscribed in a fitting object for this puzzle
- 3 Cowboy cadre
- 5 Villain Chigurh
- 7 Plague
- 8 All told
- 9 Ratify
- 12 Joey of children's books?
- 13 Bit of tomfoolery
- 16 Capitale d'Italia
- 20 Magic word?
- 21 Response to 16D
- 22 Protects, as a product
- 23 Some laptops
- 28 "Finish this!"
- 29 Winnipeg province
- 30 Heir to Caesar
- 31 "Now I get it"
- 32 Music Youtuber Adam
- 33 Archfrenemy
- 36 World record?
- 42 "fr"
- 44 Try to pass, quickly
- 45 Draft picks?
- 46 Gets ready to rumble
- 48 Emperor of China in Mulan (2020)

## Nonbinary Puzzle 3

Does anyone even know how these colors go together anyways?

Fill each empty square in the 6-by-6 grid with any of the colors black, purple, white, or yellow. Each row and each column in the grid must contain at least one of each possible color. No two cells with the same color can be orthogonally adjacent.

Letters in the grid corners are for accessibility:  
K: Black, P: Purple,  
W: White, Y: Yellow

	Y	W	Y	K	
	W			Y	K
		K	P	K	
		W		Y	
Y	W				P
	K	P			K

When the grid is completed, the total number of purple and yellow cells must equal the total number of black and white cells. Some givens have been provided.

Use the clues on the right to obtain a final answer!

By Trevor Birenbaum

- ↓ The Modern Major General's got information vegetable, this, and mineral
- Imagine having a medical issue (D in CD) and the only hope of treatment is (D in CD) writing a coded crossword clue
- Sound reflection (sound reflection) ((sound reflection)) (((sound reflection)))
- Name of a lake that homes a very cute cryptid <3
- Word that takes the surprising prefix of "doom" to describe reading too much news online
- A truck, a penultimate match, or a slightly larger anatomical part – take your pick
- Punctuation marks bottoms use to sound cute, or markdown users use to strikethrough
- Arctic plain as barren and fruitless as my Tinder matches (bi sadness)

## Throwing Shade 3

Shade some squares in each row and column-ring so that the letters in the remaining unshaded squares spell answers to the provided clues.

Row answers read left to right. Column-ring answers read downward and may need to wrap.

The clues are listed in alphabetical order by corresponding answer.

By David Millar

L	O	O	T	A	B	S	K	S
E	N	J	L	R	R	O	B	N
R	C	L	O	T	E	U	D	B
F	G	O	L	O	A	F	L	S
C	J	U	O	B	A	T	S	K
R	E	M	O	A	J	L	I	P
H	O	E	S	U	R	T	S	T
T	R	U	M	M	O	P	S	E
F	A	T	C	E	W	O	N	I
L	O	O	T	A	B	S	K	S
E	N	J	L	R	R	O	B	N

### Clues

#### Across

- Did really well
- Boo-Boo, perhaps?
- 
- Subject of fraud scandal
- Sport for a Tiger
- Web server
- Andy's prison buddy
- Type of gold
- Assignments

#### Down

- Animal women prefer over men
- Pop icon
- Save icon
- A hot drink
- ABC drama
- Early console
- Soul infinity stone color
- Tender
- Garlic sauce

