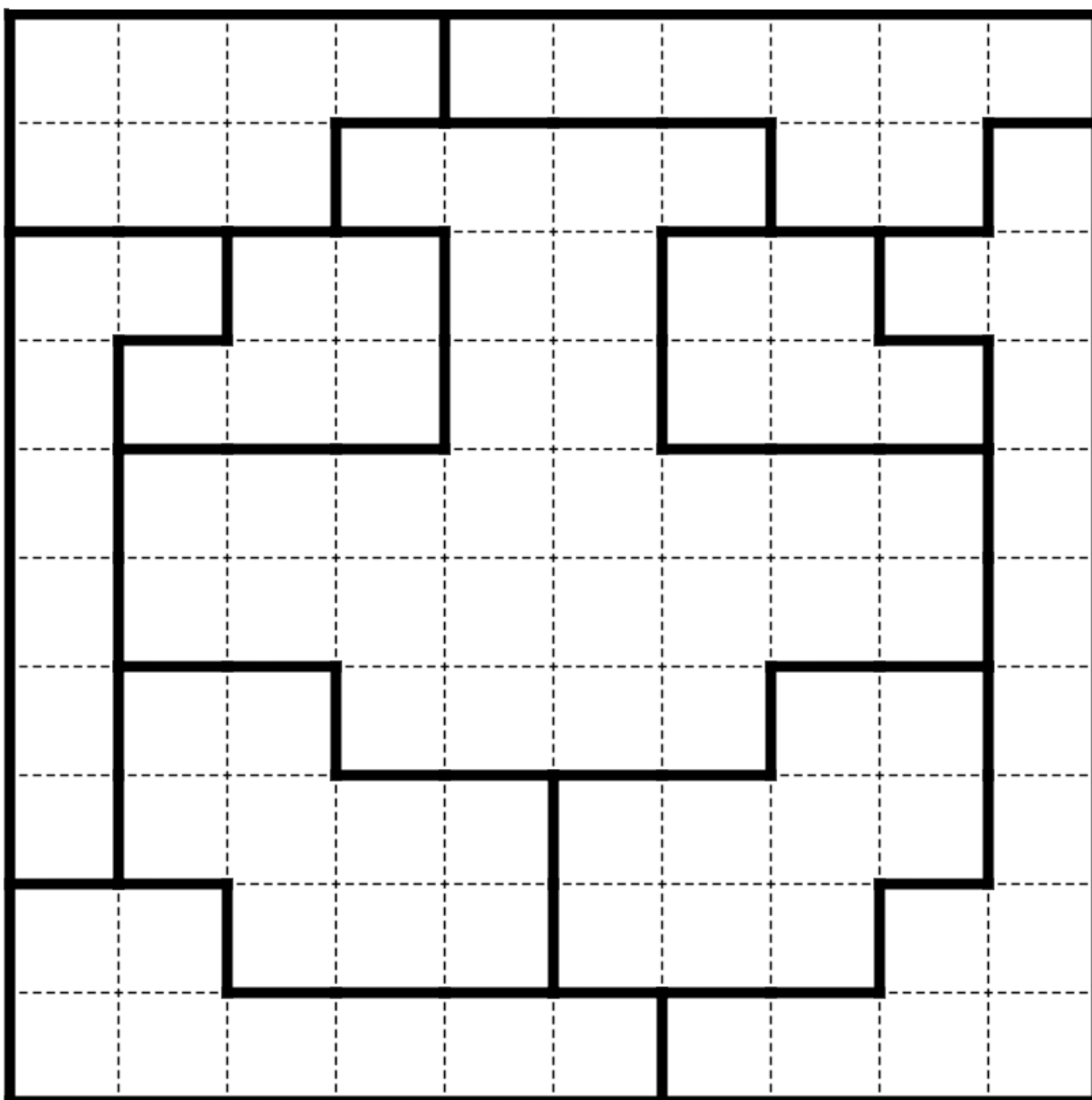


Round 1

Star Battle rules: Place 2 stars in each row and column. No two stars are touching (horizontally, vertically, or diagonally). Each region has exactly 2 stars.

