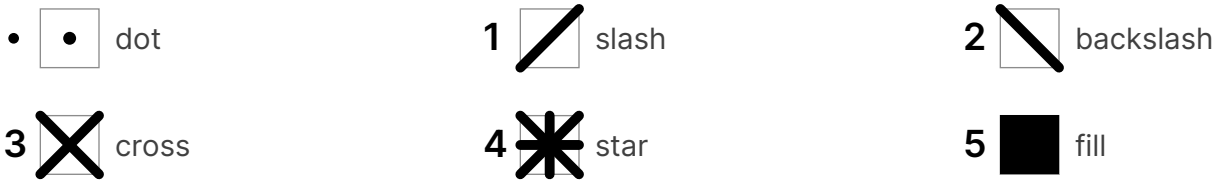
How it works

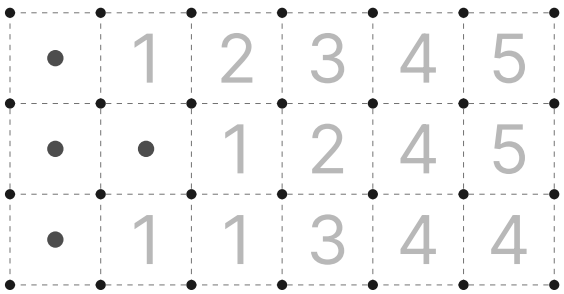
Every puzzle hides a picture. You only need ONE black pen.
Each puzzle has its own right-hand page. On the left you'll find its case card: grid size, difficulty, a log for your time and a strip to test your pen.

1. Look at a square.
A small dot means: draw a dot. A number stands for a pattern – the key at the bottom of every page shows which one.
2. Draw that mark in the square.
Draw the lines from corner to corner, so they meet the lines of the next square.
3. Keep going – row by row.
Light marks stay light, dense marks turn dark. Slowly the picture appears.

The six marks



Example



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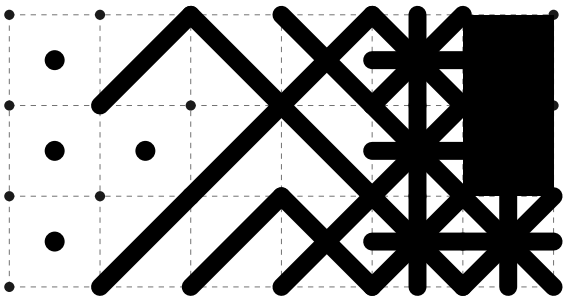

after

FREE SAMPLE

16 mysteries – two from every One Color book

Print any puzzle, grab a black pen and start. Solutions at the end · More at colorbynumberdots.com

Tips for the best result

The right pen
A black fineliner or felt-tip pen with a 0.3–0.5 mm tip works best. Gel pens work too. Try your pen on the test strip of the case card first.

One puzzle per page
Every puzzle is printed on its own right-hand page. If ink shows through, it lands on the case card behind it – never on another puzzle.

Corner to corner
Start and end each line exactly in the corners of the square. Then the lines of neighbouring squares join up into long diagonals, and the finished picture looks smooth.

Dots are part of the picture
The small printed dots mark the lightest parts – the background too. Draw a dot right on top of it.

Fill means fill
Squares with a 5 are filled completely. They are the darkest parts of the picture.

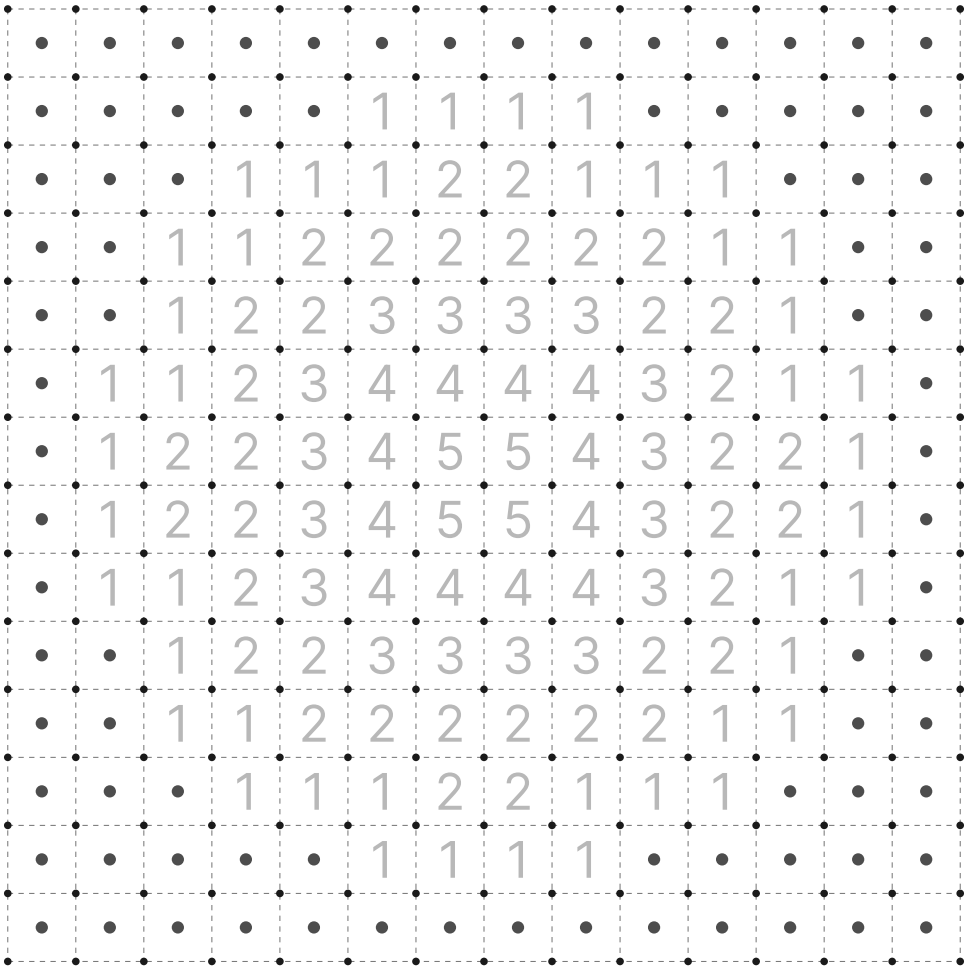
No peeking!
Every puzzle is a mystery – the picture is only revealed while you color. If you get stuck, the solutions are at the end of this sample.

Relax
There is no hurry. One puzzle takes about an hour and a half – put on some music, make a cup of tea, and enjoy it.

Warm-up

try your pen here

Color this little grid before you start. It shows how the six marks turn into light and shadow.



Mystery #01

Case file

Grid	46 × 62 squares
Squares to draw	2,852
Difficulty	●●●●●
Time	about 95 minutes

My log

Started _____

Finished _____

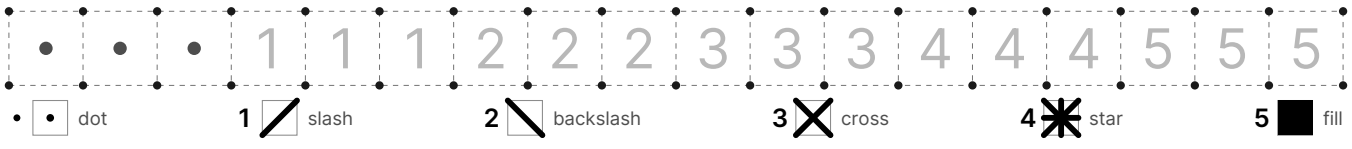
Time it took _____

Pen I used _____

My guess before I started _____

My rating ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

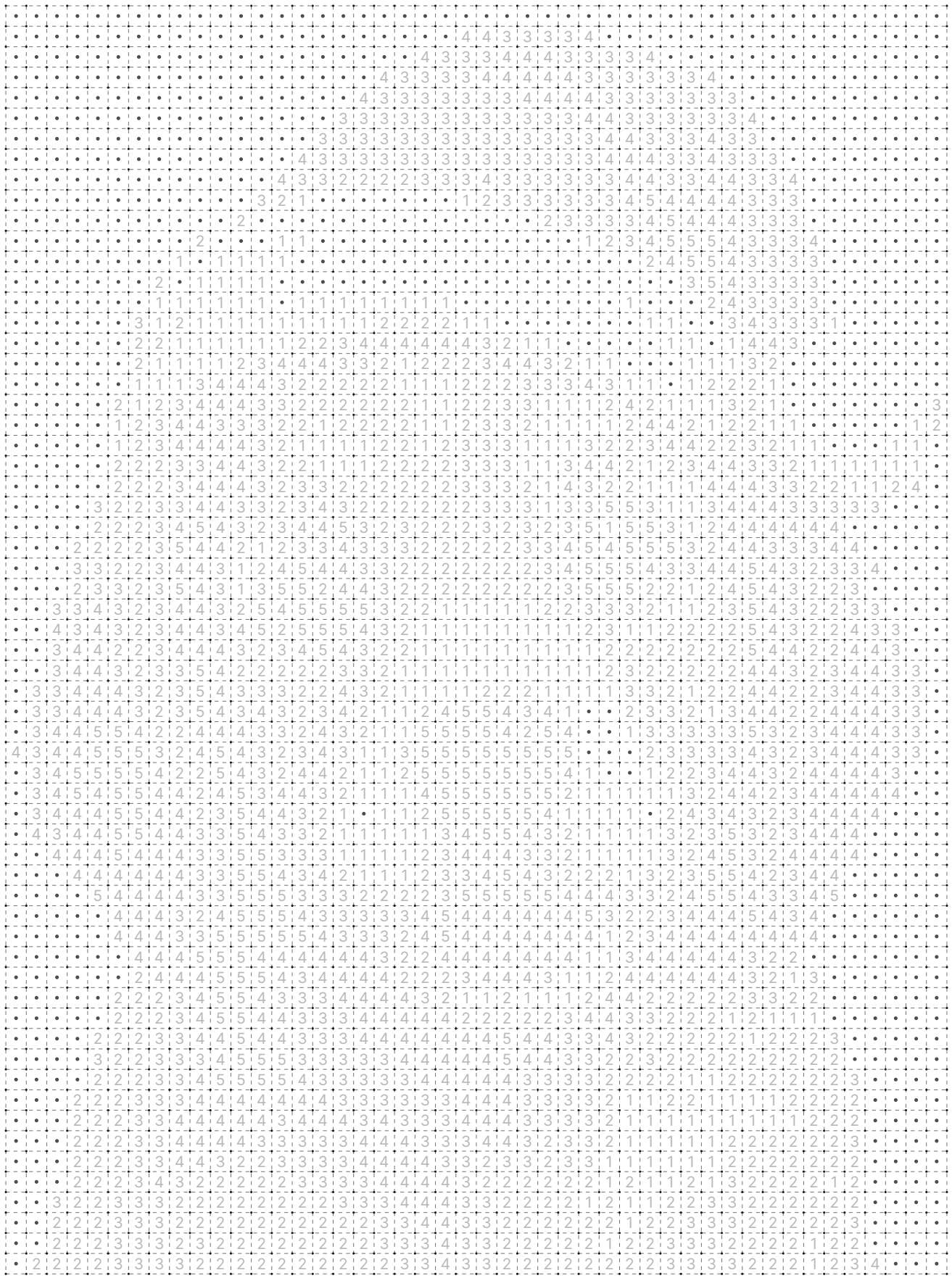
Test your pen



Ink showing through from the puzzle before? No problem – it only lands on this card.

Mystery #01

Mystery Christmas Edition



• dot 28.8% 1 slash 10.1% 2 backslash 18.3% 3 cross 20.5% 4 star 16.8% 5 fill 5.6%

Mystery #26

Case file

Grid	46 × 62 squares
Squares to draw	2,852
Difficulty	●●●●○
Time	about 90 minutes

My log

Started _____

Finished _____

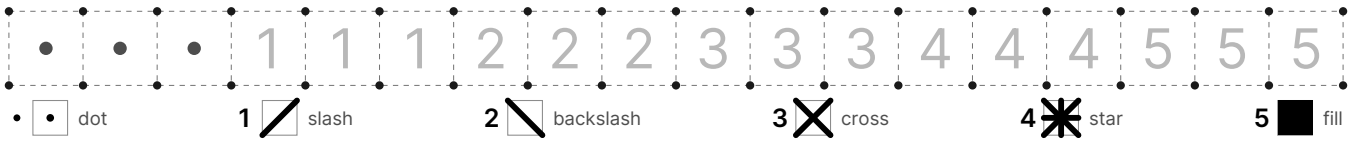
Time it took _____

Pen I used _____

My guess before I started _____

My rating ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

Test your pen



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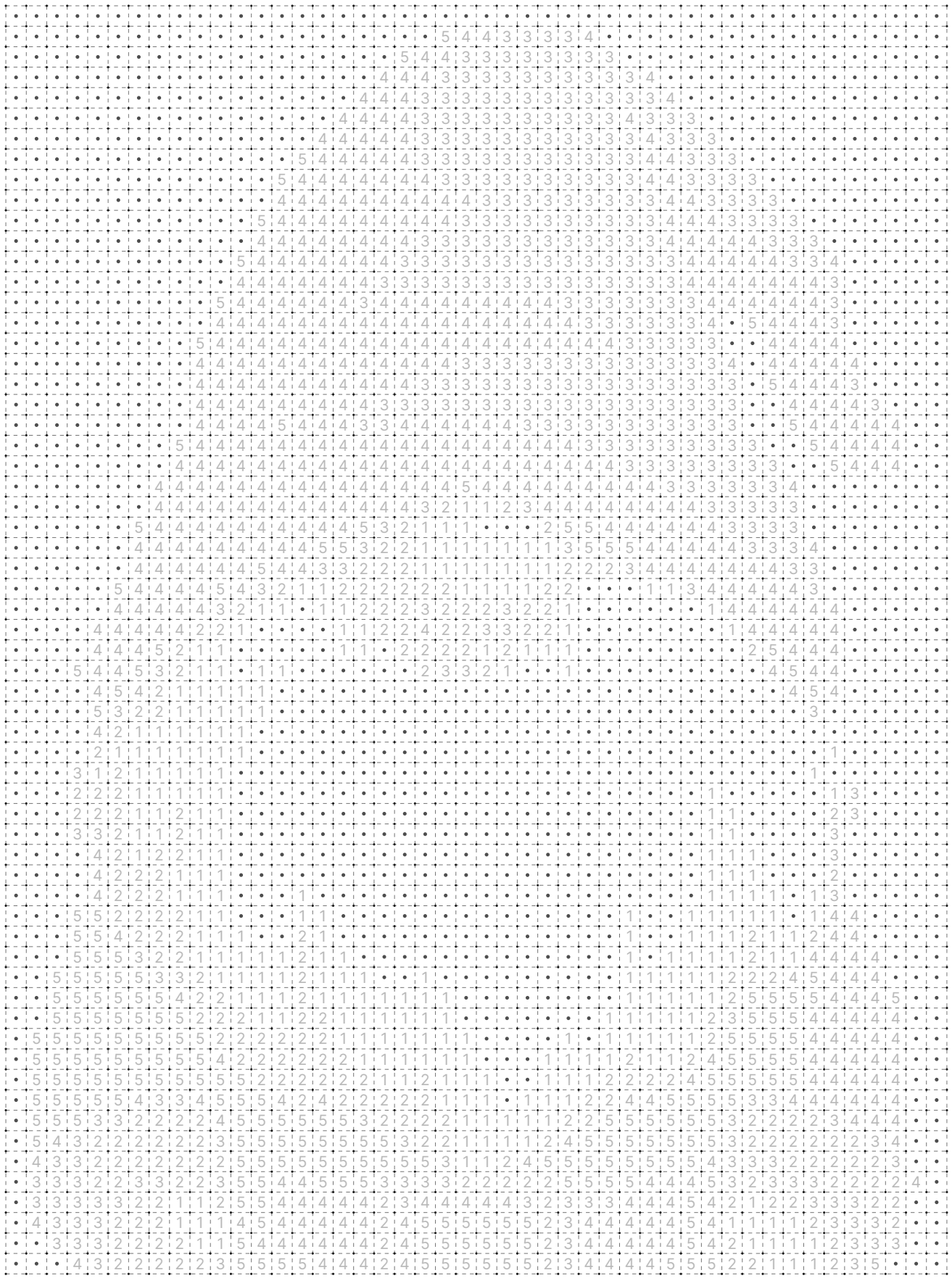
Mystery #26



