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Killer Sudoku

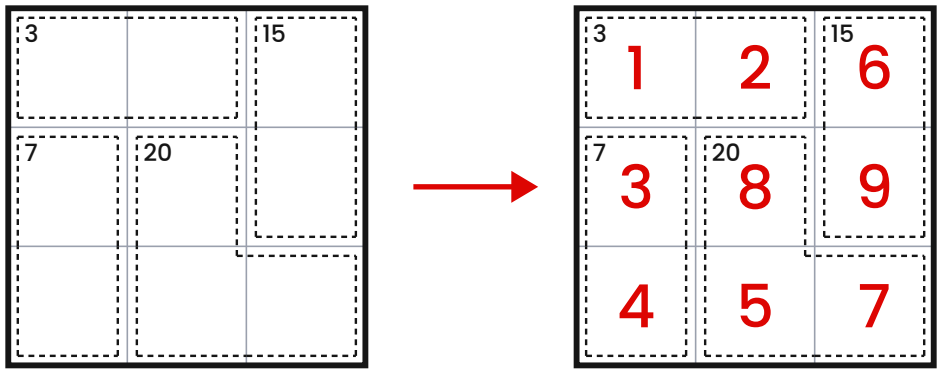
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How to play

The first rule is plain Sudoku: fill in the digits 1 to 9 so that **every row, every column and every 3×3 box contains each digit exactly once**.

The second rule is what makes it Killer. The areas outlined with a dashed line are **cages**. The digits in a cage must **add up to the number in its corner**, and **no digit may repeat within a cage**.

A box with cages… …and its solution



A two-cell cage of 3 is always 1 and 2 — there's no other way. And the cages of this box add up to 3 + 15 + 7 + 20 = 45 — like every box.

Every puzzle has exactly one solution and can be solved by logic alone. The large digits are starting digits to get you going. Use a pencil.

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Three techniques to start

1. Cages that give themselves away

Some sums can be made in only one way. You don't know yet which digit goes in which cell, but you know that **no other digit can go there**. Start with these:

3	2 cells 1+2	4	2 cells 1+3	16	2 cells 7+9	17	2 cells 8+9
6	3 cells 1+2+3	7	3 cells 1+2+4	23	3 cells 6+8+9	24	3 cells 7+8+9

2. The rule of 45

The digits 1 to 9 add up to **45** — so every row, column and box does too. If the cages in a box cover everything except one cell, add up their sums and take the total away from 45. What's left is the digit in that cell.

3. Plain Sudoku

After every digit you write in, look around: which digits are left in its row, column and box, and how much is still missing from the neighbouring cage. A cage with one empty cell left is filled in by subtraction.

> Tip: the puzzles go from the easiest. If one won't budge, leave it and come back later — fresh eyes see more.

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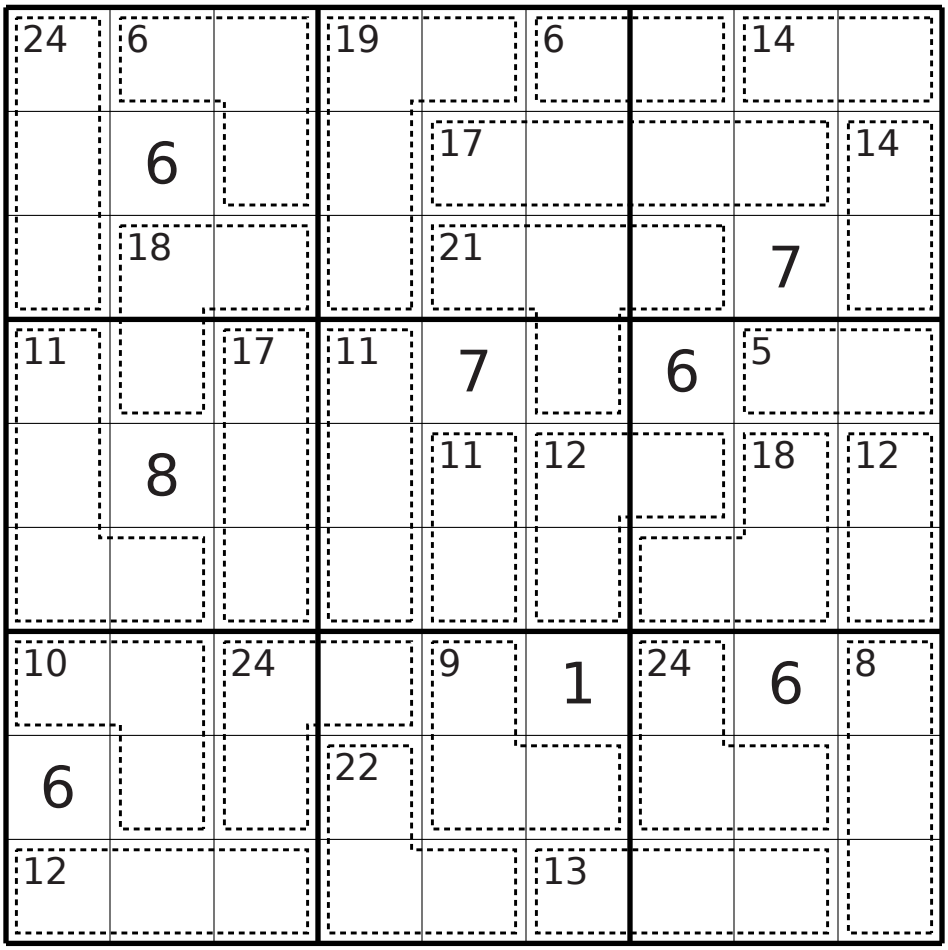
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15			8		6	10		
	3	14					4	5
11	16	10		2	12		4	
		4		17	9	23	11	
4		12	7					
9	10		10	6	9	6		
		9		4	13	24		
	13						6	9

