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Twilight Kurotto 🌶3

Shade some cells. White clues cannot be shaded and represent the total size of the orthogonally connected areas of shaded cells that share an edge with the clue. Black clues must be shaded and represent the total size of the orthogonally connected areas of unshaded cells that share an edge with the clue.
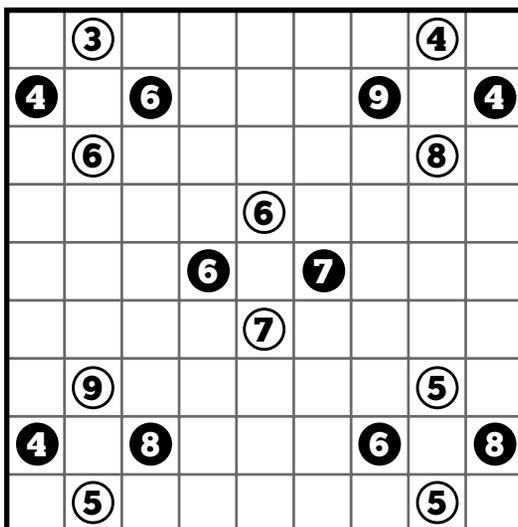
By Menderbug   https://l.puz.fun/961menderbug

Yajisan-Kazusan 🌶3

Shade some squares in the grid so that all unshaded clues accurately display the number of shaded squares in the direction of the arrow. No two shaded squares may share a side, and all unshaded squares must form a contiguous region within the grid.
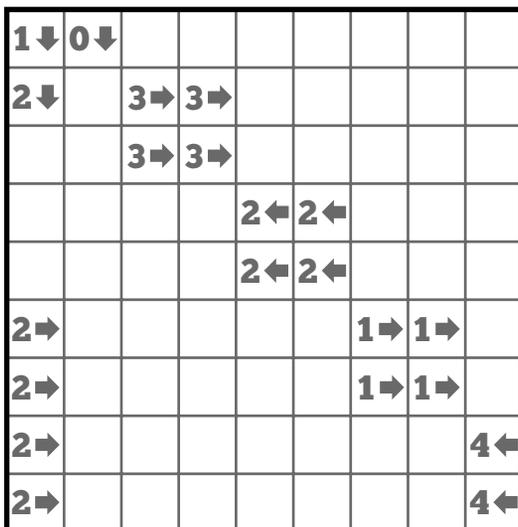
By Jamie Hargrove   https://l.puz.fun/961jamie

Throwing Shade 🌶2

Shade some squares in each row and column so that the letters in the remaining unshaded squares spell answers to the provided clues.
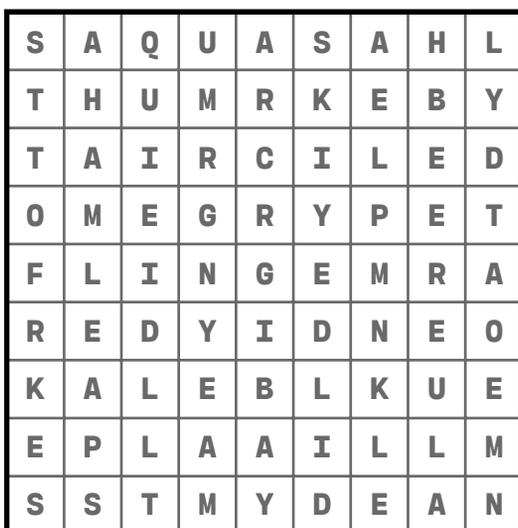
The clues are listed in alphabetical order by corresponding answer.

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

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Welcome to Black-Out Friday!

Instead of partaking in Black Friday shopping, here are a set of puzzles involving blacking out squares for your puzzling enjoyment. Huge thanks to all of the puzzlers that joined the puzzle-construction efforts this year.

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Carolina Reaper
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Bell Pepper
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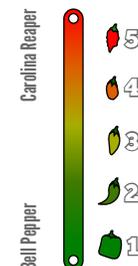
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Clues

Across	Down
Hardy green	Grid or span
Peruvian city	Tree type
Nasty beast	Part of a foot
Part of a hand	Hops
A color	A sewn good
Perturb	Drag on the ground
Crush or press	Baby carrier
Dump	Direct
Country in Europe/Asia	Orange veggie

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Kabingurodo 🌶4

Shade some empty cells so that no two shaded cells are orthogonally adjacent and the remaining unshaded cells form one orthogonally connected area. Every possible path between two circles along orthogonally adjacent unshaded cells must turn at least twice.