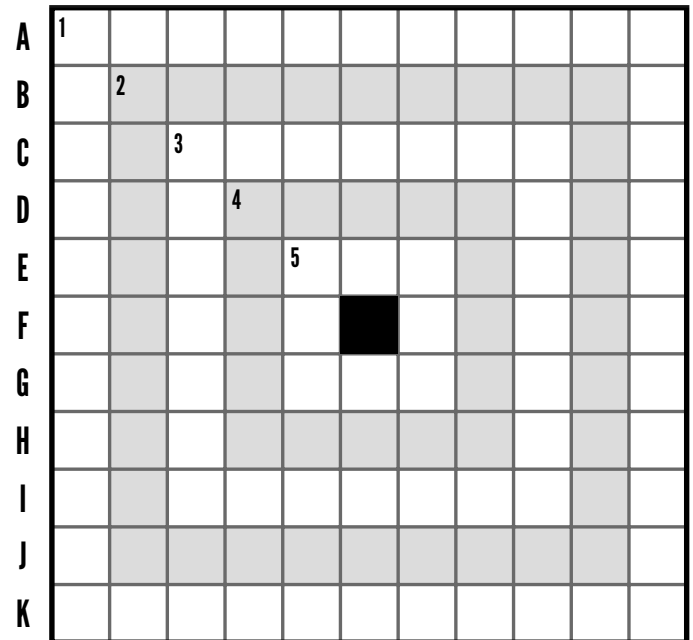
## Pride Parade 🍌🍌

Answers appear in two different directions, Rows and Parades. Each Row has its answers side by side with no separation (except for row F). Each parade starts at the top-left square of its ring and goes around the grid clockwise, one answer after another all the way around the circle. Every square appears in two answers.

By EpicToast

### Rows

- A 16:9, for one (2 wds.)
- B Crude shed  
Around the local area (2 wds.)
- C "However..."  
\_\_\_ Mahal
- D Estrogen or testosterone, say  
"Fuck it, we ball"
- E Stylish and fashionable  
*Steven Universe* blacksmith
- F Follow close behind  
Finished, as food
- G Daddy  
One might pass it in a car (2 wds.)
- H Epic  
Actor Weaving of *The Matrix*
- I *Cheers* waitress  
Its own reward, as they say
- J Make a scarf or a poncho, for example  
Irregular and unpredictable
- K Alternatives to Ubers  
Verify the presence of (2 wds.)



### Parades

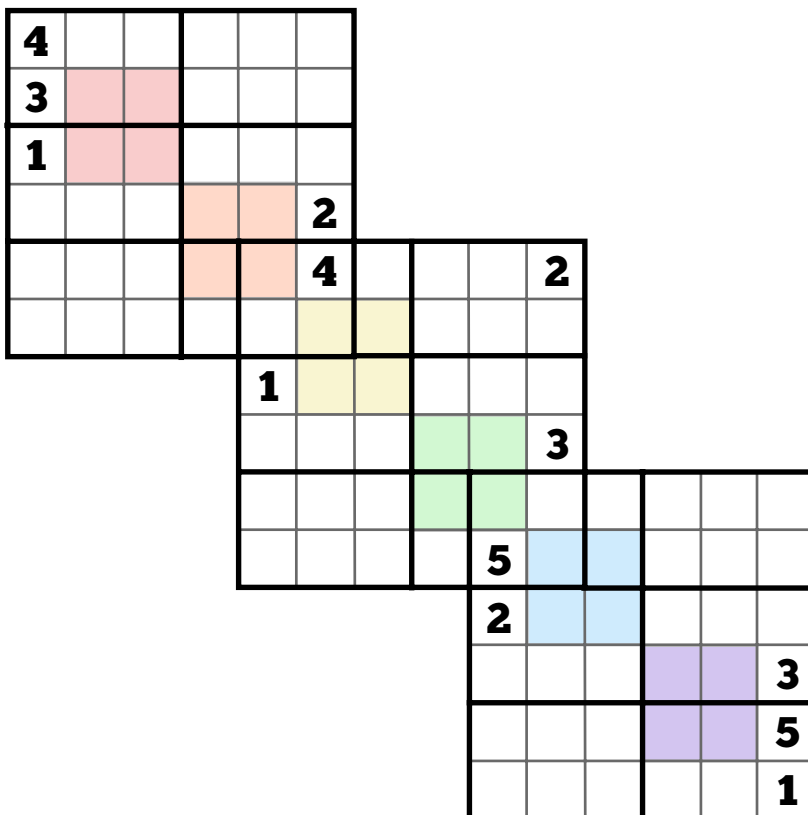
- 1 Umbrella term for people who don't feel sexual or romantic attraction (hyph.)  
*Ru-Paul's Drag Race* contestant Penny  
Pseudonym for an anonymous person (2 wds.)  
Video game protagonist Lara  
Delays (2 wds.)  
They say things like "dfhkgf" online
- 2 Access illegally, a la maia arson crimew (2 wds.)  
Fictional chemist White  
Word after air or electric  
Innermost part of the eye  
*Eight Elvises* artist Andy
- 3 Considered every last detail (2 wds.)  
Dominate one's enemy (in a competition)  
Make good as new
- 4 "I think my \_\_\_ is gay, it's too many men on top of one another" (Jay Eazy lyric)  
Papier-\_\_\_  
Artwork made of small tiles
- 5 Like Frida Kahlo, Marlon Brando, or this puzzle's author



### Disjoint Rainbow Sudoku 🍀<sup>2</sup>

Normal 6x6 sudoku rules apply within each of the three overlapping grids (and cells in the overlap of two grids must follow sudoku rules for both grids). Also, digits in the same relative position in different colored 2x2 squares must never be equal. For instance, each colored 2x2 square has a different digit in its top left corner.