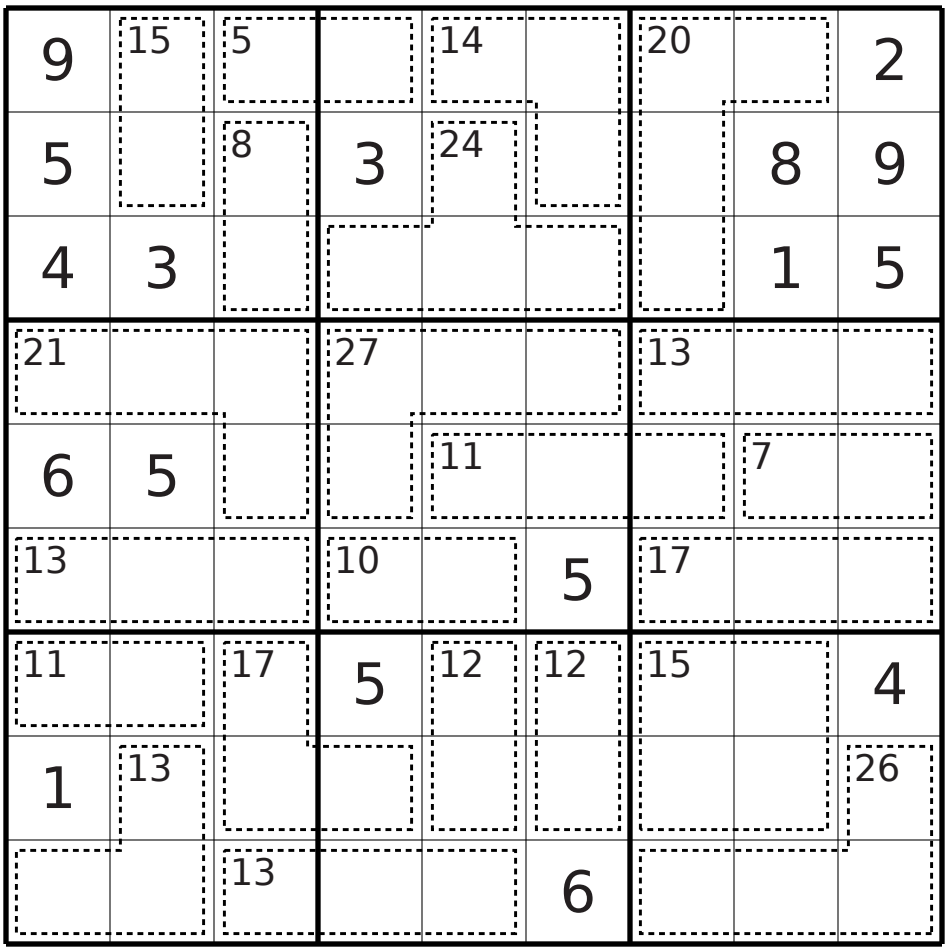
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15	11	8	6		9		19	14
		18		19	12			
								4
16			6	12	20	12		5
2	19	1	4				19	
		10						9
8	21			15			9	5
	13		19			9		
5		6		5	4	16		