By Seren
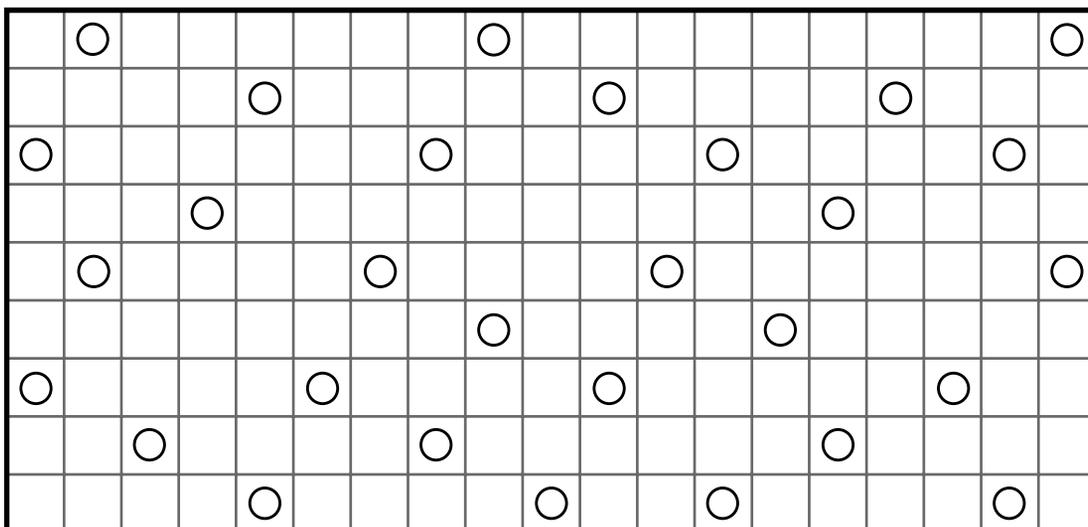
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Statue Park 🌱3

Shade some cells to form the provided statues in the grid. They may be rotated or reflected. They cannot be orthogonally adjacent but may touch at corners. The unshaded cells must form a contiguous region. Cells with shaded circles must be part of statues; unshaded circles must not.

By dohz
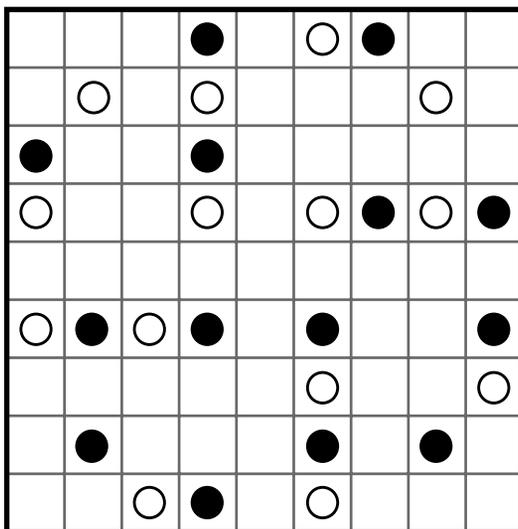
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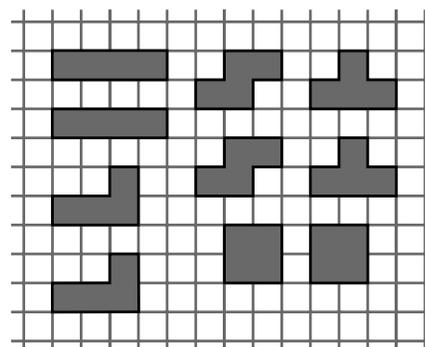
Nurikabe (Full) 🌶4

Shade some of the cells so that the grid is divided into white regions, with each cell in such a region containing a number identical to the area of the region. Two white regions may only touch diagonally. All shaded cells must be connected with each other, but no 2×2 group of cells can be entirely shaded.

5	5	5	7	3	3	4	3	3	3
5	7	7	7	3	3	4	4	4	3
5	7	6	6	6	6	6	6	4	3
7	7	6	3	3	3	3	6	4	4
2	2	6	3	1	1	3	6	3	3
2	2	6	3	1	1	3	6	3	3
4	4	6	3	3	3	3	6	1	1
2	4	6	6	6	6	6	6	1	3
2	4	4	4	2	2	1	1	1	3
2	2	2	4	2	2	1	3	3	3

By Walker

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Hexagonal Tapa

Shade some cells in the grid. All shaded cells must form a contiguous region. Clues enumerate the runs of shaded cells that must surround the clue in some order, with unshaded cells separating them. Any three cells that meet at a point may not all be shaded.