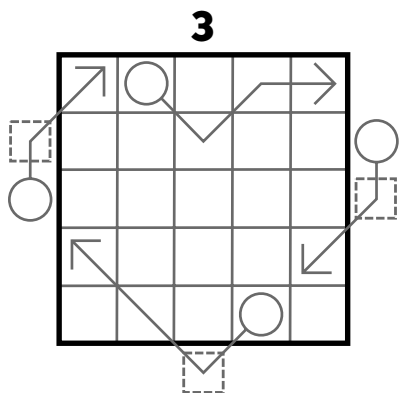
By clover <https://l.puz.fun/pp2024clover>



### Arrow(mantic) Skyscrapers 🍀<sup>3</sup>

Label each unnumbered cell with a number from 1 to 5. Numbers cannot repeat in the same row or column in the grid, but they can repeat outside of the grid. Each number in the grid indicates the height of a building at its cell, and each number outside of the grid indicates the number of buildings visible along its line of sight into the grid. Buildings are not visible behind other buildings of the same height or taller. Additionally, the sum of the numbers along the path of each arrow is equal to the number at its circled cell.

By dohz <https://l.puz.fun/pp2024dohzarrow>



### Non-Straight Puzzle Variants

By Rever

#### Heyawake

Standard heyawake rules apply.

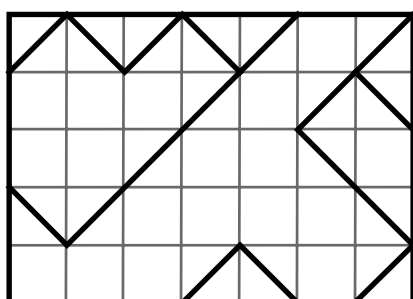
#### Aqre

Standard aqre rules apply.

#### Non-Straight Regions Wall Double Back

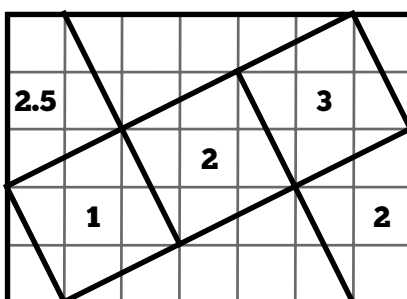
Shade some cells to form a connected wall. All regions are visited twice. Numbers indicate the number of shaded cells in the region.

#### Heyawake



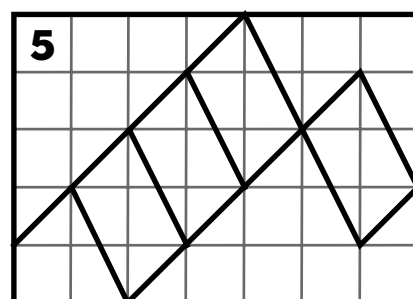
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#### Aqre