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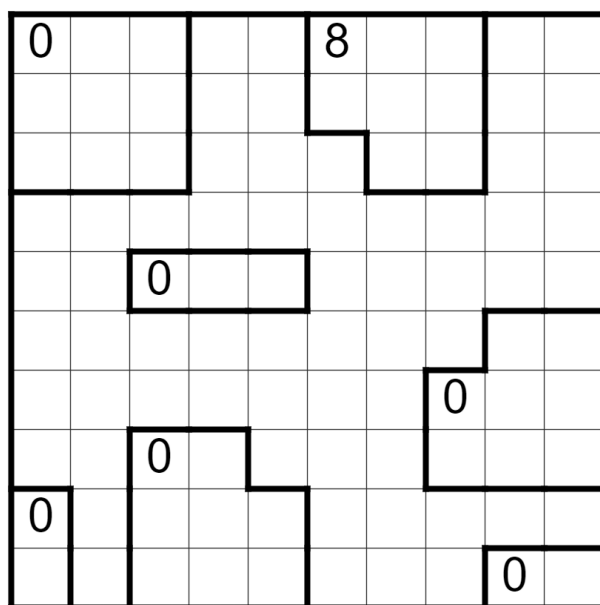
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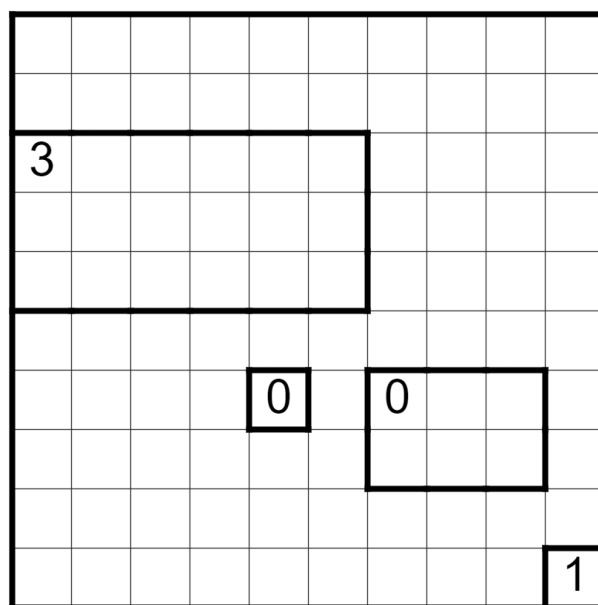
Aqre rules: Shade some cells on the board.

- A number tells how many shaded cells are in the region.
- There is no horizontal or vertical run of 4+ consecutive shaded or unshaded cells.
- All shaded cells form an orthogonally connected area.