• dot 42.6% 1 slash 9.4% 2 backslash 8.0% 3 cross 13.4% 4 star 19.1% 5 fill 7.6%

Mystery #08

Case file

Grid	46 × 62 squares
Squares to draw	2,852
Difficulty	●●●●○
Time	about 90 minutes

My log

Started _____

Finished _____

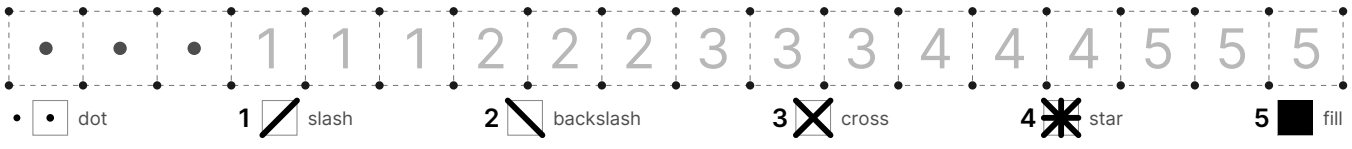
Time it took _____

Pen I used _____

My guess before I started _____

My rating ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

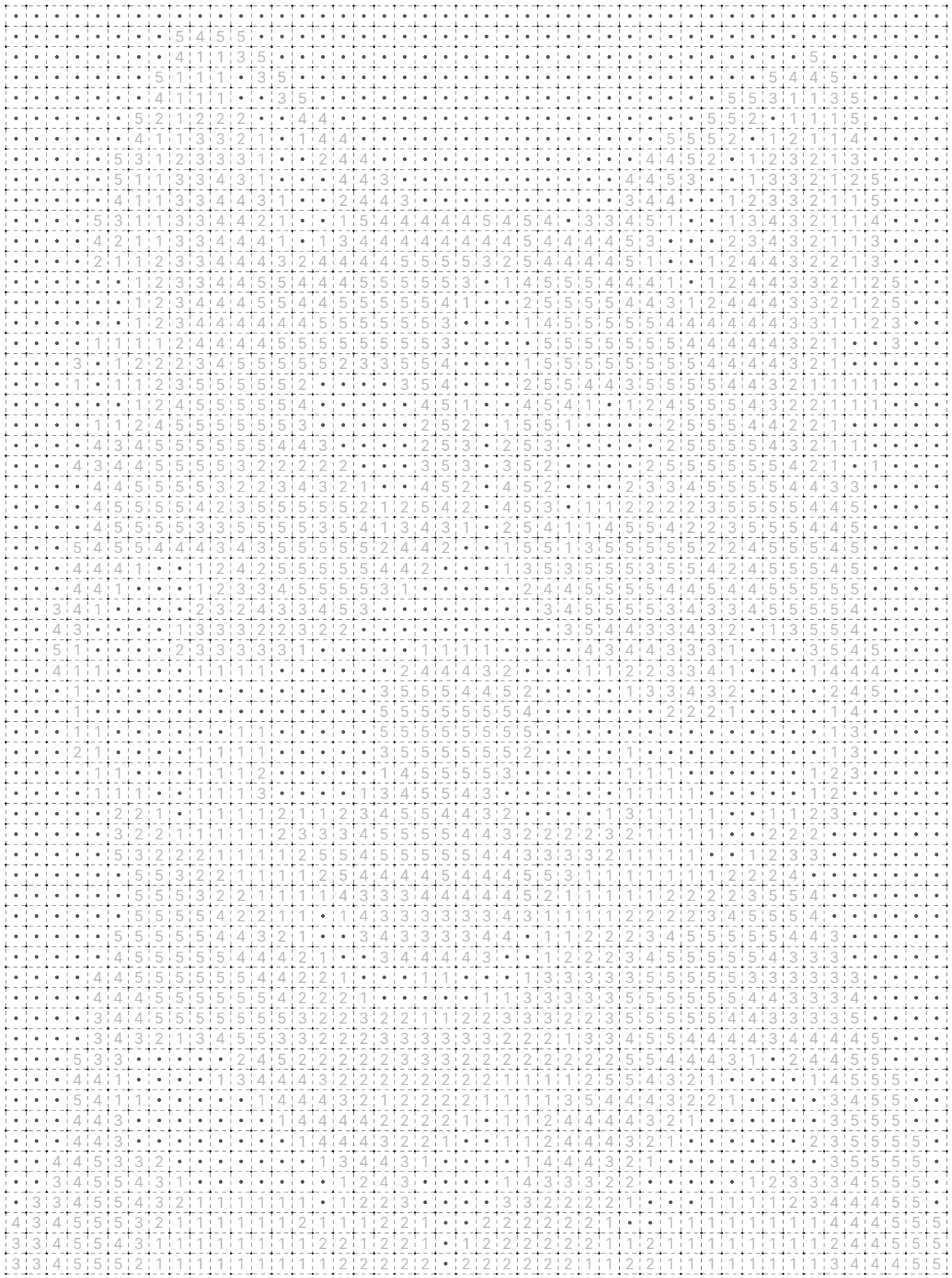
Test your pen



Ink showing through from the puzzle before? No problem – it only lands on this card.

Mystery #08

Mystery Winter Edition



• dot 38.7% 1 slash 12.5% 2 backslash 10.1% 3 cross 10.3% 4 star 12.9% 5 fill 15.6%

Mystery #40

Case file

Grid	46 × 62 squares
Squares to draw	2,852
Difficulty	●●○○○
Time	about 80 minutes

My log

Started _____

Finished _____

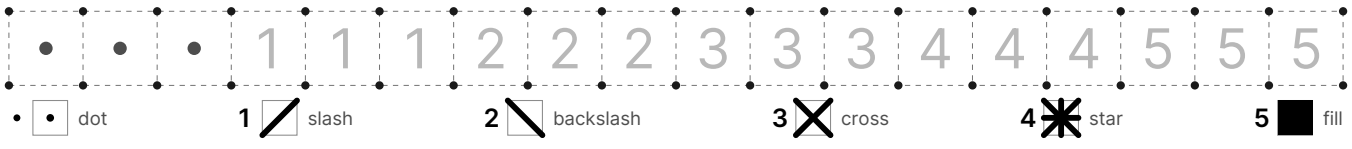
Time it took _____

Pen I used _____

My guess before I started _____

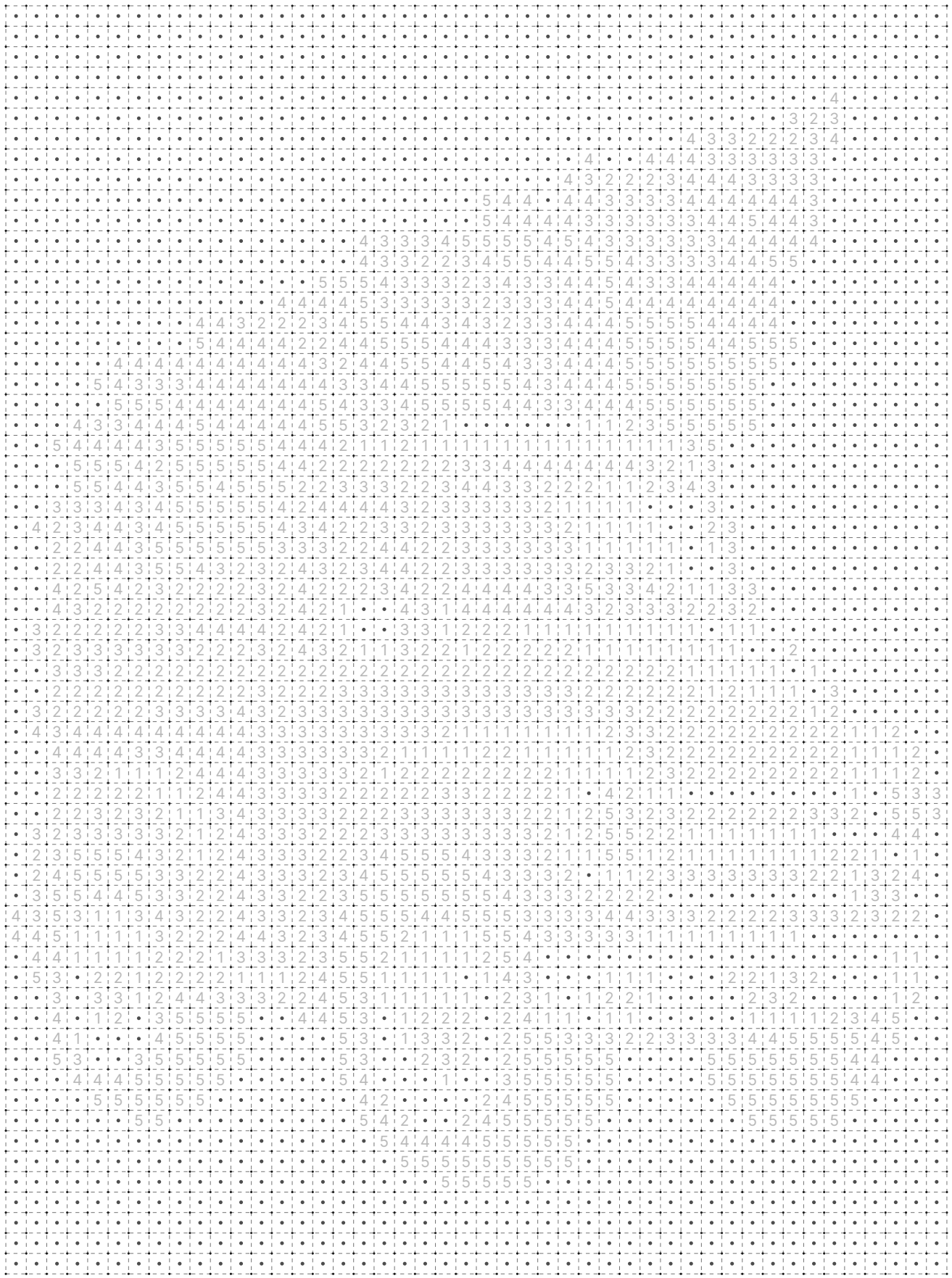
My rating ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

Test your pen



Ink showing through from the puzzle before? No problem – it only lands on this card.

Mystery #40



• dot 45.8% 1 slash 7.3% 2 backslash 12.3% 3 cross 13.7% 4 star 10.9% 5 fill 9.9%

Mystery #02

Case file

Grid	46 × 62 squares
Squares to draw	2,852
Difficulty	● ○ ○ ○ ○
Time	about 75 minutes