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#### Wall Double Back

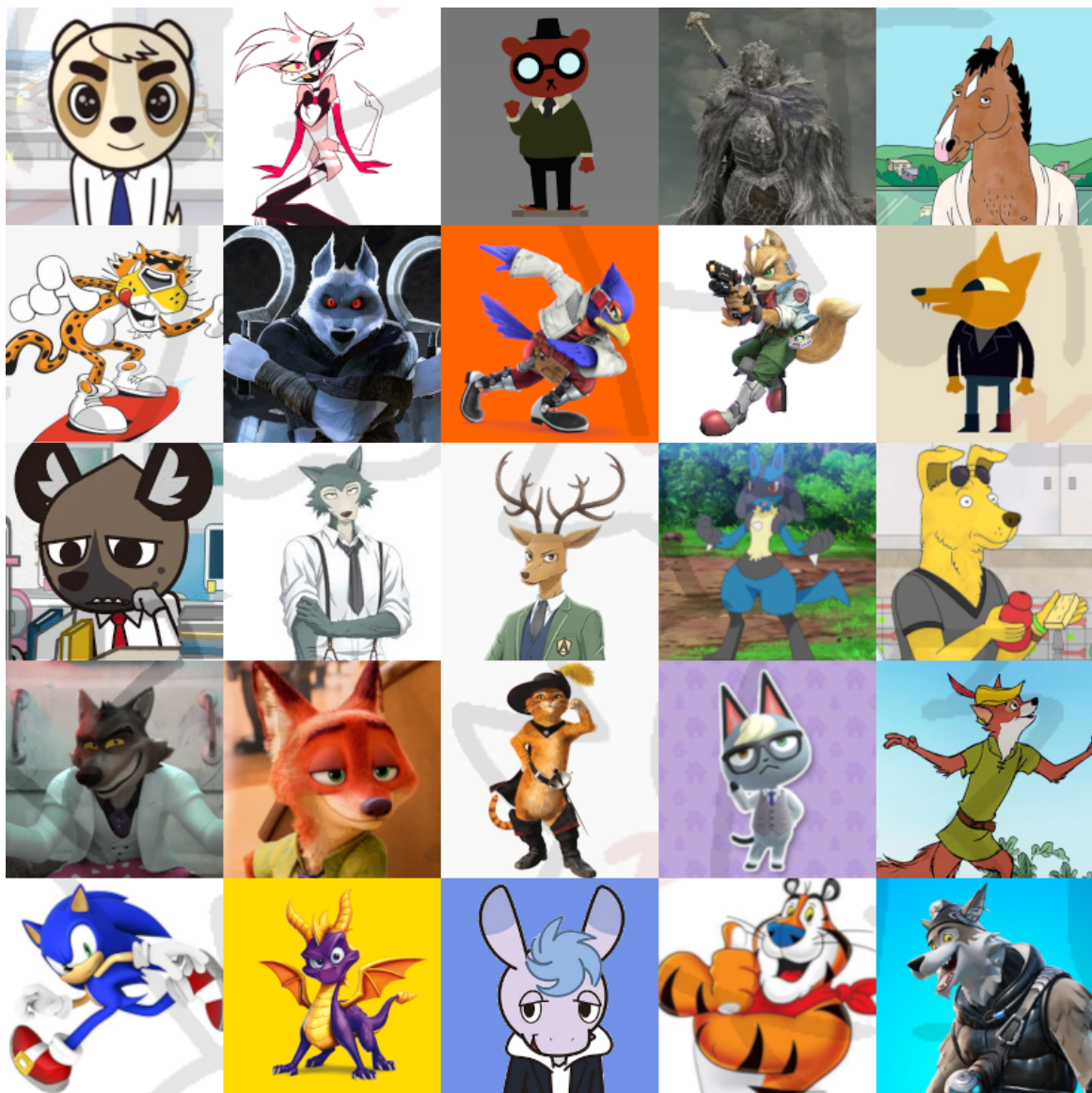


🍀<sup>4</sup> <https://l.puz.fun/pp2024reverwall>

## The Cute Furry Boys Puzzle 🌿 2

Out of nowhere, 25 cute furry boys appear. Woah! They say (in unison) that they'd like you to arrange them into a 5x5 grid, according to some rules. That doesn't sound too bad, you think, so you get to work.

