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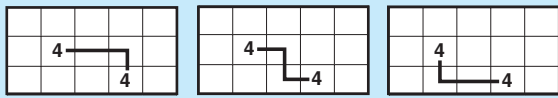
Join pairs of identical numbers with a line through a path of squares to create a picture. The path must contain exactly the same number of squares as the numbers you are connecting. The path includes the two squares containing the numbers that are being linked together.

Paths cannot cross other paths or cross over themselves. Each path is unique. When you have wired all the pairs of numbers, you can fill in these squares to create the picture.

It is best to begin by filling in the 1s and 2s. (1s can be filled in immediately. As each path must include the number itself, 1s can't be linked to any other number; they are self-contained paths.) The 2s can only be connected in one way. Once you've done this, work your way through to the higher numbers.

The larger the numbers, the greater the choice of paths between pairs. As you work through the puzzle, the number of possibilities will be reduced until, finally, there is only one way to connect the pair.

In colour puzzles, connect two numbers which are the same colour and the same number. Filling each path with its correct colour will create a brightly finished solution.

With colour puzzles, the numbers you connect must also be the same colour.

This example puzzle becomes the profile of the head of a determined, bobble-hatted skier.

If you examine the middle image, I'm sure that you will very quickly get the idea of how to tackle the puzzle.

Remember, begin by hooking up the shorter numbers. The 1s and 2s can be completed immediately. Working this way will narrow the options for the longer numbers.