Free first pattern



Set up the loom

Each player takes one sheet. Keep your numbered clues private, but say them out loud. Use pencils and work toward matching grids. No cutting or folding.

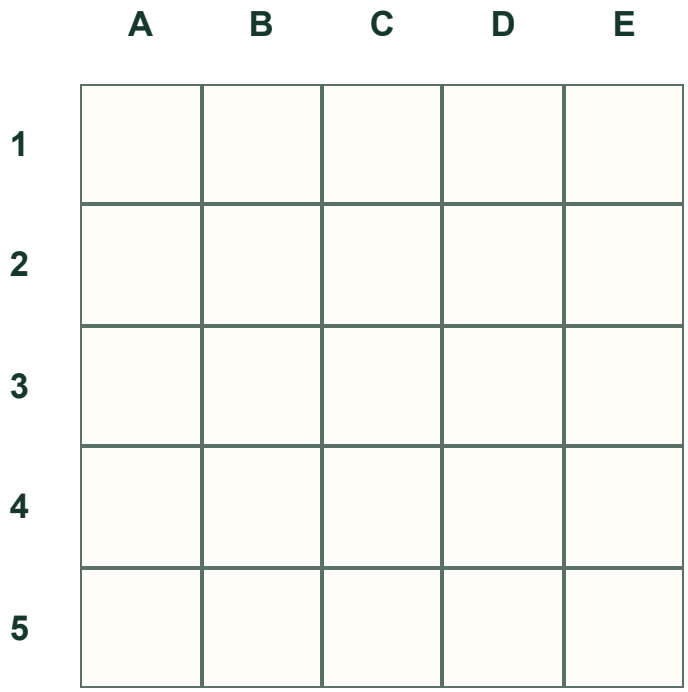
Numbers tell you the lengths of the filled runs in a line, in order. Separate consecutive runs by at least one blank square. For example, 1 2 can be ■ · ■ ■ ·. A dot marks a square that stays empty.

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Pattern 1 · Row weaver

Read rows from top to bottom. Within each row, order the runs from left to right.

1	2	3	4	5
2	4	5	3	1

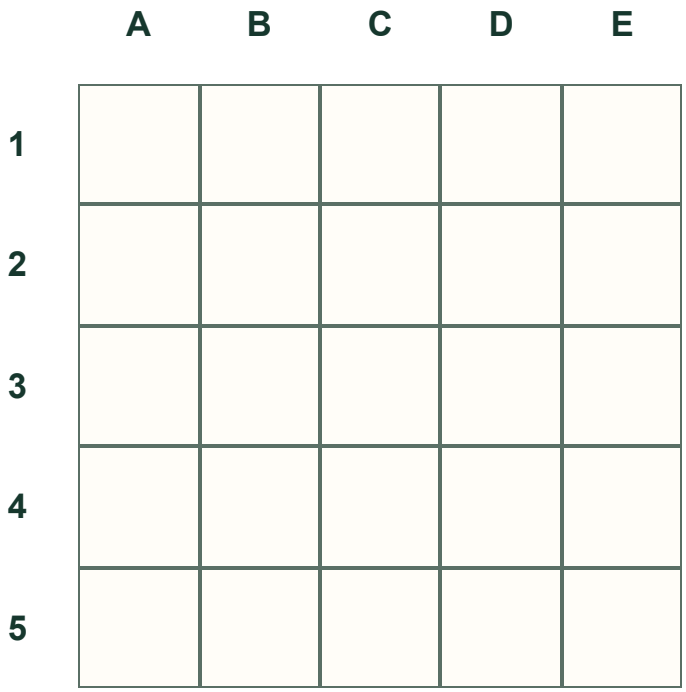


Call out a filled or empty square by its coordinate (for example, B3). Your partner records it. Start with a line that fits in the fewest ways, and compare the squares those arrangements share.

Pattern 1 · Column weaver

Read columns from left to right. Within each column, order the runs from top to bottom.

A	B	C	D	E
1	3	5	4	2



Call out a filled or empty square by its coordinate (for example, B3). Your partner records it. Start with a line that fits in the fewest ways, and compare the squares those arrangements share.

Hints

Pattern 1

Start with row 3 or column C. Check every placement for that line before making a mark.

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