[Puzzle 1](#) (by かぶ) 🌶️🌶️

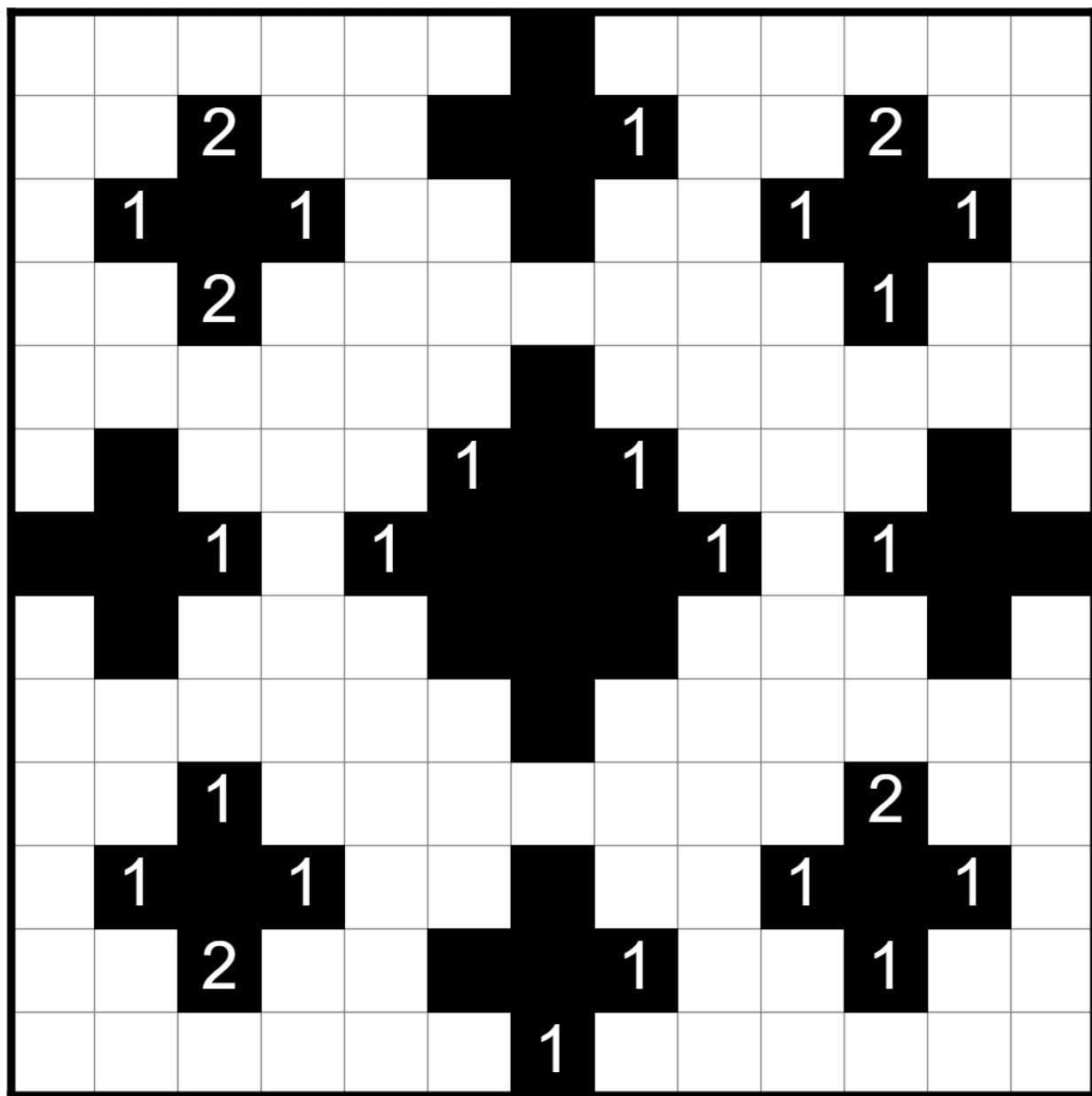


[Puzzle 2](#) (by 4G_bms) 🌶️🌶️🌶️🌶️



Akari rules:

- Place lights in empty cells so that all empty cells are illuminated.
- Each light shines cells horizontally and vertically until reaching a black cell.
- Two lights can't shine each other.
- The numbers tell how many lights are in the 4 horizontally/vertically adjacent cells around it.



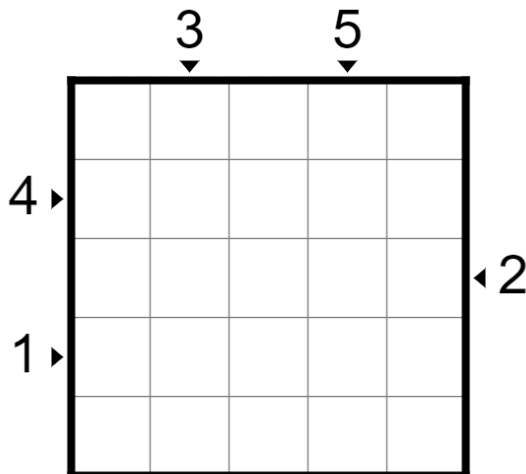
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Skyscrapers rules:

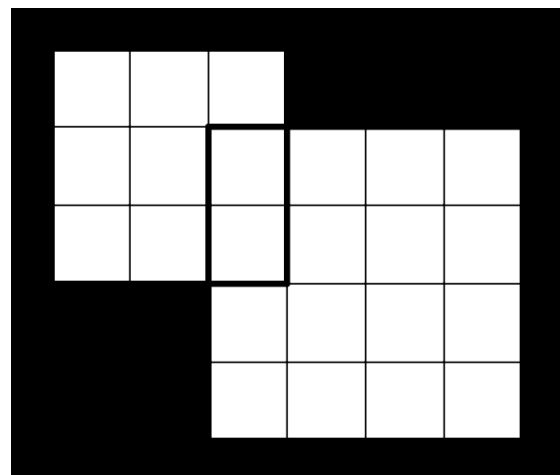
- Place a number from 1 to N in each cell, where N is the grid width.
- Each row and column contains exactly one of each number.
- Every number inside the grid represents a building, with a height equal to the number. A clue outside the grid represents how many buildings can be seen in the corresponding row or column from that direction, where higher buildings hide all lower buildings behind it.
 - Example: If we are looking at a row with numbers 1324 from the left, we can see 3 buildings: the 1, 3, and 4. The 2 is hidden behind the 3.

Puzzle 3 (by lilva) 🌶️🌶️



Puzzle 4 (by Jack Lance) 🌶️🌶️🌶️🌶️

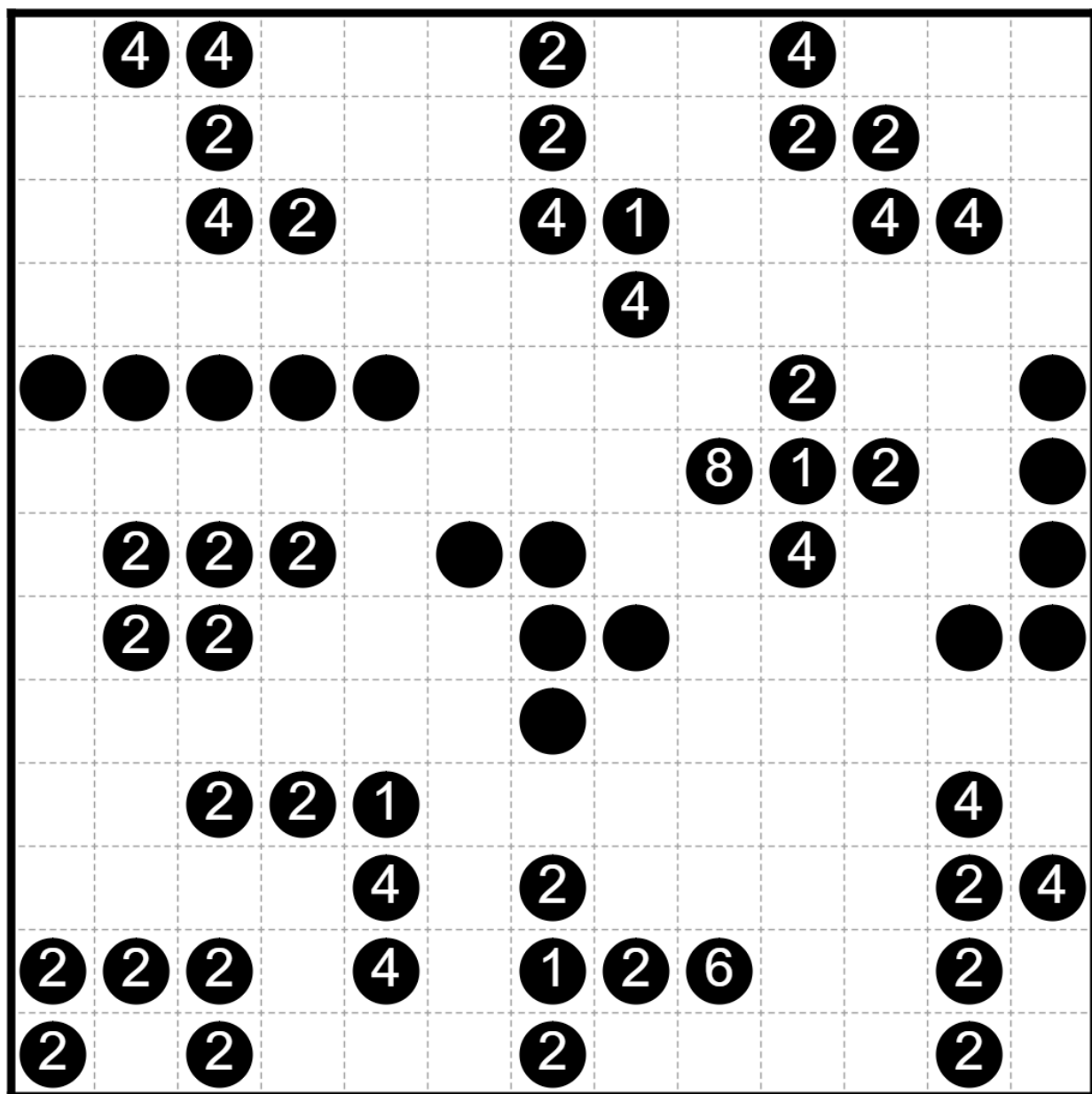
This is not a normal skyscrapers. Can you figure out what's going on, and find the unique solution?