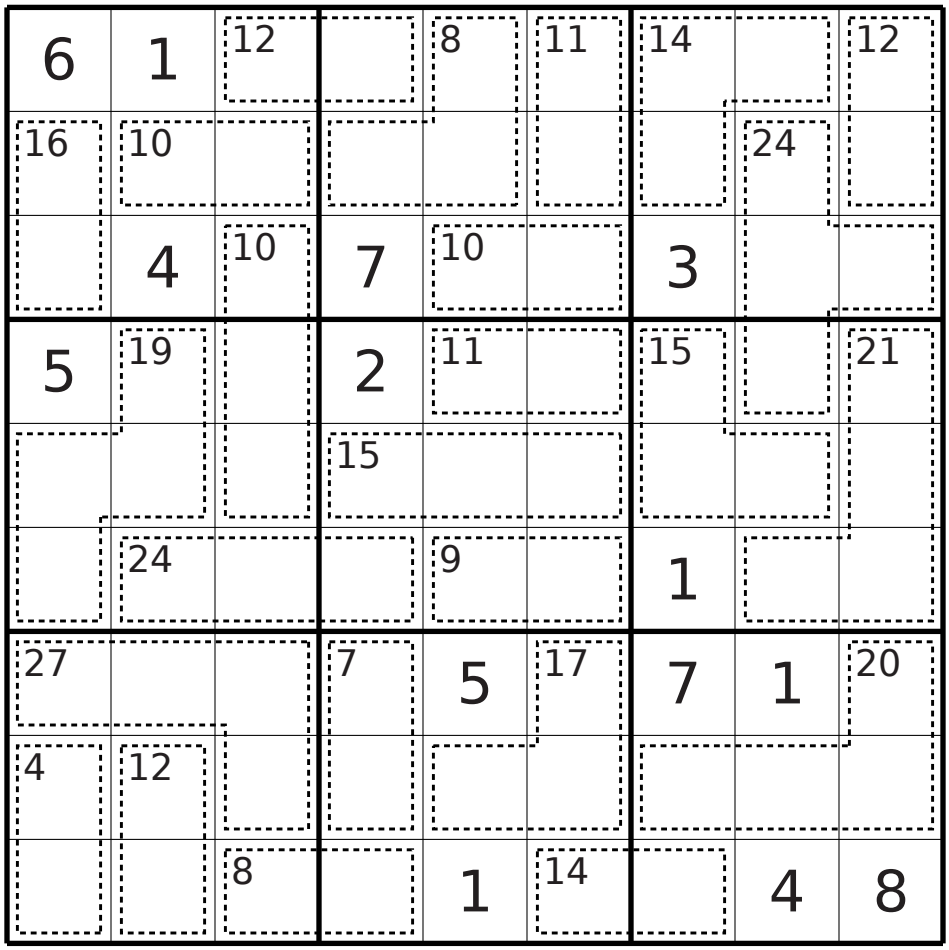
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24 6 19 6 14
6 17 14
18 21 7
11 17 11 7 6 5
8 11 12 18 12
10 24 9 1 24 6 8
6 22
12 13

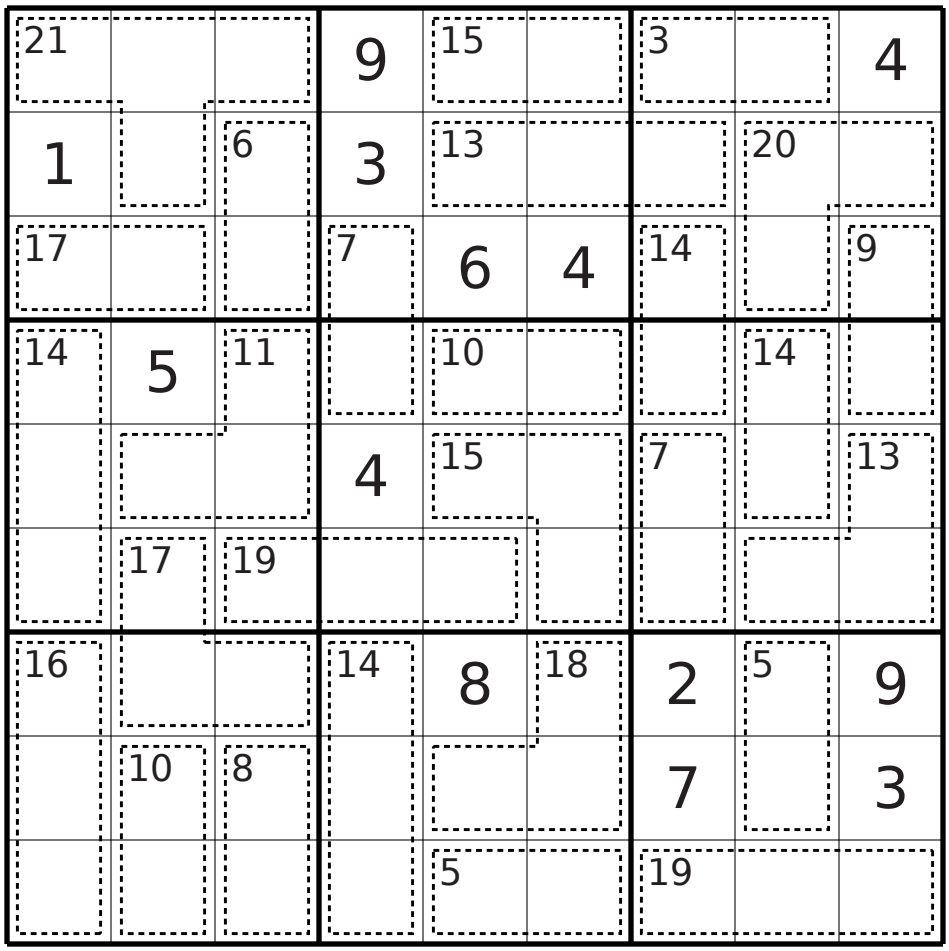
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9 15 5 14 20 2
5 8 3 24 8 9
4 3 1 5
21 27 13
6 5 11 7
13 10 5 17
11 17 5 12 12 15 4
1 13 26
13 6