My log

Started _____

Finished _____

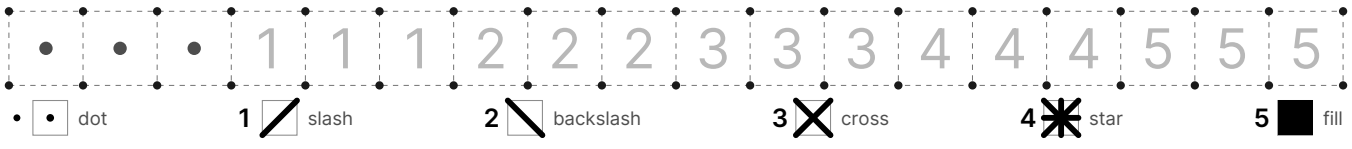
Time it took _____

Pen I used _____

My guess before I started _____

My rating ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

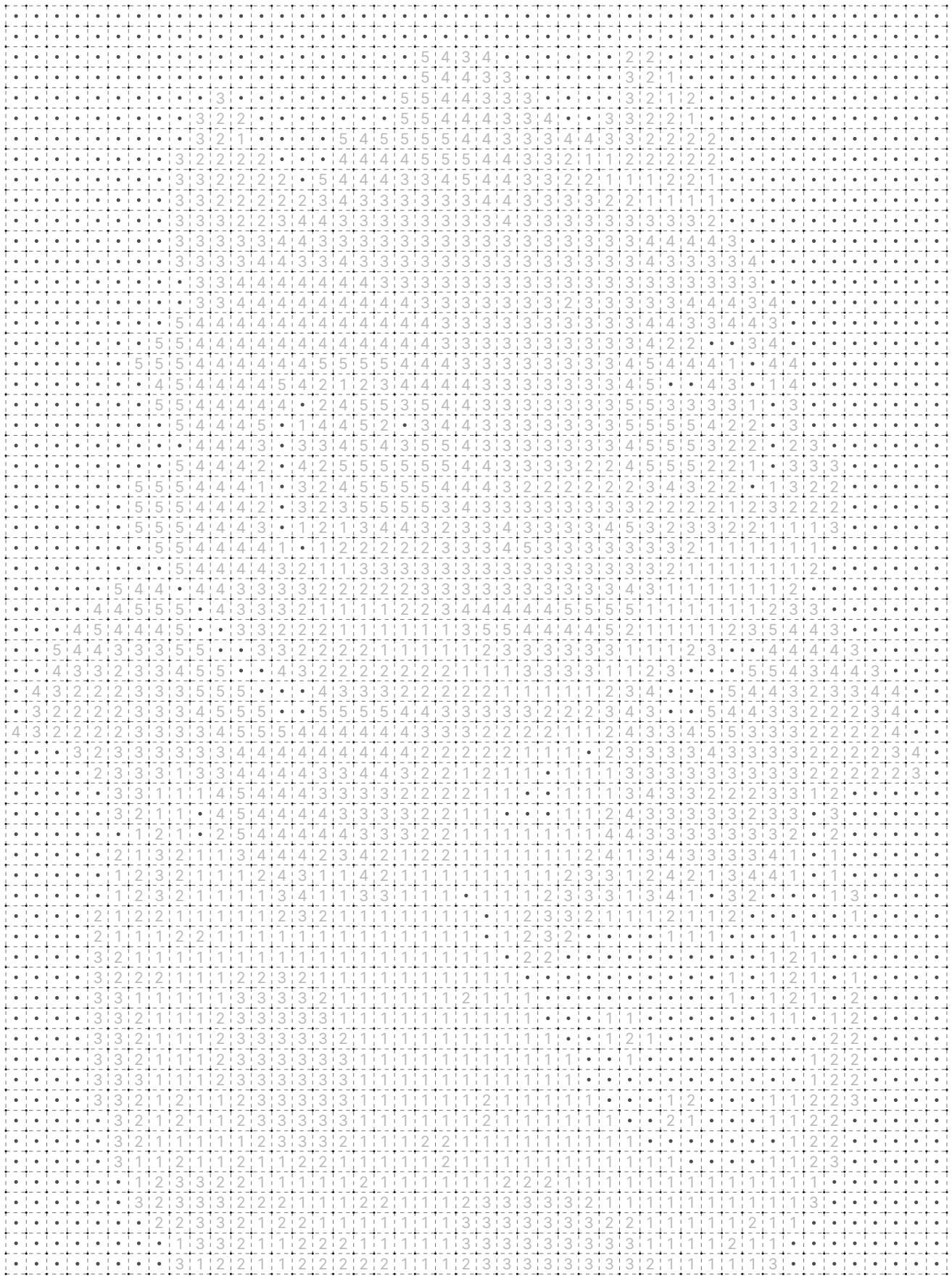
Test your pen



Ink showing through from the puzzle before? No problem – it only lands on this card.

Mystery #02

Mystery Dragons & Unicorns Edition



• dot 37.1% 1 slash 17.1% 2 backslash 11.4% 3 cross 20.0% 4 star 10.1% 5 fill 4.3%

Mystery #27

Case file

Grid	46 × 62 squares
Squares to draw	2,852
Difficulty	● ○ ○ ○ ○
Time	about 65 minutes

My log

Started _____

Finished _____

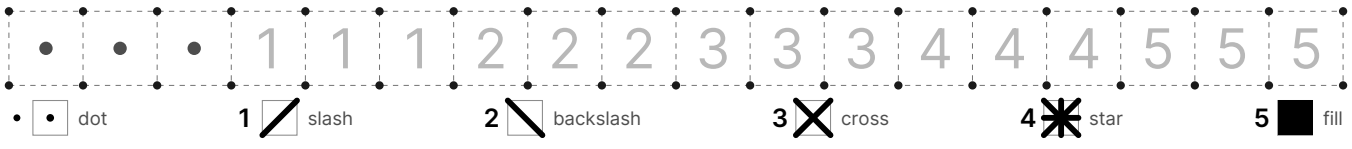
Time it took _____

Pen I used _____

My guess before I started _____

My rating ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

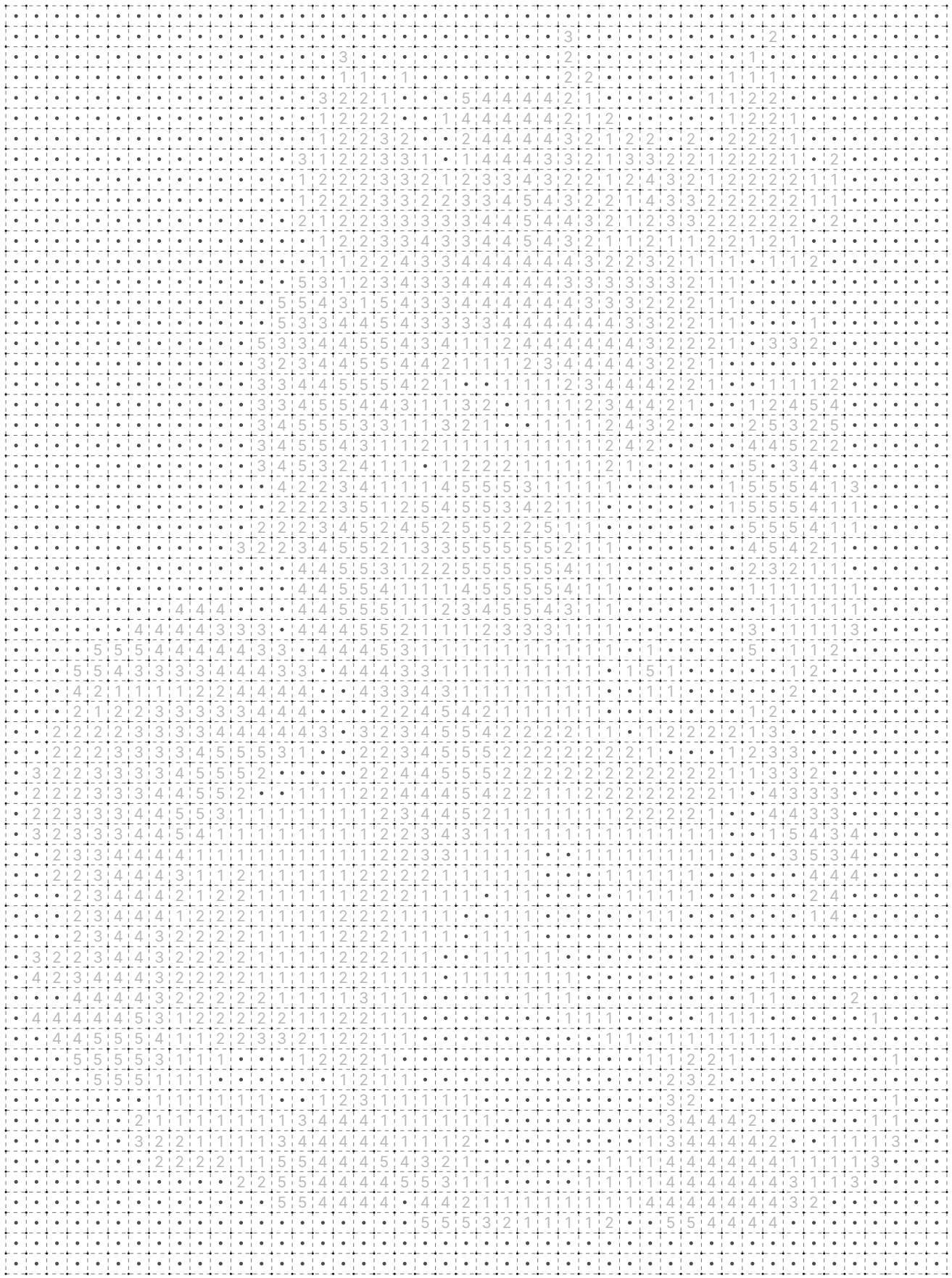
Test your pen



Ink showing through from the puzzle before? No problem – it only lands on this card.

Mystery #27

Mystery Dragons & Unicorns Edition



• dot 49.4% 1 slash 16.7% 2 backslash 11.5% 3 cross 7.6% 4 star 10.0% 5 fill 4.8%

Mystery #05

Case file

Grid	46 × 62 squares
Squares to draw	2,852
Difficulty	●●●●○
Time	about 90 minutes

My log

Started _____

Finished _____

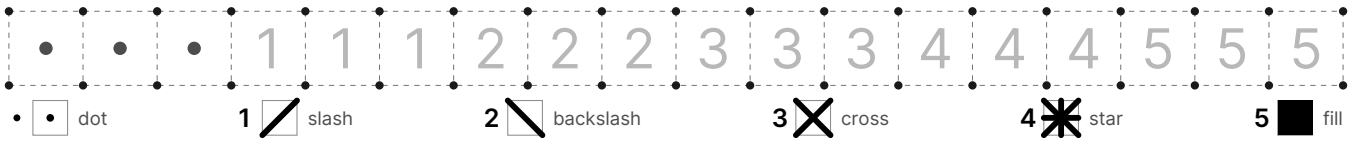
Time it took _____

Pen I used _____

My guess before I started _____

My rating ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

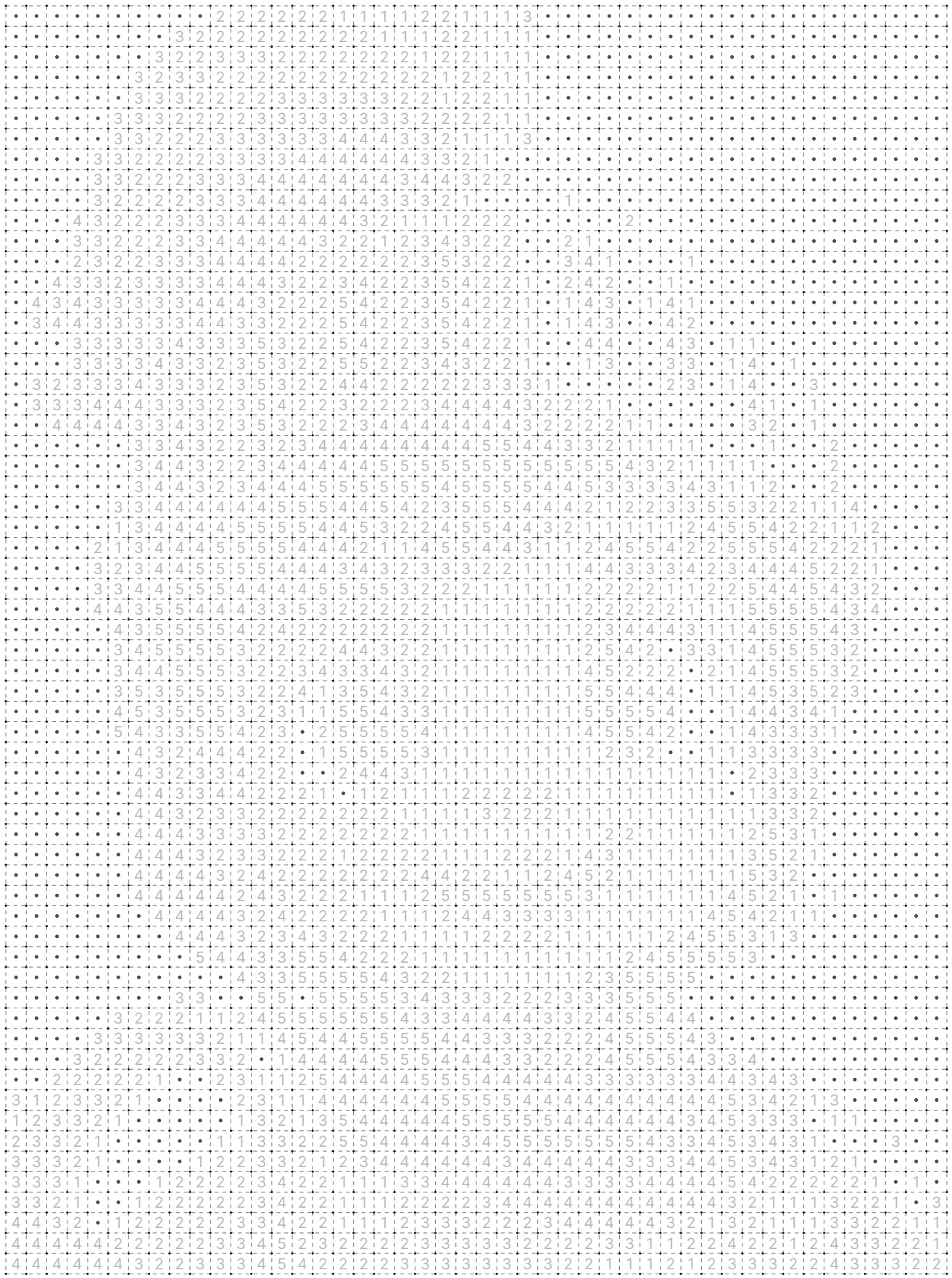
Test your pen



Ink showing through from the puzzle before? No problem – it only lands on this card.