By Sniper Interactive version: <https://tinyurl.com/cutefurryboys>



## The Cute Furry Boys Puzzle (continued)

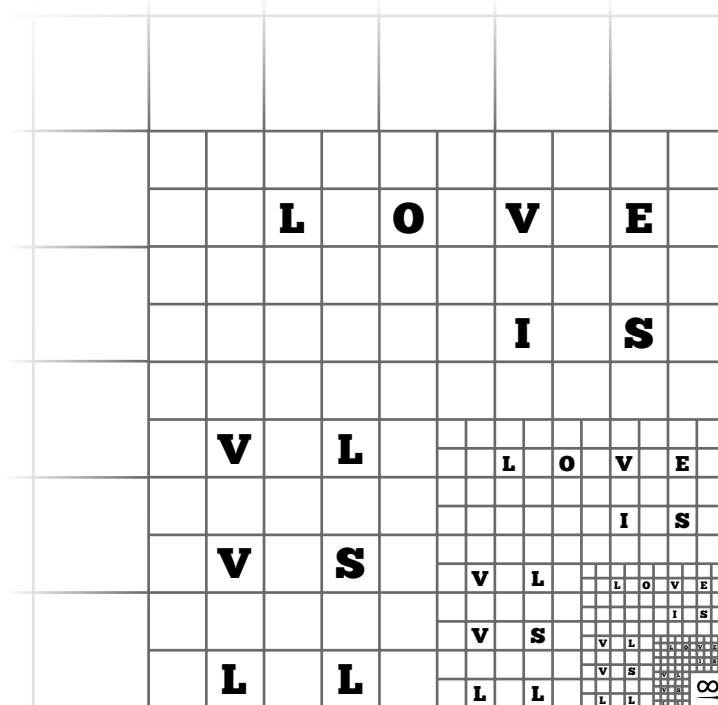
- 1 Start with an empty 5x5 grid.
- 2 Among the cute furry boys in your hand are five wolves. Place them into the grid such that the following are true:
  - a The wolves are "lone wolves". If they were queens on a chessboard, they wouldn't be able to attack any other wolves.
  - b From top to bottom, the wolves are in alphabetical order by name.
  - c From left to right, the wolves are in chronological order by the date of their first appearance.
- 3 You now have 5 boys in the grid, and 20 remaining. Woah! Out of nowhere, the fastest boy zips out of your hand and onto the grid! He cozies up next to someone on the bottom row. Take the second letter of his name; you'll need it later.
- 4 A washed-up celebrity enters the grid and has a run-in with one of the wolves, who says it's not his time yet. The wolf slides to the right; the celebrity trots one slot down. From the wolf, take the fourth letter of his name; from the celebrity; take the sixth.
- 5 One of your guys breathes fire, wow! That's dangerous. Put him in the corner so he's not touching anyone, and take the alphabetically last letter of his name.
- 6 Two of your guys have names that start with the same sound, and are both from Japanese franchises. They both notice a wolf in the grid from a third Japanese franchise. Put them together in the same row, next to the wolf, with the one from a video game on the left. Take the second letter of their names.
- 7 The wolf jumps over those two to be next to the herbivore. Concerning; keep an eye on those two. Take the fourth letter of the wolf's name.
- 8 One of your guys has an occupation that's very appropriate - ironic, even - for his species. Place him two spots below another character with the same number of letters in his name, then take the last letter of his name.
- 9 Oh no, one of the guys in the grid got arrested! Predictably. Take him off the board.
- 10 In that guy's place, put the young, upstart office worker who cares about his job a bit TOO much. Slide him up as far as he can go, and take the last letter of his name.
- 11 One of your guys is a tech billionaire. He pays for the spot of one of the guys in the grid - he's a student, so he needs the money - and pushes him one slot over to the right. From both of their names, extract the fifth letter.
- 12 One of your guys is an impostor! He's not an animal. That's fine, you guess, he's cute and - arguably - furry. Put him in the grid so that he's touching two blue characters. Count the number of limbs he normally has, and extract that letter from his name.
- 13 The wolf near your new guy doesn't like that he's not a furry. He runs at the new guy and jumps at him, but the new guy ducks, and the wolf soars over him one space in a straight line. From his name, extract the letter corresponding to his new row.
- 14 One of your guys would look good in a maid outfit. Put him in the grid as far to the left as you can get from the guy who was just attacked. Count how many cells left that was, then extract that letter from his name.
- 15 It is a well-known fact that in every gay couple, one can drive and one collects knives. Identify the canonically gay couple among your guys. Place them into the grid together, putting the one who collects knives above the one who can drive, and touching the only other canonically gay character in the grid. From both names, extract the second-to-last letter.
- 16 One of your guys has a very self-descriptive name. Place him in the grid at a Manhattan distance of 4 away from another character whose name starts with the same letter. Extract the other letter those names have in common.
- 17 In your grid, identify a character whose name is a portmanteau of two TF2 classes. Cycle his row two to the right.
- 18 With four of your guys, make a square with the following edges: "same species", "robbers", "same first name", "my boyfriends". Place this square in the upper left such that two characters with name length 6 are touching, and my boyfriends are vertically oriented. From those with the same first name, take the second-to-last letters of their last names. From those with the same species, subtract 1 from the length of their last name, and take that letter of their first name.
- 19 Cycle the first column up by the number of felines you have left in your hand.
- 20 Two of your guys are both known for something similar. Place them such that they border each other and the bigger one is on top, then extract their fourth letters.
- 21 Just two guys left. Place them in the remaining spots such that each borders a character from their franchise, then take their third letters.
- 22 Reverse row 3. Switch row 2 with column 2. Now, all that's left is to switch row 4 with column 4, and...oh. Oh no. Who invited *you*?