Round 3

Shikaku rules:

- Draw lines (over the dotted lines) to divide the grid into rectangles.
- Each rectangle contains exactly one black circle.
- A number indicates the area of the rectangle.



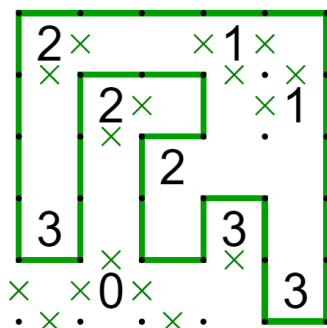
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Slitherlink rules:

- Draw lines along the edges of some cells to form a loop.
- The loop cannot branch off or cross itself.
- A number indicates the amount of edges surrounding the cell that are visited by the loop.

Slitherlink example:



[Puzzle 5](#) (by Walker) 🌶️

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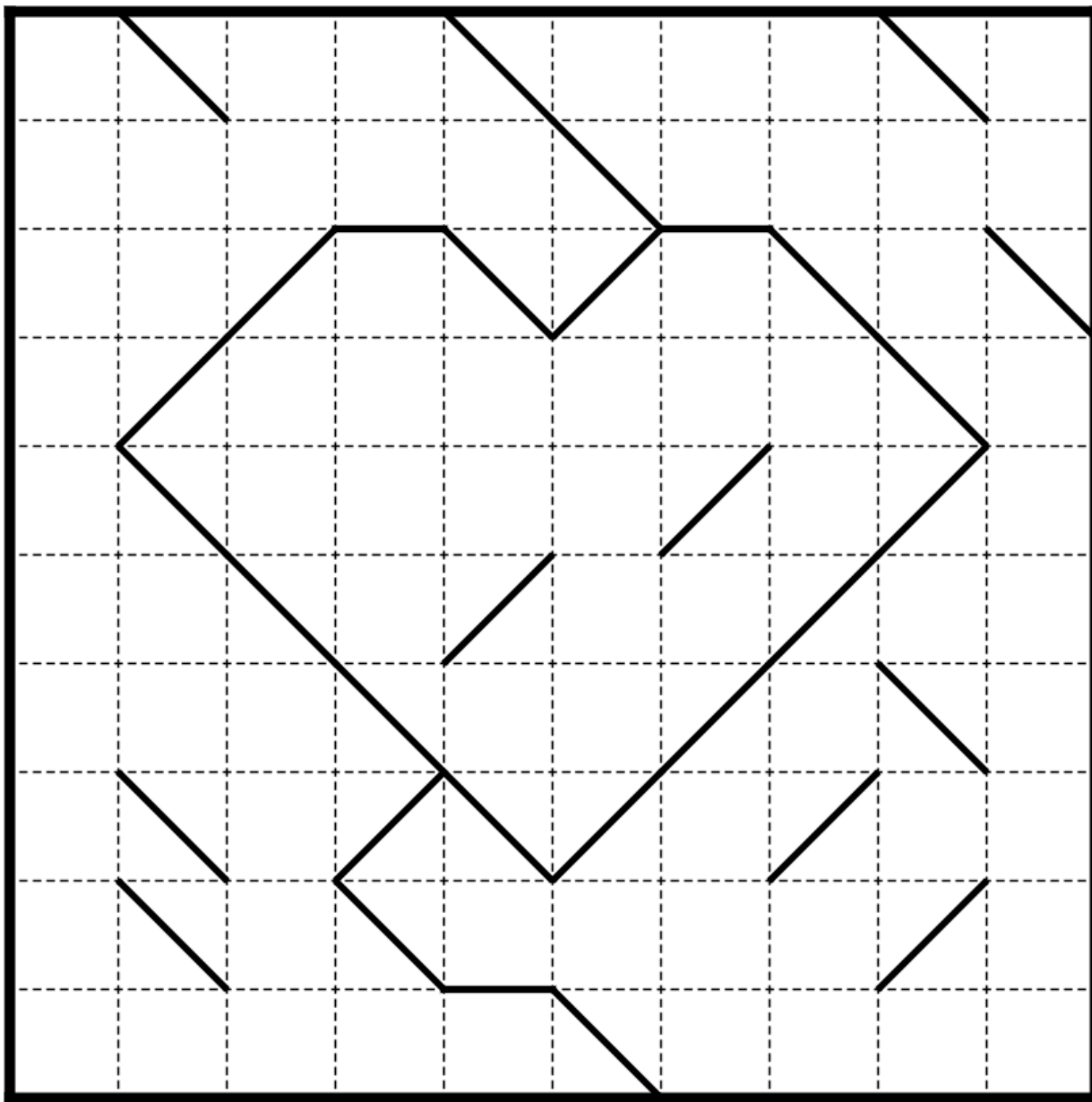
[Puzzle 6](#) (by Walker) 🌶️🌶️

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.	.	2	2	2

Round 4

Nanameguri rules:

- Draw a loop (which doesn't ever touch or intersect itself) through some cells.
- Every outlined region must be visited exactly once.
- The loop must visit every cell containing a diagonal line.
- The loop cannot cut through a diagonal line.



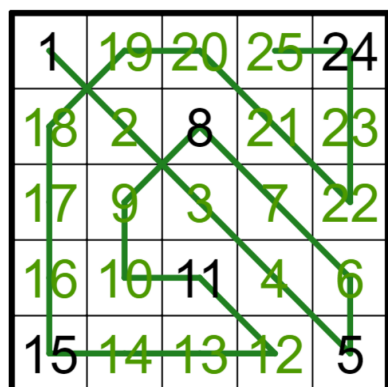
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Hidato rules:

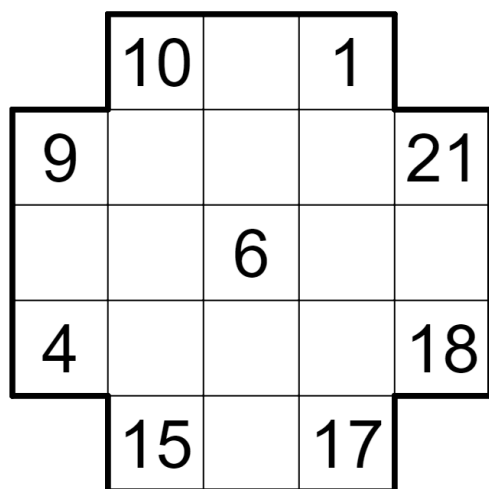
- Write a number from 1 to N, where N is the total number of cells in the grid.
- Consecutive numbers must be touching (horizontally, vertically, or diagonally).

Hidato example: Note you may also draw a line, if it helps for visualization.



[Puzzle 7](#) (by djmathman) 🌶️

The total number of cells is 21.



[Puzzle 8](#) (by chaotic_iak) 🌶️🌶️🌶️🌶️🌶️

The total number of cells is 88.