Mystery #05

Mystery Wizards & Castles Edition



• dot 31.7% 1 slash 12.8% 2 backslash 17.0% 3 cross 15.4% 4 star 14.9% 5 fill 8.2%

Mystery #26

Case file

Grid	46 × 62 squares
Squares to draw	2,852
Difficulty	●●○○○
Time	about 75 minutes

My log

Started _____

Finished _____

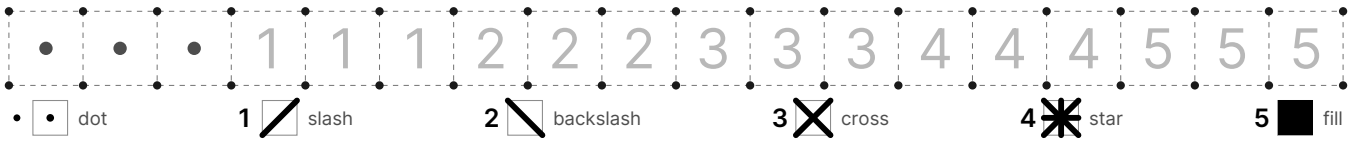
Time it took _____

Pen I used _____

My guess before I started _____

My rating ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

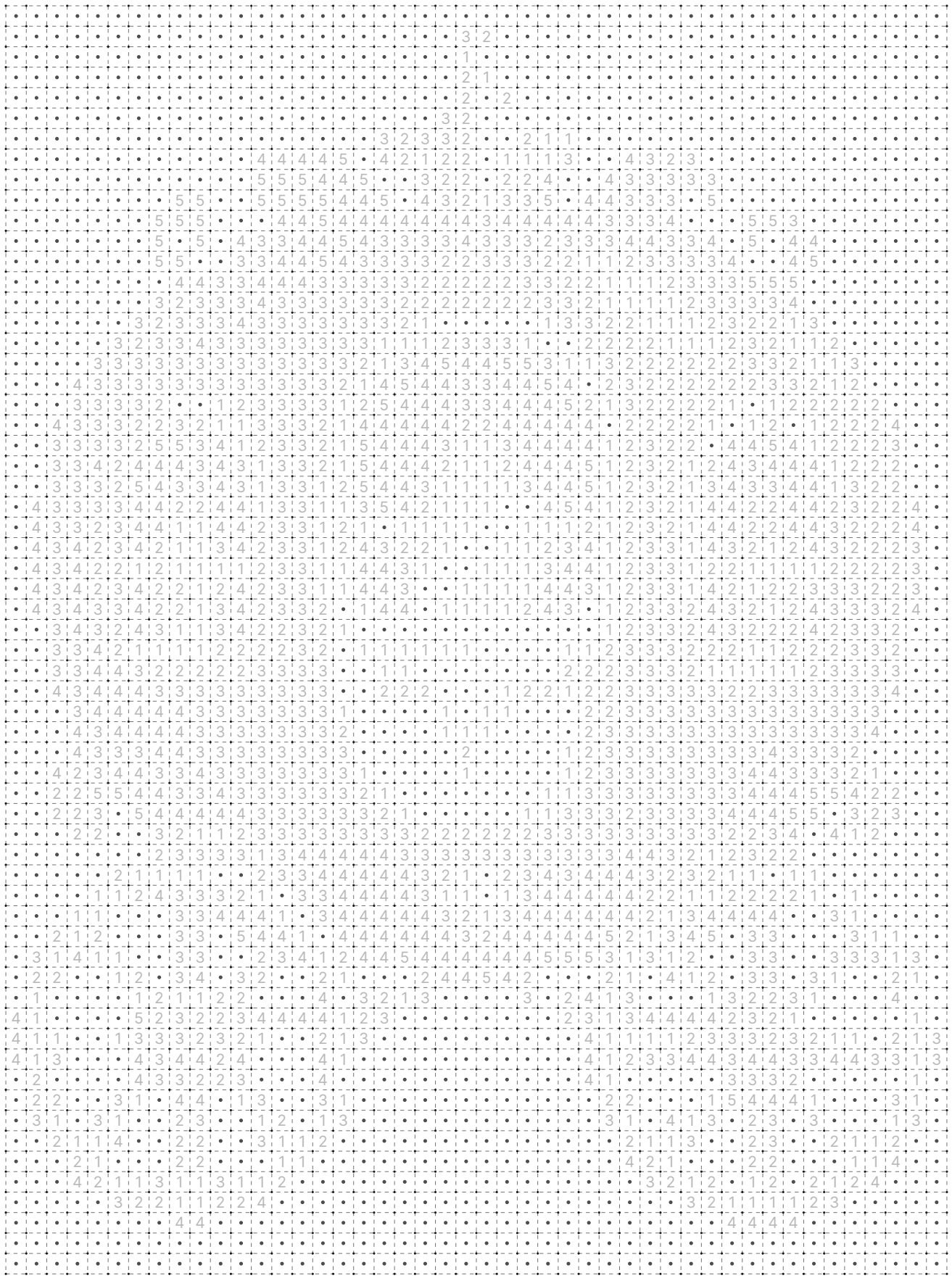
Test your pen



Ink showing through from the puzzle before? No problem – it only lands on this card.

Mystery #26

Mystery Wizards & Castles Edition



• dot 42.0% 1 slash 10.7% 2 backslash 12.9% 3 cross 20.0% 4 star 12.1% 5 fill 2.3%

Mystery #14

Case file

Grid	46 × 62 squares
Squares to draw	2,852
Difficulty	●●●○○
Time	about 90 minutes

My log

Started _____

Finished _____

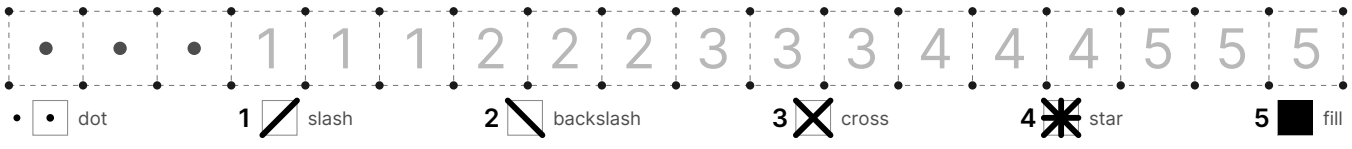
Time it took _____

Pen I used _____

My guess before I started _____

My rating ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

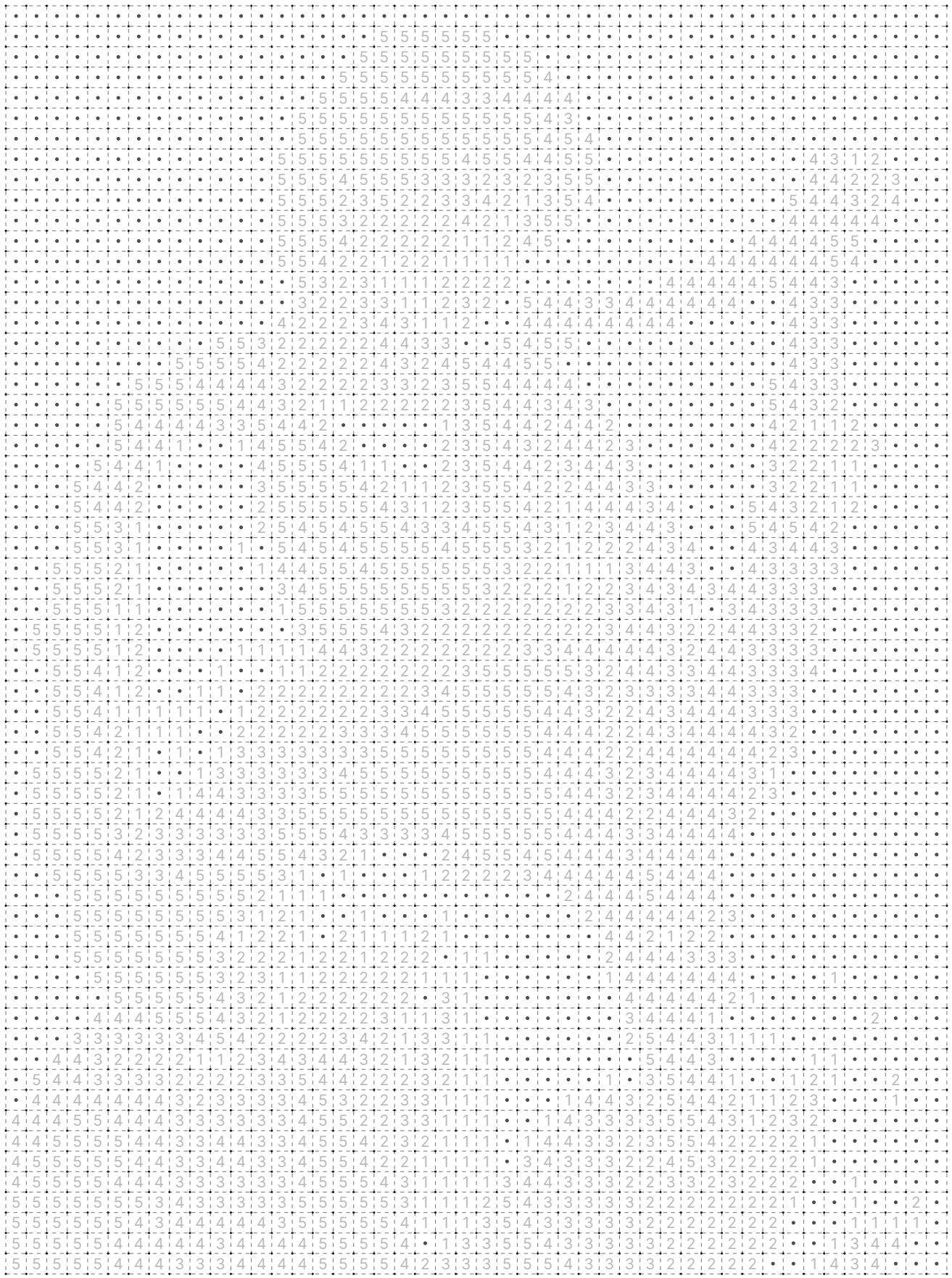
Test your pen



Ink showing through from the puzzle before? No problem – it only lands on this card.

Mystery #14

Mystery Bible Stories Edition



• dot 40.3% 1 slash 6.3% 2 backslash 11.2% 3 cross 11.5% 4 star 14.5% 5 fill 16.2%

Mystery #24

Case file

Grid	46 × 62 squares
Squares to draw	2,852
Difficulty	●●●●○
Time	about 95 minutes

My log

Started _____

Finished _____

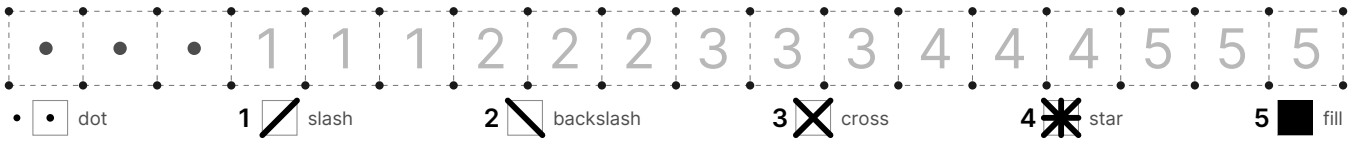
Time it took _____

Pen I used _____

My guess before I started _____

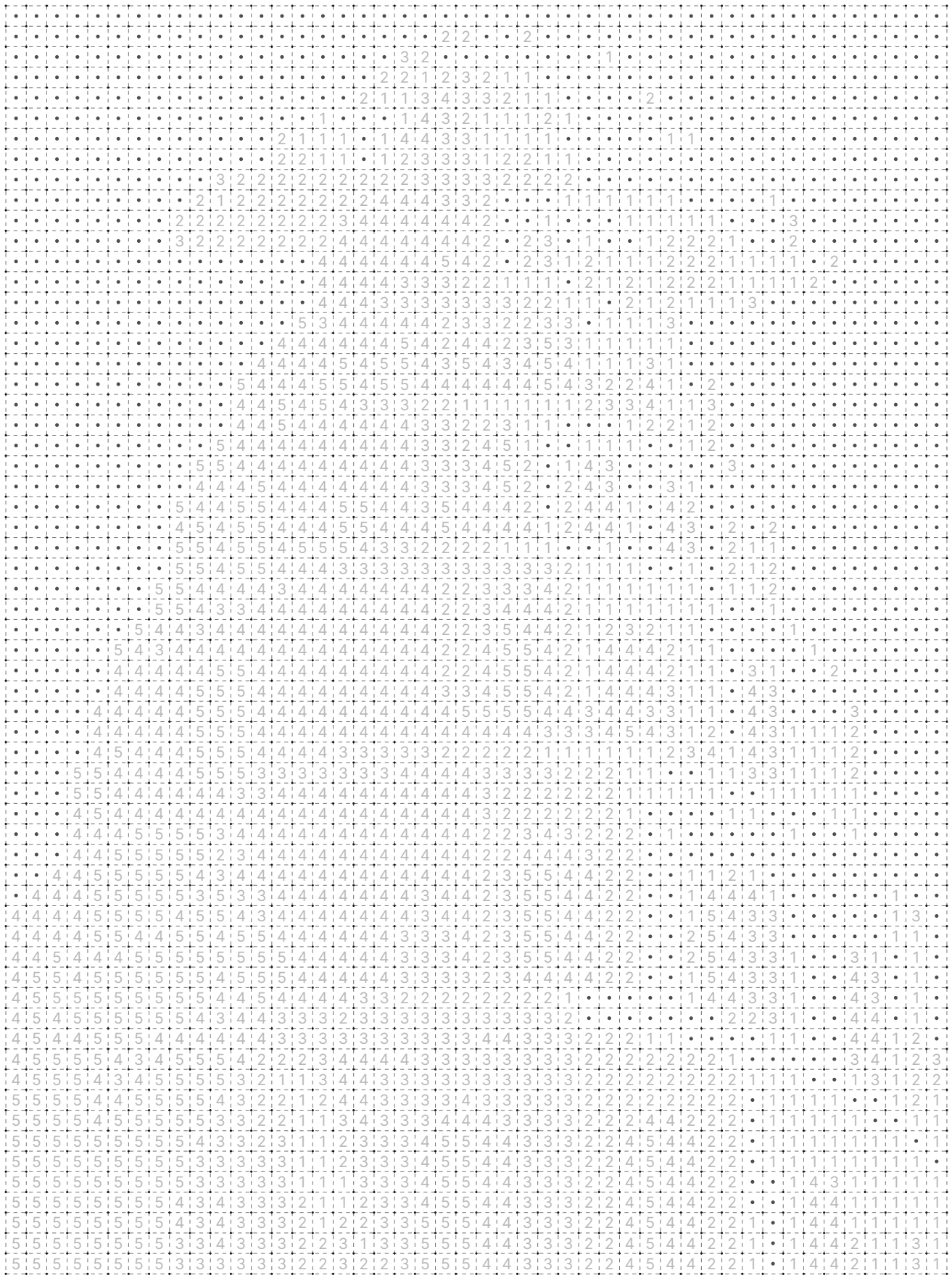
My rating ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

Test your pen



Ink showing through from the puzzle before? No problem – it only lands on this card.