*What does the last cute furry boy want to tell you?*

### Recursive Cipher Nurikabe 🍷 5

Normal Nurikabe rules apply. Clues have been replaced by letters, with each letter having a unique value and all instances of a letter having the same value.

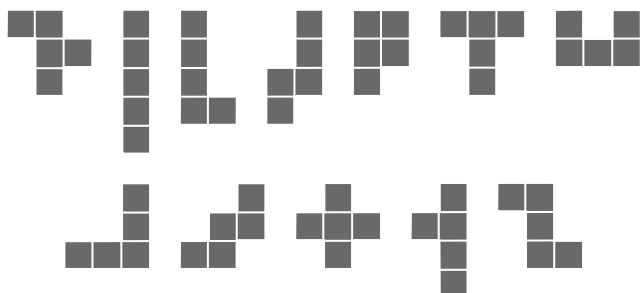
Clues still count cells regardless of size. Instead of the 2x2 rule, every internal vertex must be adjacent to at least one unshaded cell (i.e. in addition to 2x2s, a triplet of cells that are all orthogonally adjacent to one another cannot be entirely shaded).



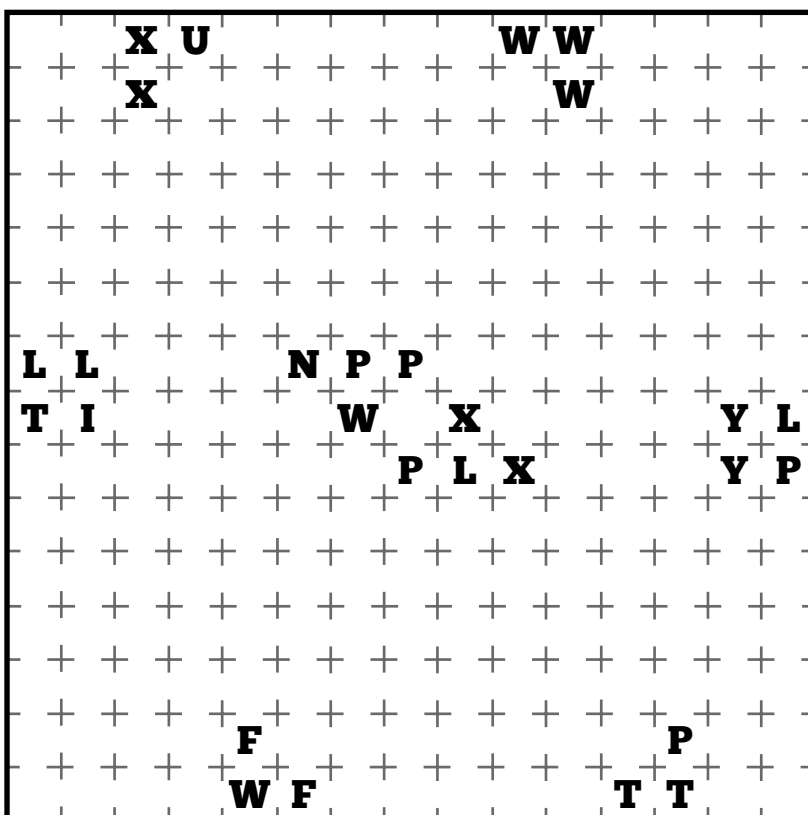
By Jamie Hargrove

### Homominous 🍷 3

Divide the grid into pentominoes. A letter must be part of the pentomino shape associated with it. Each pentomino must share an edge with another pentomino of the same shape (not necessarily the same orientation).