By Rever

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Mosaic Kakurasu 5

Shade some cells in the grid. Each row and column has a value indicated by the numbers above and to the left of the grid. Each number to the right of the grid indicates the sum of the values of the columns which have a shaded cell in that row, and each number below the grid indicates the sum of the values of the rows which have a shaded cell in that column. Additionally, each numbered cell in the grid indicates the number of shaded cells in the 3x3 area centered on it, including itself.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
1	3			3		3			2	18
2										28
3			4		7		6			28
4	4								3	18
5			5		6		5			37
6	2								3	16
7			6		5		6			19
8										30
9	2			2		2			1	1
	24	20	21	26	20	23	25	21	9	

By ScopingLandscape   https://l.puz.fun/961mosarasu

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Diagramless Minis 🍌③

Standard diagramless crossword rules apply:

Black squares will have rotational symmetry, all words are 3 letters or longer, and no letters are unchecked.

Across clues are in the correct order, but Down clues have been alphabetized.

As an additional hint, each grid will have fifteen black squares.

By noneuclidean

Hmm... it looks like there's something wrong with the instructions above.

If you read off all of the circled letters (left to right, in grid order), you will find what a certain word in the instructions should be changed to. This should help you extract a single three-word final answer.
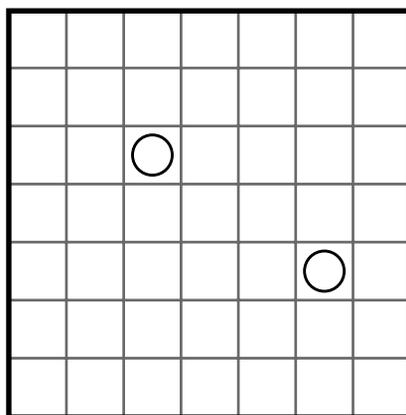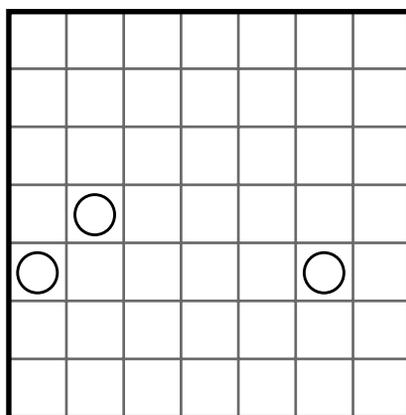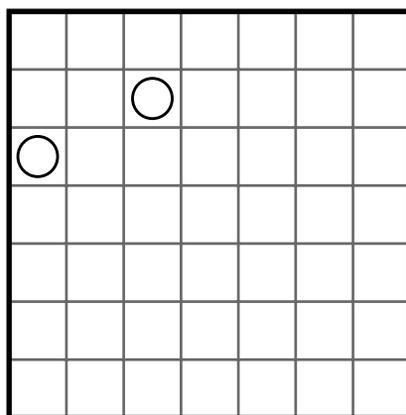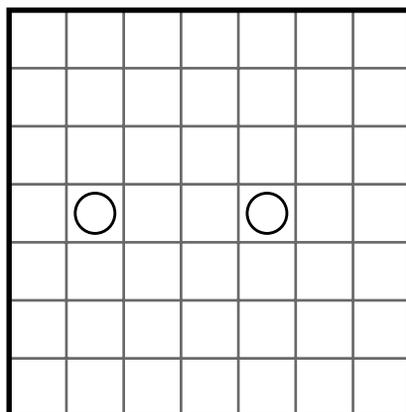
Across
Sounds heard from someone who doesn't know the right words
Verbal exams
Hoisting mechanism
Hallucinogenic drug
Greek dawn goddess
____ Gras
Ingest slowly, as a drink
Blemish

Down
Candy whose name includes something needed to connect the two halves on the final answer
"Exodus" author Leon
Fall, in a way
Goal
Himalayan mountain guide
Stench
Utah's capital, for short
You might hear one at night

Across
Brief affirmation
"____ my case"
Italian scooter brand
Summer clock setting in NYC
"____ queen slay!"
Corrective eye surgery
Grilled, on Mexican menus
Set one's teeth into

Down
Comcast or AT&T, e.g.
"____ Got a Secret"
Helping hand
Inflamed
Reggae or calypso kin
Research site
Spends the night in
Thus, in Mexico

Across
Snake
Some cubes
Freeway entrances
Serena Williams' org.
Mentalist Geller
More agile
Certain article of clothing
Dash lengths

Down
"____ a stinker?" (Bugs Bunny line)
Chinese Disney protagonist
Defeat, in a way
"Get lost!"
Gets ready, briefly
Legume
Prior to A.D.
Term of respect

Across
Wedding words
Pleasant place
Ineffective
Health resort
Also
Constrictor snakes
Female sheep
Pink Floyd guitarist Barrett