Mystery #24



• dot 37.2% 1 slash 10.4% 2 backslash 10.4% 3 cross 11.4% 4 star 20.4% 5 fill 10.2%

Mystery #17

Case file

Grid	46 × 62 squares
Squares to draw	2,852
Difficulty	●●●●○
Time	about 100 minutes

My log

Started _____

Finished _____

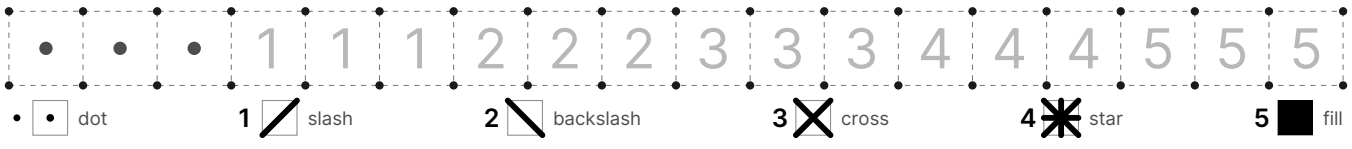
Time it took _____

Pen I used _____

My guess before I started _____

My rating ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

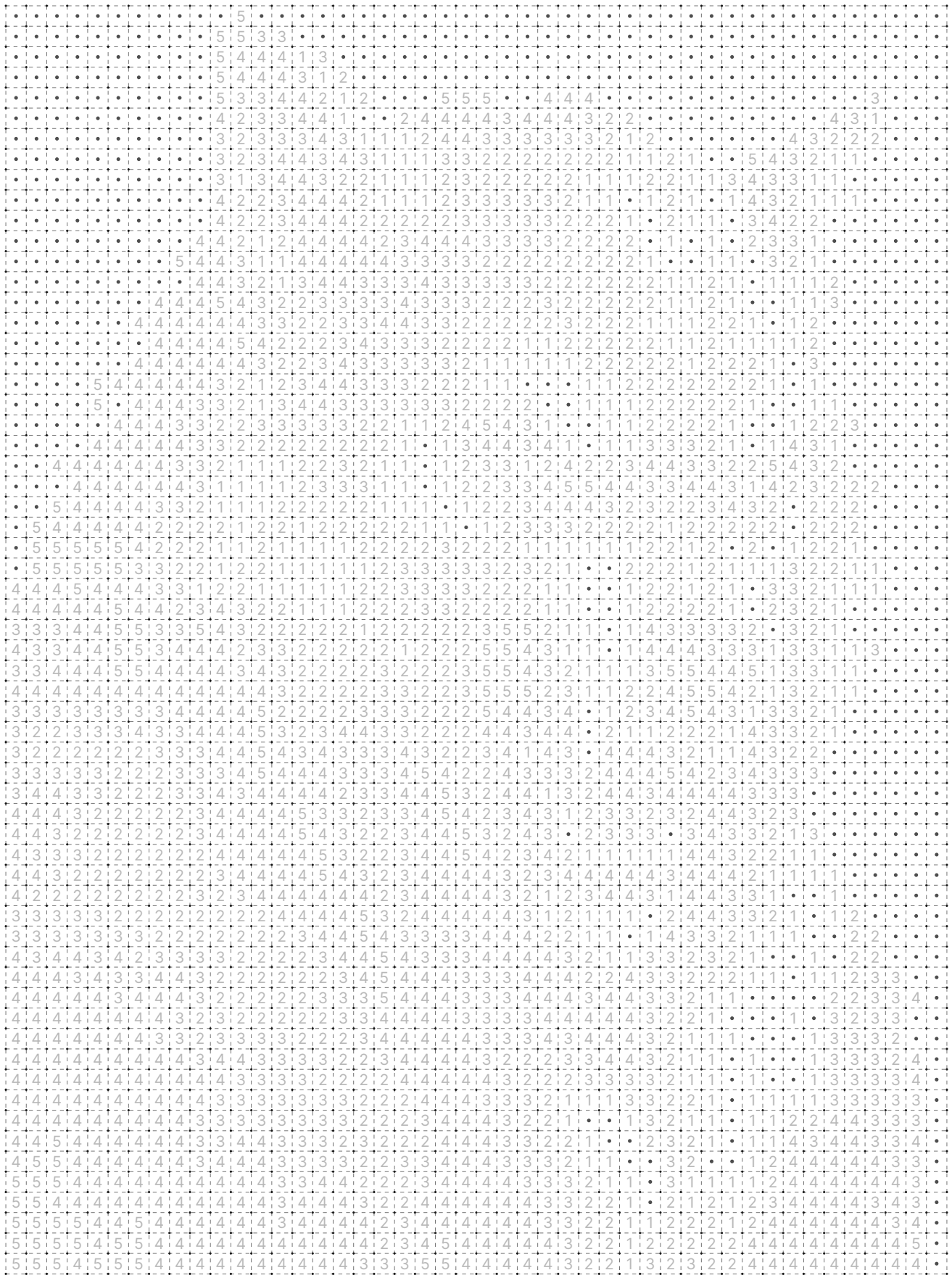
Test your pen



Ink showing through from the puzzle before? No problem – it only lands on this card.

Mystery #17

Mystery Gothic Edition



• dot 23.5% 1 slash 11.0% 2 backslash 20.0% 3 cross 19.2% 4 star 22.7% 5 fill 3.6%

Mystery #19

Case file

Grid	46 × 62 squares
Squares to draw	2,852
Difficulty	●●●○○
Time	about 90 minutes

My log

Started _____

Finished _____

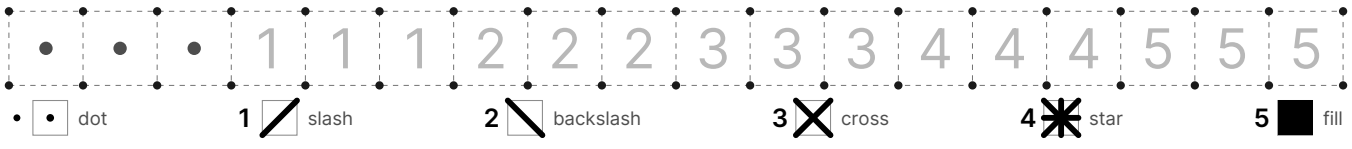
Time it took _____

Pen I used _____

My guess before I started _____

My rating ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

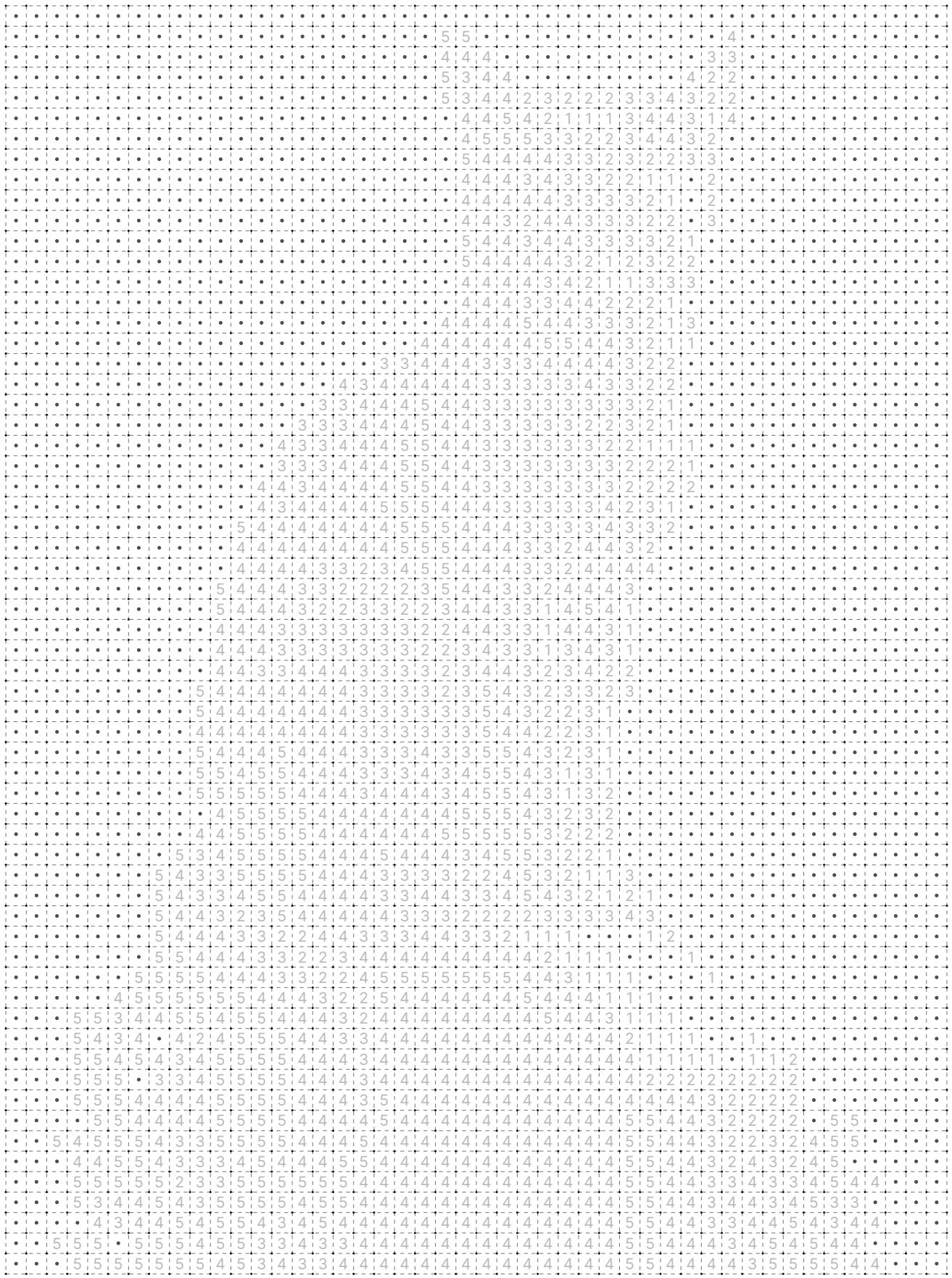
Test your pen



Ink showing through from the puzzle before? No problem – it only lands on this card.

Mystery #19

Mystery Gothic Edition



• dot 52.8% 1 slash 2.3% 2 backslash 4.8% 3 cross 10.8% 4 star 20.8% 5 fill 8.5%

Mystery #44

Case file

Grid	46 × 62 squares
Squares to draw	2,852
Difficulty	●●●○○
Time	about 95 minutes

My log

Started _____

Finished _____

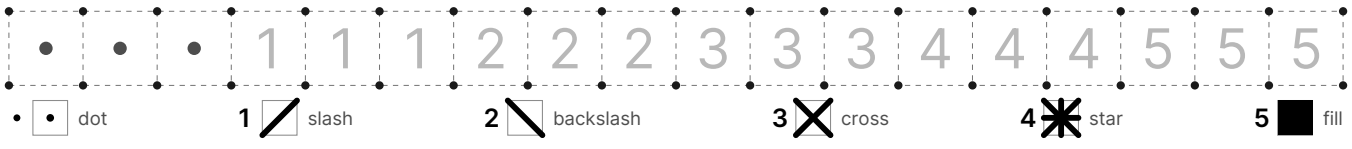
Time it took _____

Pen I used _____

My guess before I started _____

My rating ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

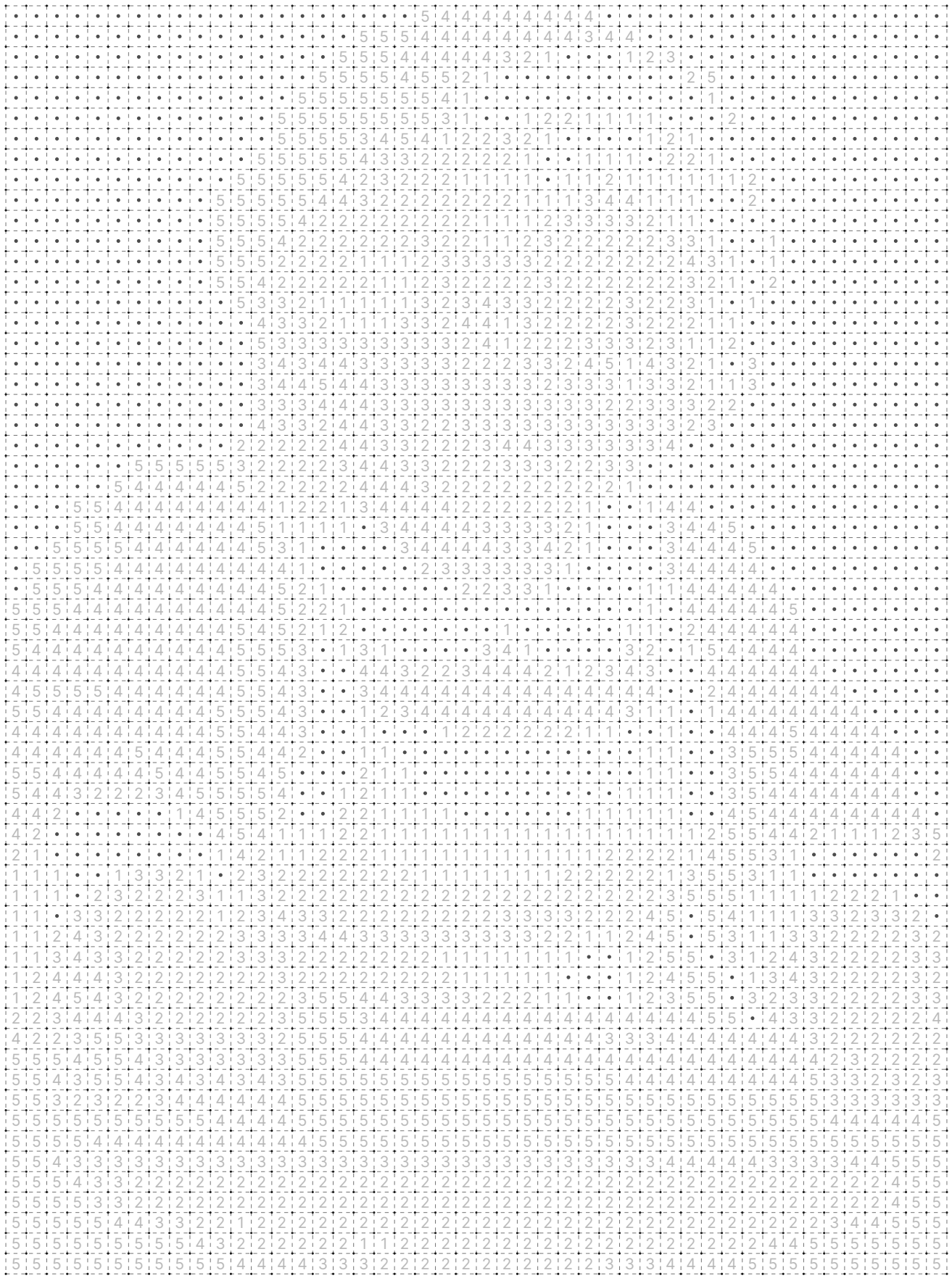
Test your pen



Ink showing through from the puzzle before? No problem – it only lands on this card.

