


Four Piece Jigsaw Puzzle



Patented K. Walker & designed with H. Nelson, made by Binary Arts, circa 2000.
 (four plastic pieces, 4 x 4 x 3/4 inches assembled)

The four pieces do not simply come apart as it appears they might; careful positioning and twisting is required; here is the solution that was sold with the puzzle:




SOLUTION

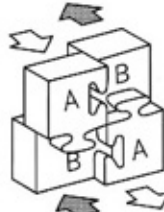
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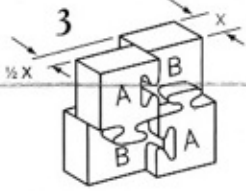
This four-piece jigsaw was invented and patented by Ken Walker, a craft designer specializing in intricate scroll work. After creating the puzzle's underlying geometry, Walker teamed up with famed recreational mathematician Harry Nelson to fine tune the devilish play of this puzzle.


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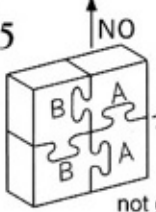
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- 1 

"A" pieces are identical. "B" pieces are identical.
- 2 

Push "A" and "B" pieces in the opposite directions until they can go no further.
- 3 

Position pieces at 1/2 piece width (X).
- 4 

Give the puzzle a twist and a jiggle and it will come apart.
- 5 

Watch out! Puzzle will not go back together if you pair pieces as shown.

Further Reading

Walker Patent, from: www.uspto.gov - patent no. 5,409,227