Down
Brainstorms
Ctrl+Alt+____ (Loss meme origin)
Distress signal letters
Letters on a medicine bottle
Male offspring
Monodactylous, like horses
Rte. 66, e.g.
See

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## School Trip 🌶️3

Place numerous 1x2 futons onto the grid, with a pillow on one of the two squares. If the futon is vertical, the pillow may not be on the top cell. Circled digits note the number of pillows adjacent to them. All non-futon squares should form a shaded path. Every futon must touch the path, the path must be fully connected, and the path may not form any 2x2 blocks.
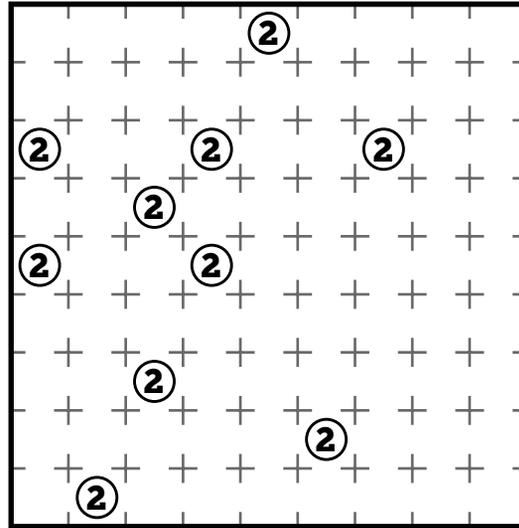
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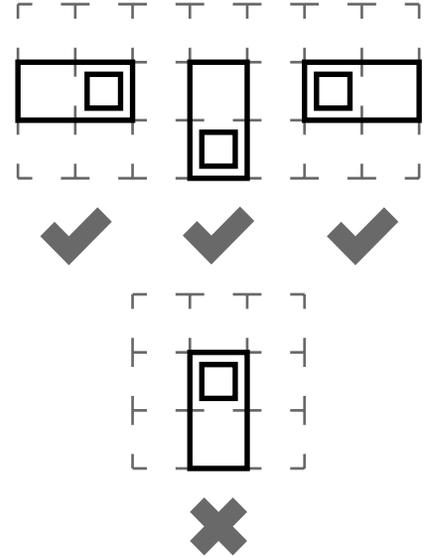
TapAqre 🌶️3

Shade some cells so that each clue is surrounded by a run of shaded cells equal to the clue value, and the region containing the clue contains as many shaded cells. The shaded cells must form a contiguous region. There may not be more than three unshaded squares in a line, nor more than three shaded squares in a line.
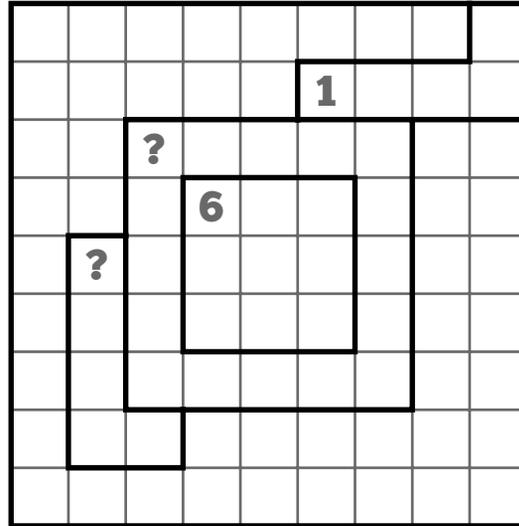
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Choco Banana 🌶️5

Shade some cells to divide the grid into regions. Shaded regions must always be rectangular or square. Unshaded regions must never be rectangular or square. A number indicates the size of its region. Regions may have zero, one, or multiple clues.
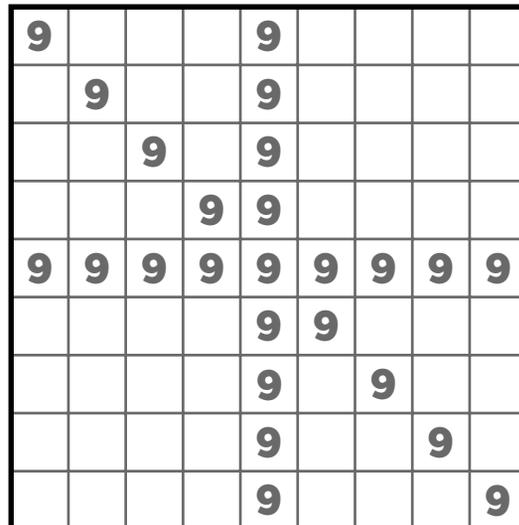
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Thanks for solving!

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Happy holidays!

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