Mystery #44

Mystery Christmas Gnomes & Santa's Workshop Edition



• dot 31.6% 1 slash 8.4% 2 backslash 18.1% 3 cross 11.7% 4 star 17.3% 5 fill 13.0%

Mystery #45

Case file

Grid	46 × 62 squares
Squares to draw	2,852
Difficulty	● ○ ○ ○ ○
Time	about 85 minutes

My log

Started _____

Finished _____

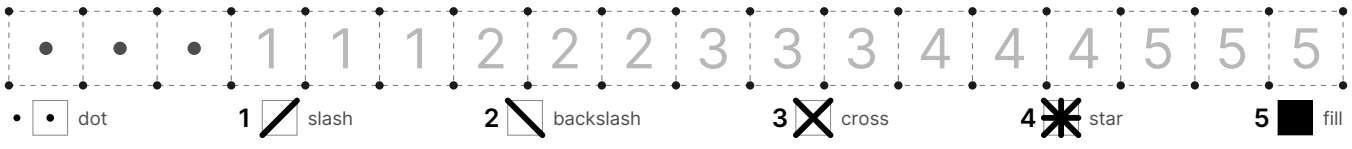
Time it took _____

Pen I used _____

My guess before I started _____

My rating ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

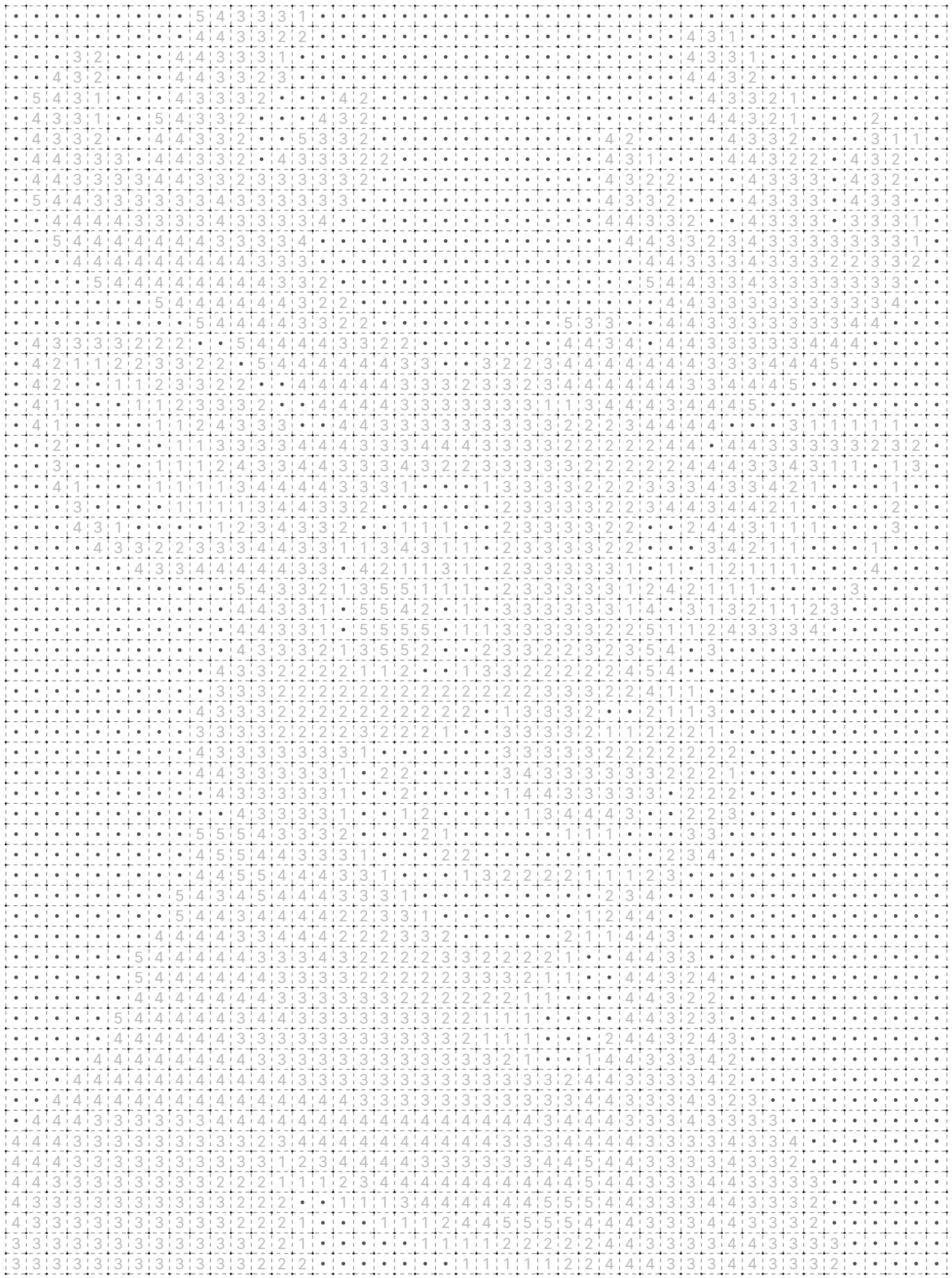
Test your pen



Ink showing through from the puzzle before? No problem – it only lands on this card.

Mystery #45

Mystery Christmas Gnomes & Santa's Workshop Edition



• dot 43.0% 1 slash 5.8% 2 backslash 9.5% 3 cross 23.6% 4 star 16.3% 5 fill 1.8%

Mystery #03

Case file

Grid	46 × 62 squares
Squares to draw	2,852
Difficulty	● ○ ○ ○ ○
Time	about 85 minutes

My log

Started _____

Finished _____

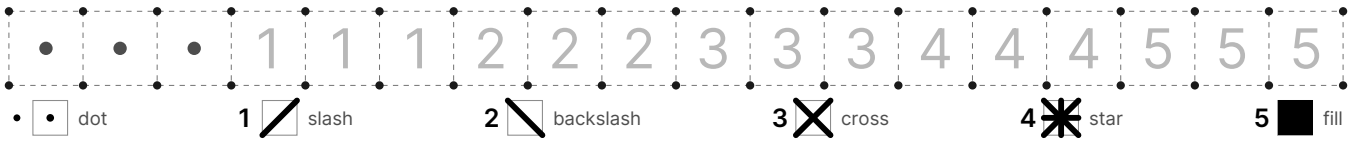
Time it took _____

Pen I used _____

My guess before I started _____

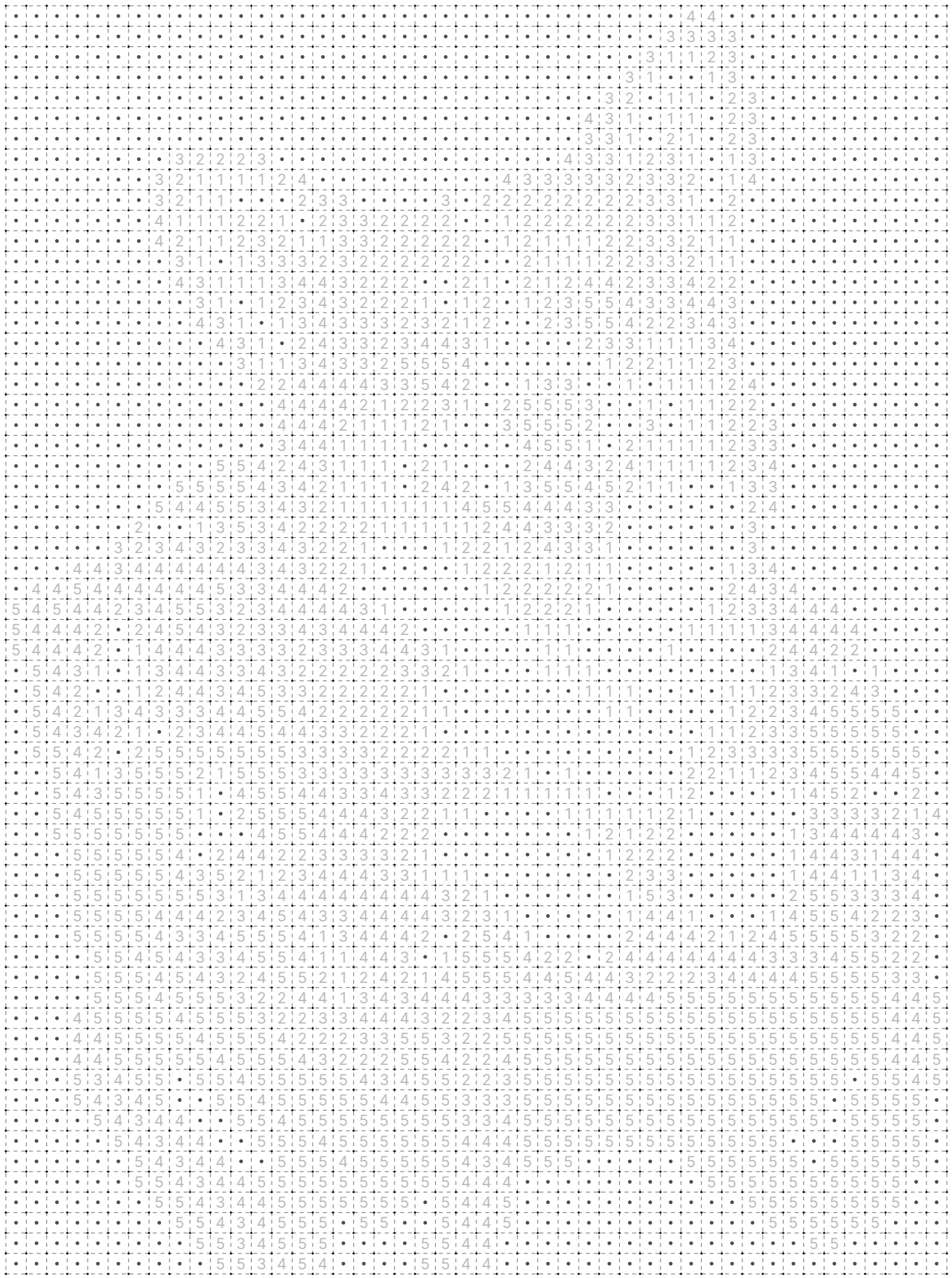
My rating ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

Test your pen



Ink showing through from the puzzle before? No problem – it only lands on this card.

Mystery #03



• dot 43.8% 1 slash 8.1% 2 backslash 9.5% 3 cross 9.9% 4 star 11.7% 5 fill 17.0%

Mystery #27

Case file

Grid	46 × 62 squares
Squares to draw	2,852
Difficulty	● ○ ○ ○ ○
Time	about 80 minutes

My log

Started _____

Finished _____

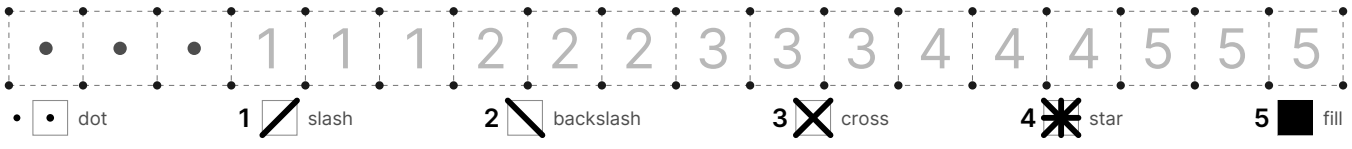
Time it took _____

Pen I used _____

My guess before I started _____

My rating ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

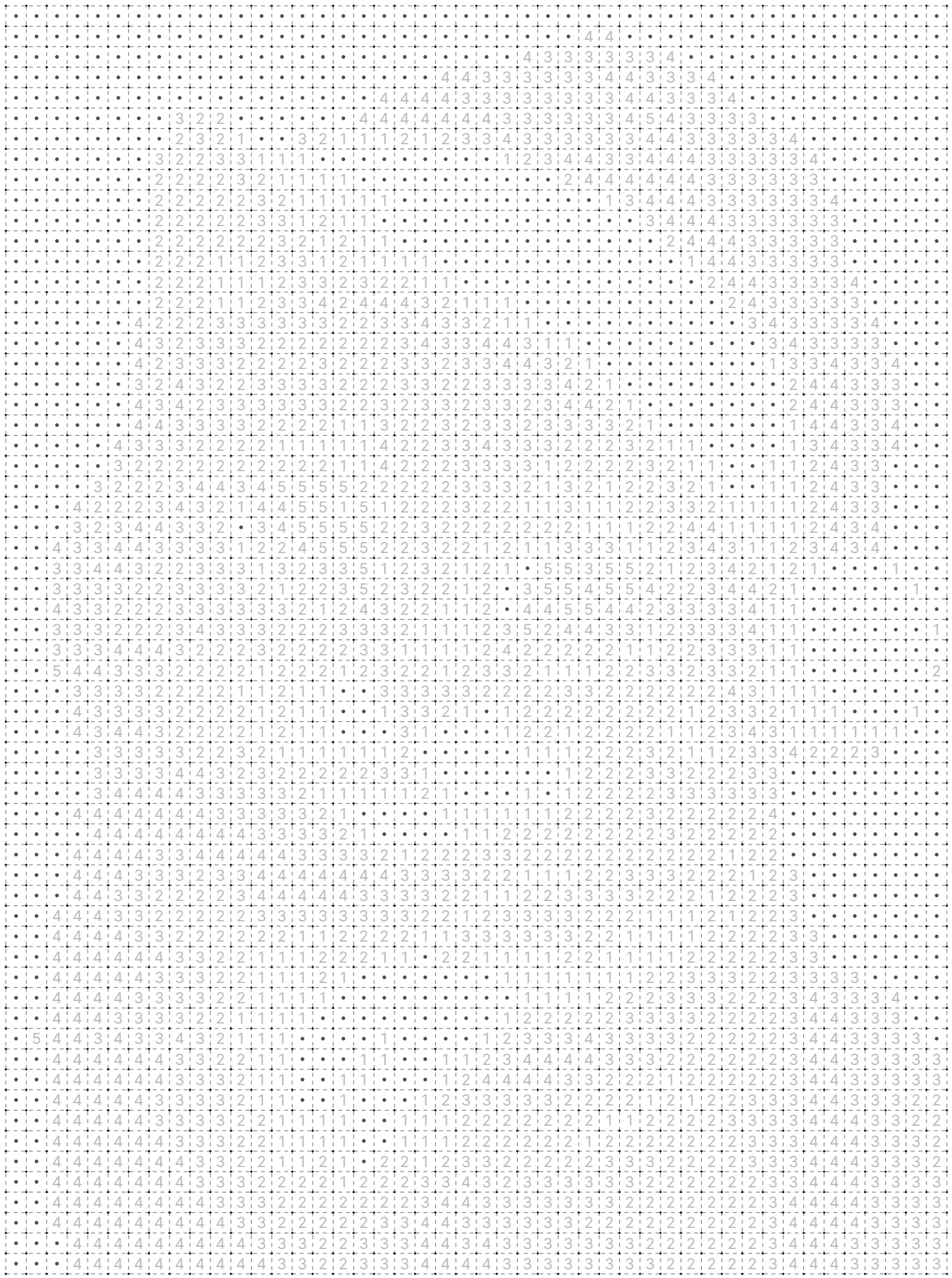
Test your pen



Ink showing through from the puzzle before? No problem – it only lands on this card.