#5


6 1 12 8 11 14 12
16 10 24
4 10 7 10 3
5 19 2 11 15 21
15
24 9 1
27 7 5 17 7 1 20
4 12
8 1 14 4 8

#6


21 9 15 3 4
1 6 3 13 20
17 7 6 4 14 9
14 5 11 10 14
4 15 7 13
17 19
16 14 8 18 2 5 9
10 8 7 3
5 19

Solutions

#1

6	5	4	9	1	8	2	3	7
7	9	2	5	3	4	1	8	6
8	3	1	6	7	2	9	4	5
9	8	6	4	2	5	7	1	3
2	7	3	1	9	6	8	5	4
4	1	5	7	8	3	6	9	2
5	4	7	8	6	9	3	2	1
3	6	9	2	4	1	5	7	8
1	2	8	3	5	7	4	6	9

#2

5	7	8	2	4	3	1	9	6
4	1	2	7	6	9	5	3	8
6	3	9	5	8	1	2	7	4
9	4	3	6	2	7	8	1	5
2	5	1	4	9	8	3	6	7
8	6	7	3	1	5	4	2	9
1	9	4	8	7	2	6	5	3
7	8	5	1	3	6	9	4	2
3	2	6	9	5	4	7	8	1

#3

7	1	3	8	6	4	2	5	9
9	6	2	3	5	7	1	4	8
8	4	5	2	1	9	3	7	6
5	9	4	1	7	8	6	3	2
1	8	7	6	2	3	4	9	5
3	2	6	4	9	5	8	1	7
2	5	8	7	3	1	9	6	4
6	3	9	5	4	2	7	8	1
4	7	1	9	8	6	5	2	3

#4

9	8	1	4	5	7	6	3	2
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8	2	3	6	4	5	9	7	1
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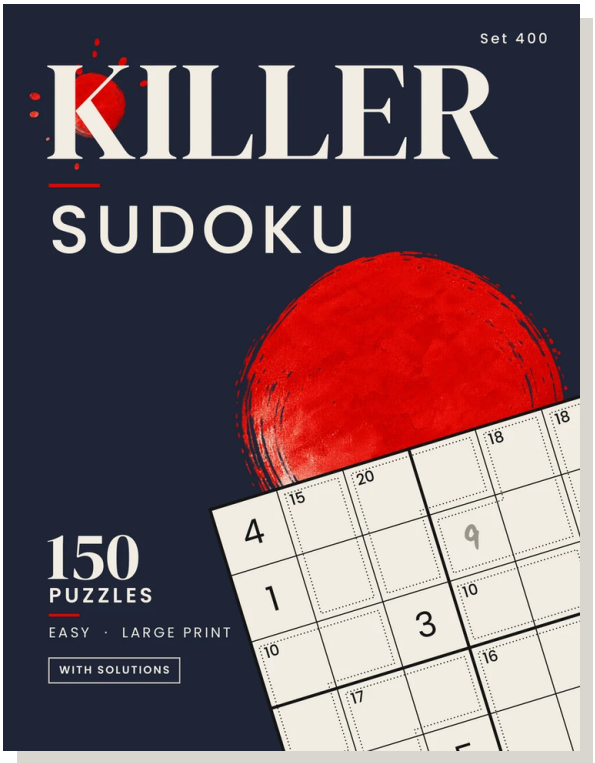
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8	6	4	5	9	1	2	7	3
2	9	7	8	6	3	1	5	4
4	8	9	3	5	2	7	1	6
1	5	6	4	8	7	9	3	2
3	7	2	6	1	9	5	4	8

#6

5	3	6	9	7	8	1	2	4
1	7	4	3	5	2	6	9	8
9	8	2	1	6	4	5	3	7
4	5	1	6	3	7	9	8	2
7	2	8	4	1	9	3	6	5
3	6	9	8	2	5	4	7	1
6	4	7	5	8	3	2	1	9
8	1	5	2	9	6	7	4	3
2	9	3	7	4	1	8	5	6

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