Top: F I L N P T U • Bottom: V W X Y Z



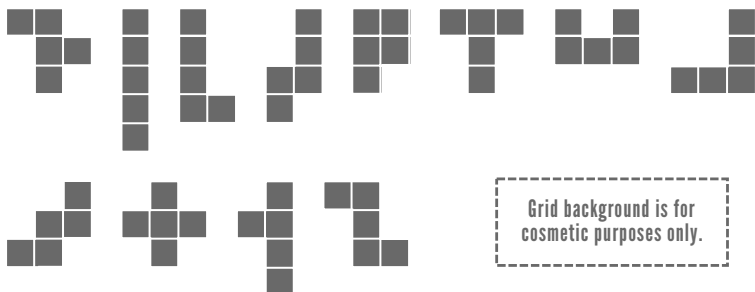
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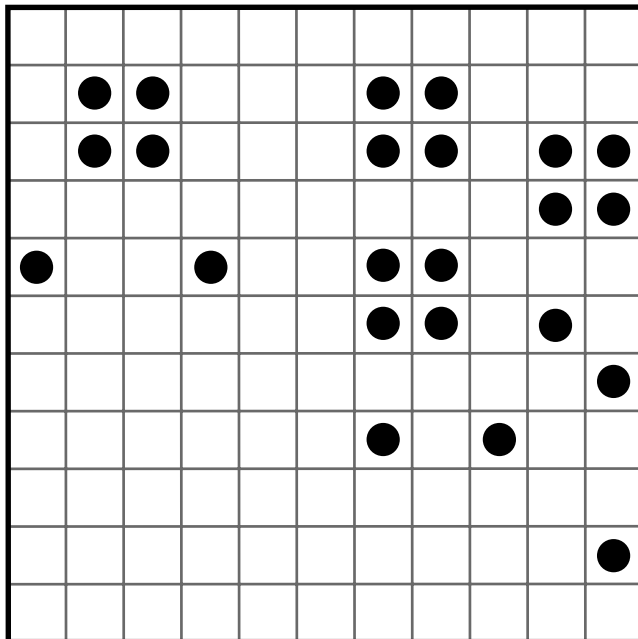


**Statue Park** 🔥4 ↓ 🟡3 →

Place each of the shapes exactly once into the grid, with rotations and reflections allowed. No two shapes can overlap or be orthogonally adjacent, and all of the space not occupied by shapes must be connected. Black circles must be part of a shape, and white circles must not.

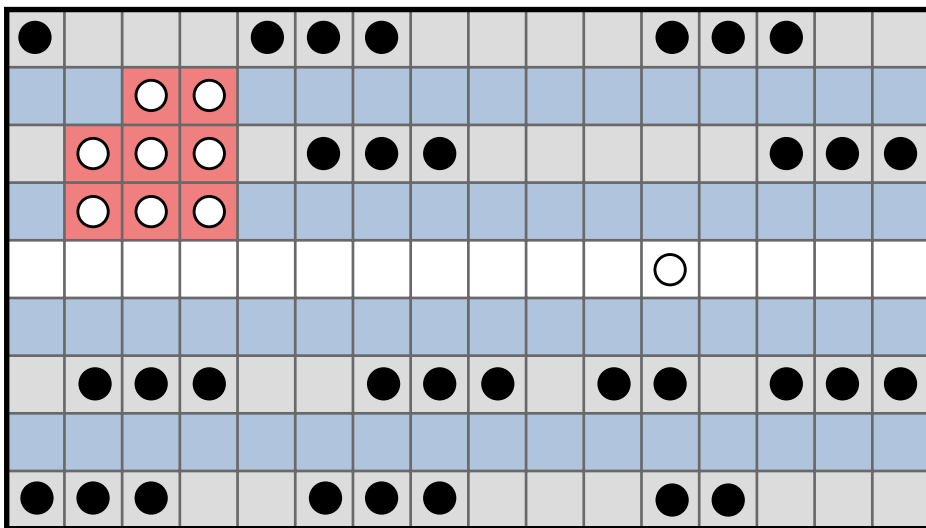


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Happy Pride Month!

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