Mystery #27

Mystery Christmas Cats & Dogs Edition



• dot 30.5% 1 slash 10.8% 2 backslash 21.3% 3 cross 23.6% 4 star 12.8% 5 fill 1.1%

Solutions

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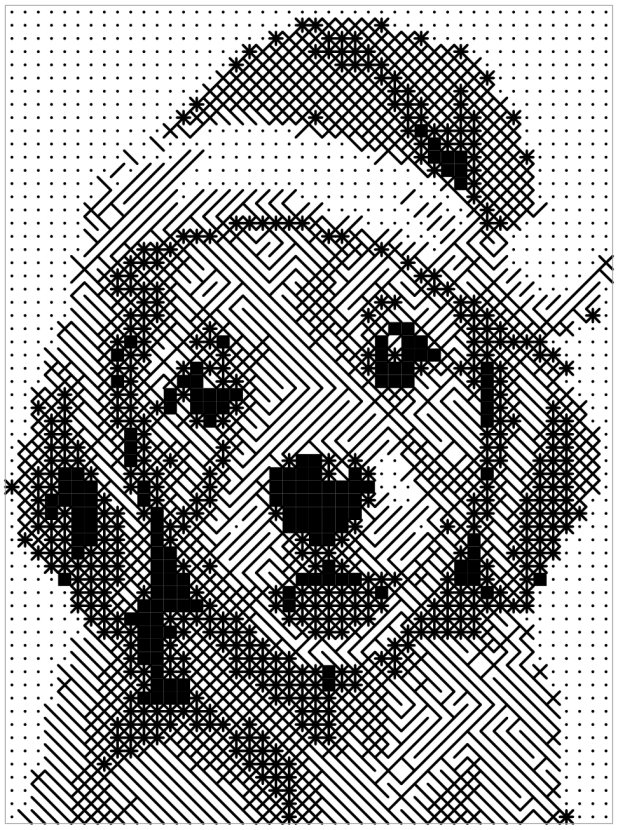

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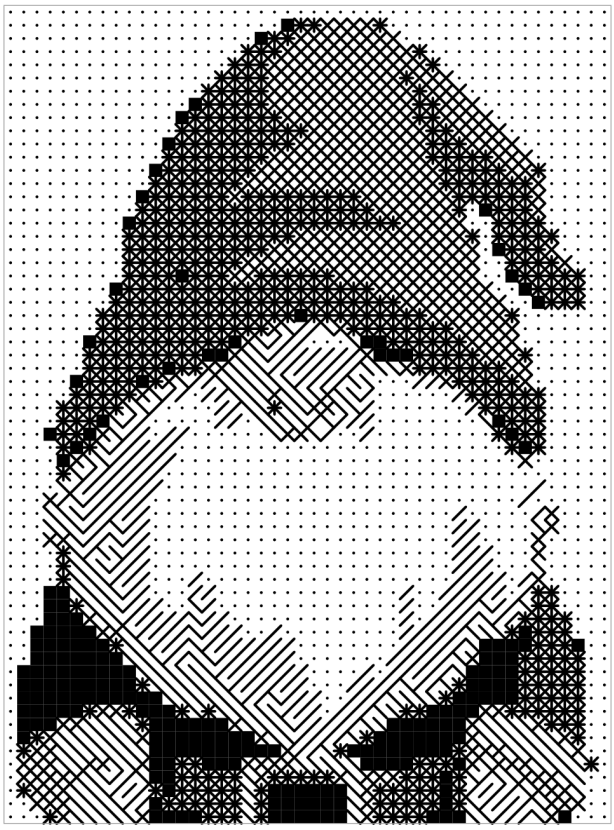

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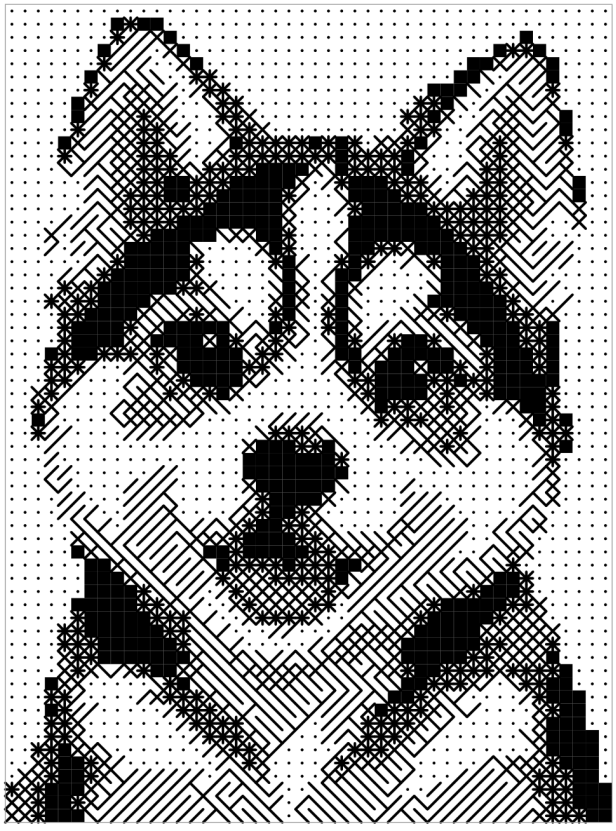

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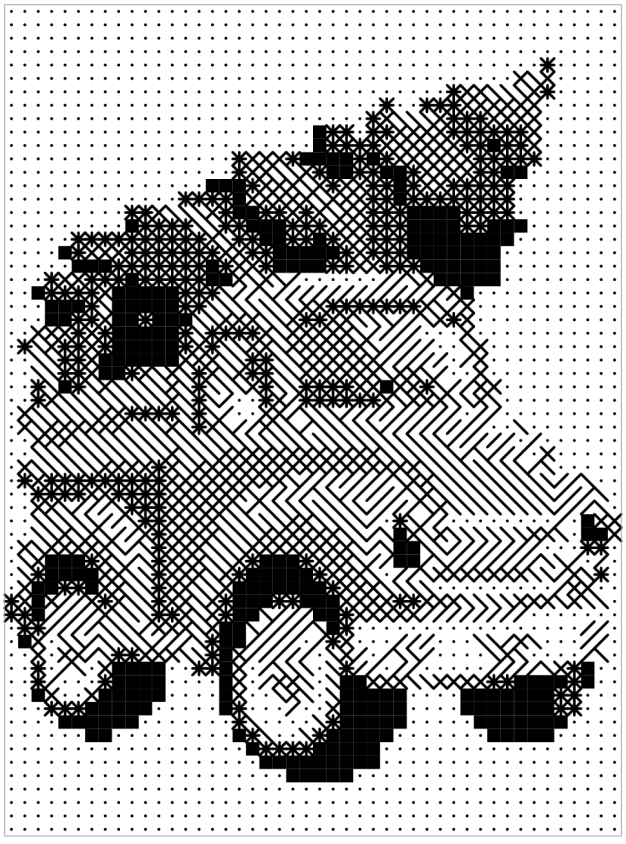

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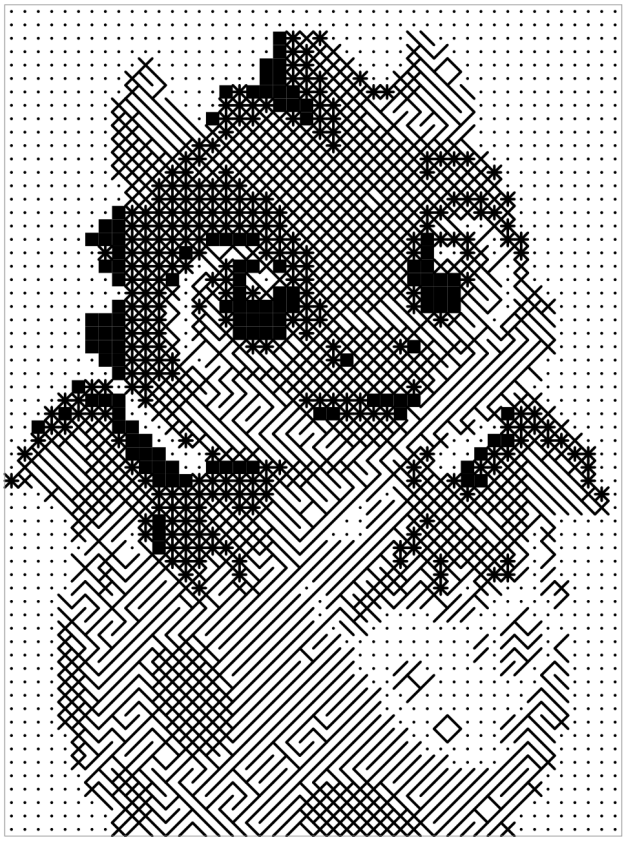

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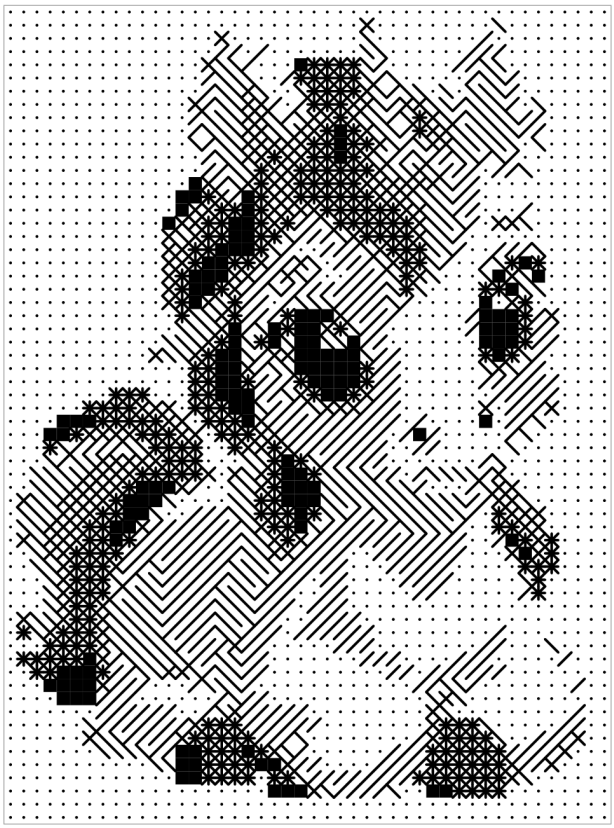

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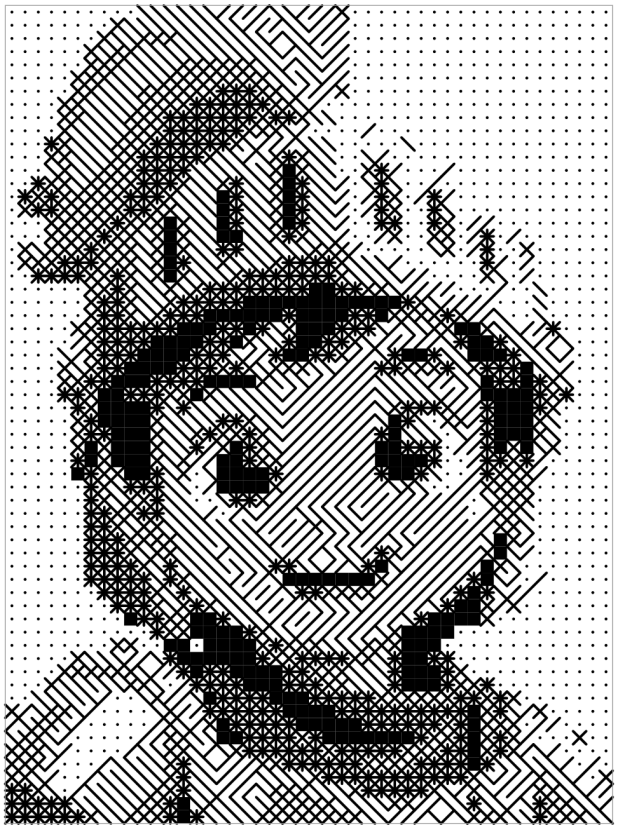

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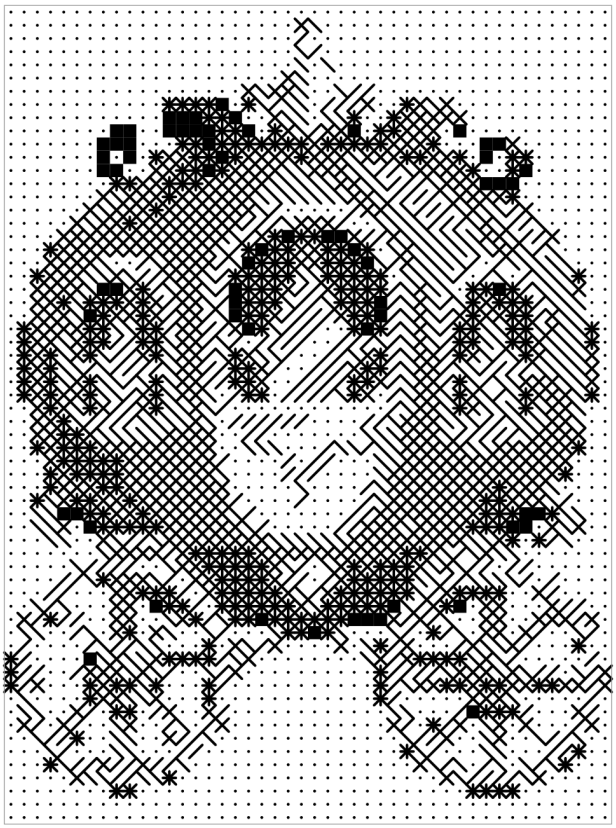

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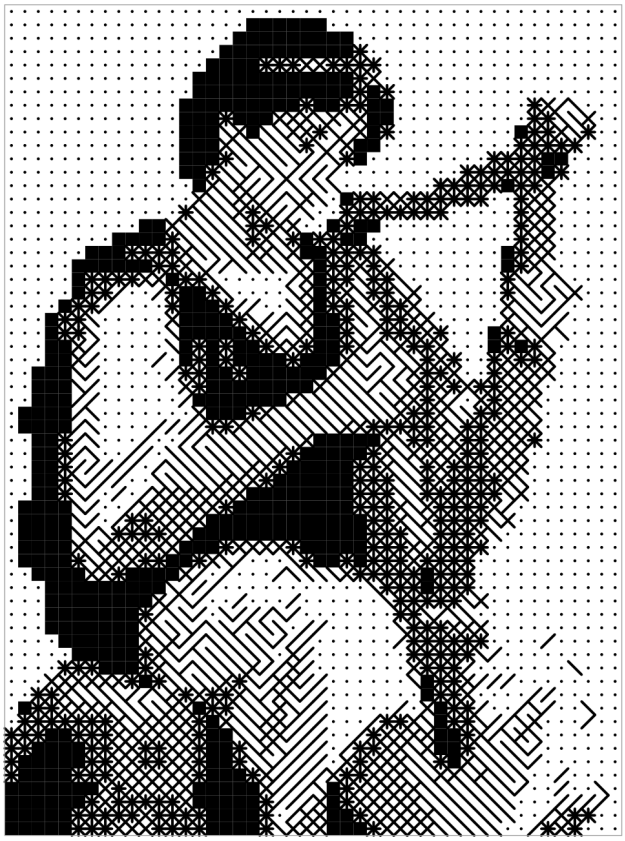

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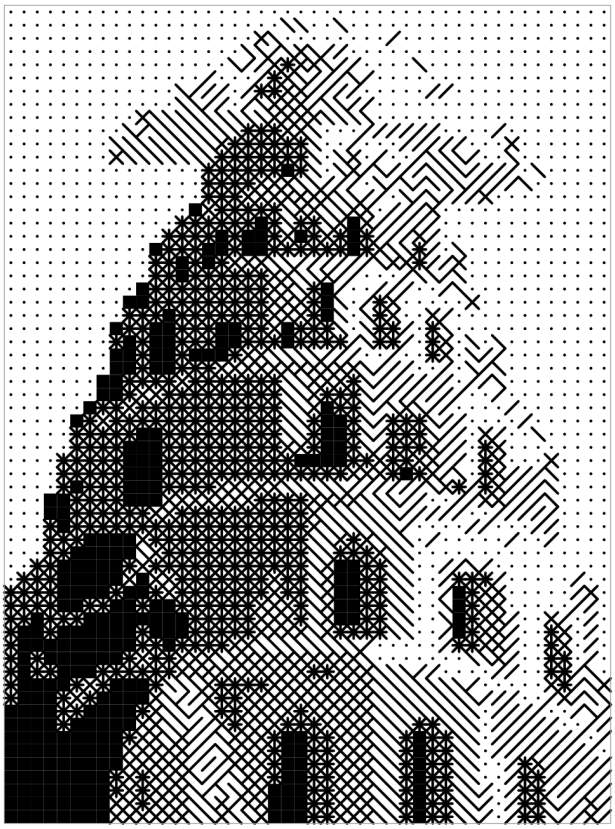

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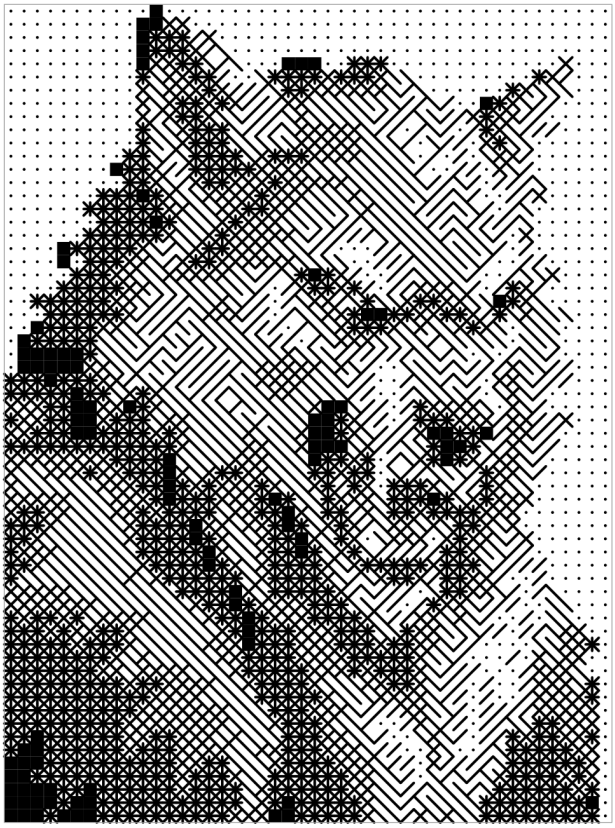

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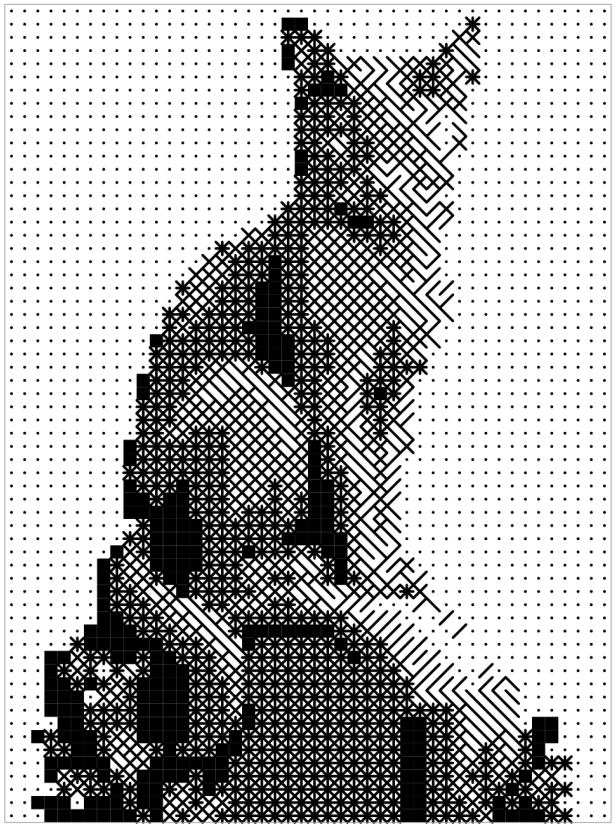

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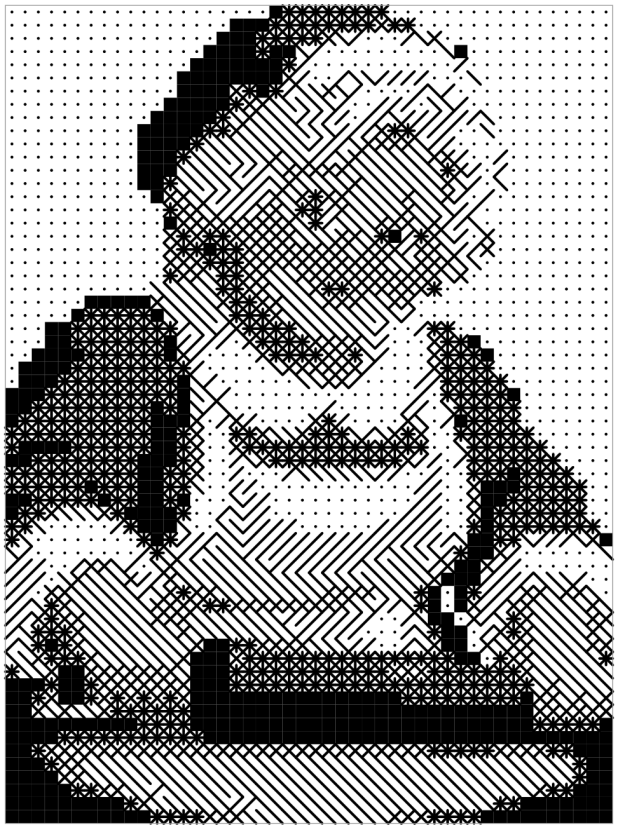

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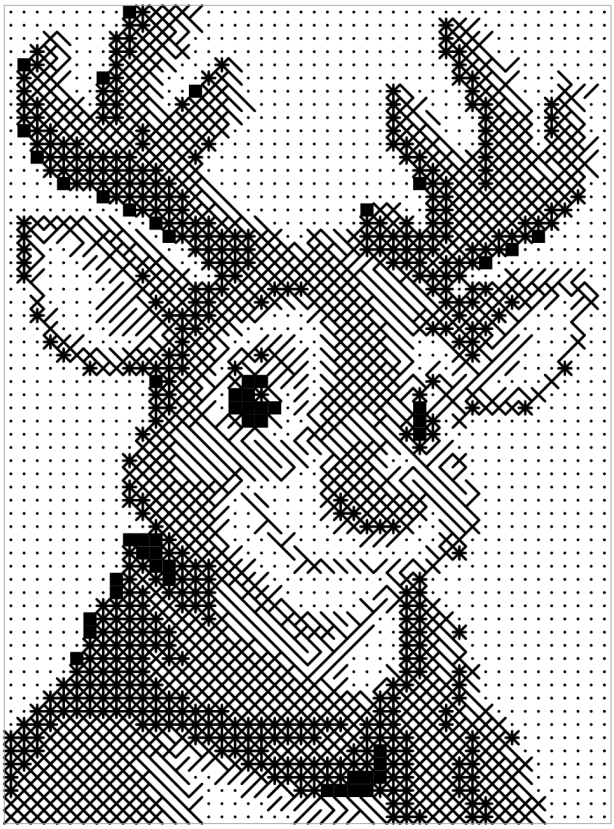

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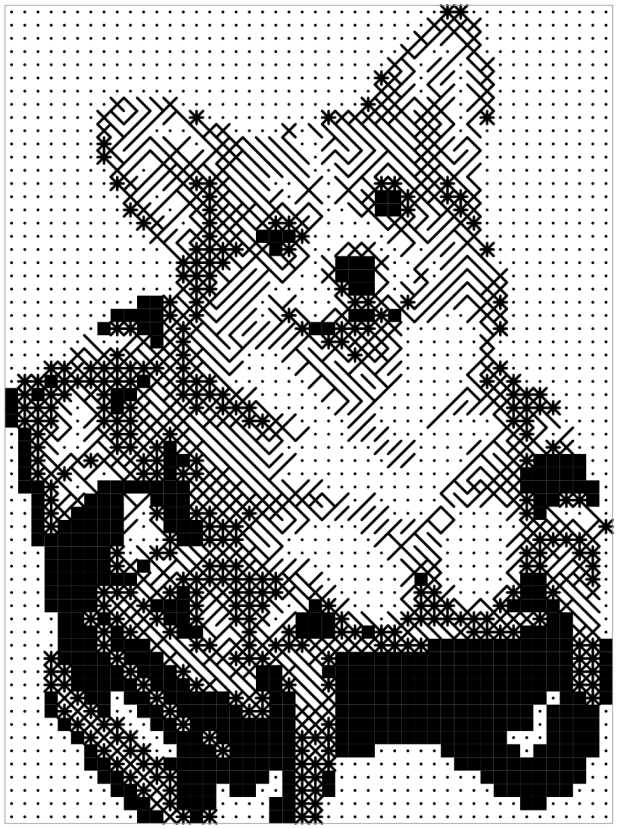

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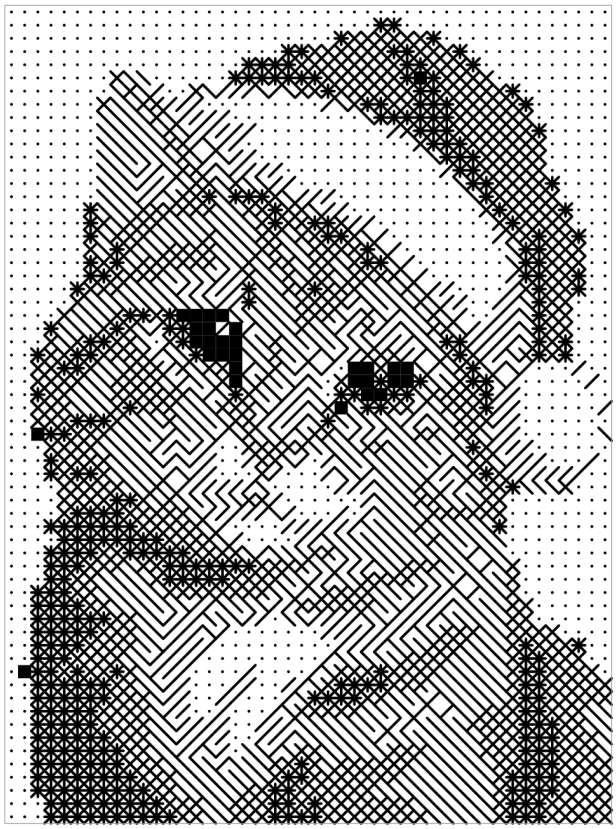

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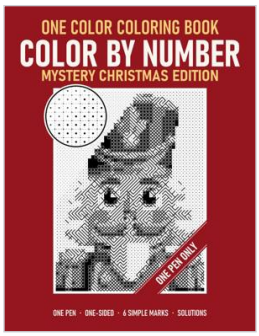

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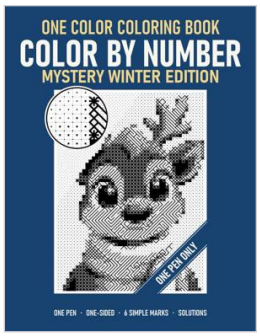

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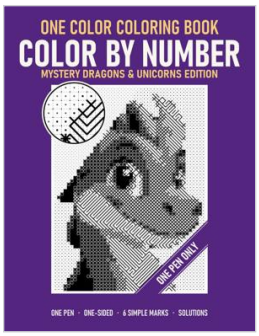

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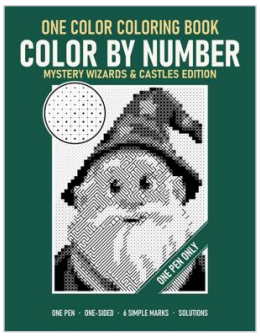

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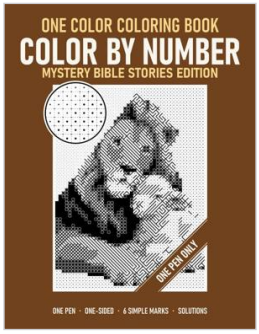

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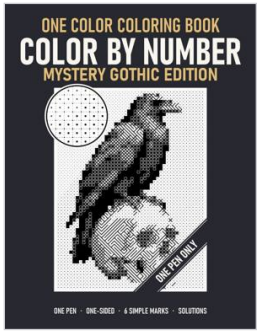

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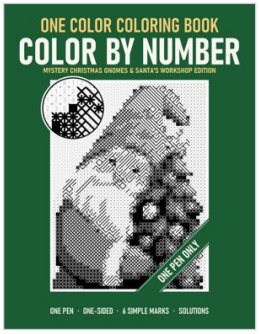

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