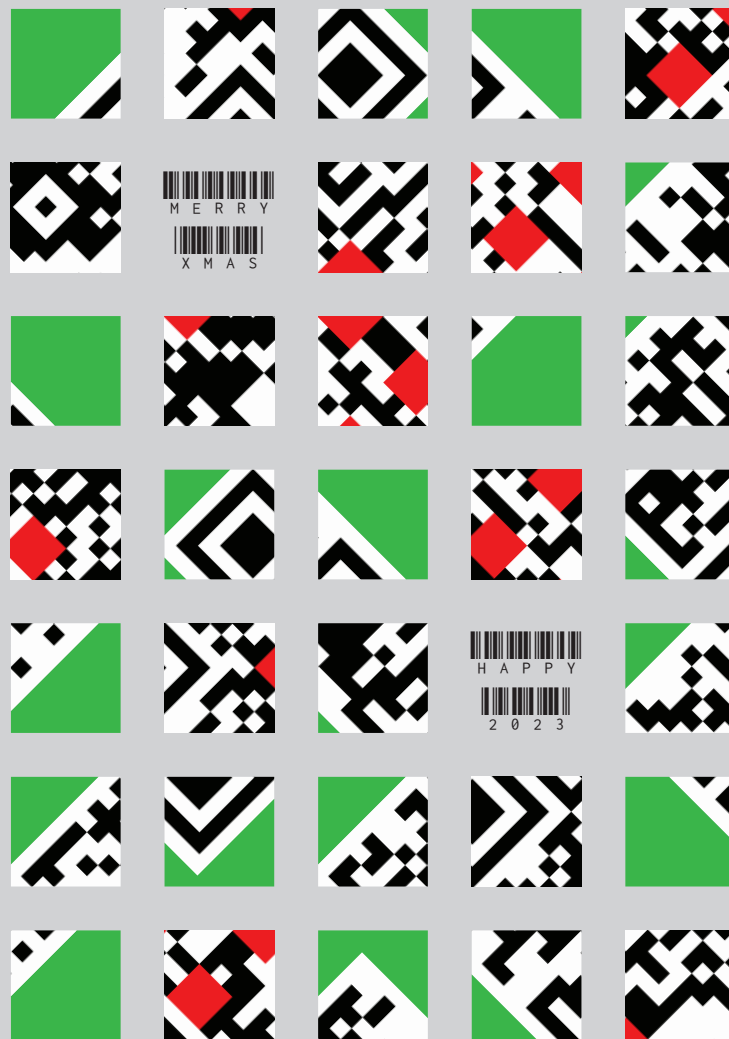
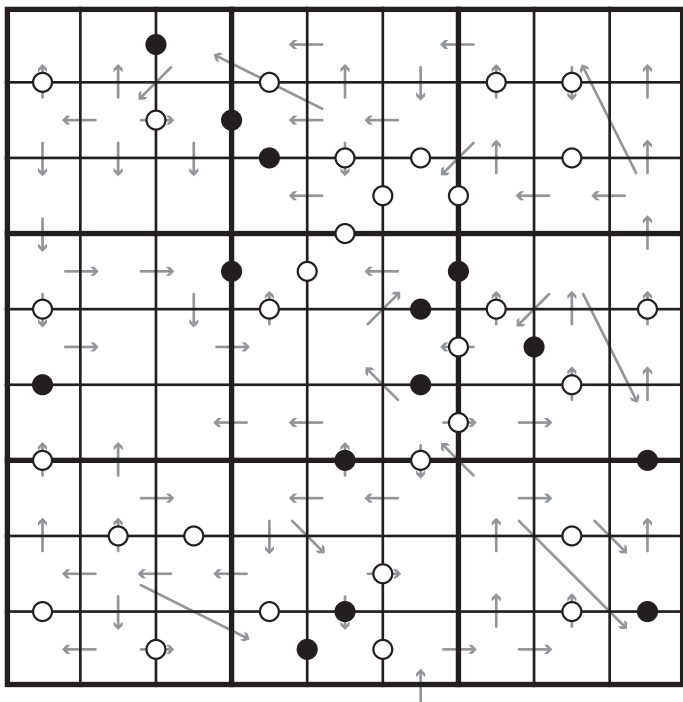


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This is number four. Solutions will appear on <https://www.stack.nl/~angelo/> in February of the new year. Fonts used - Libre Barcode for the front, Asap for the rest. QR-code software, Jigsaw, and Sudoku designed by me, Angelo Wentzler. Layouts done in Adobe Illustrator and InDesign. The first cell is where that extra arrow points. Why are you still reading this, get to solving! No Christmas traditions were harmed during the production of this card.





This is a Kropki sudoku.
 To solve (ignore the arrows for now):
 White dots indicate adjacent numbers differ by 1.
 Black dots indicate adjacent numbers differ by a factor of 2.
 All possible dots are given.

After solving, color the first cell white, then follow the arrows. Whenever the next number is higher, color the next cell black; whenever the next number is lower, color the next cell white.

I trust you know what to do with the resulting nine 3x3 blocks.

Dear friend,

How has the past year treated you?

For me it was something of a return to normal, if there is such a thing - we went to Spiel again this year, I'm making changes to the house, I'm getting more active again.

It seems that working from home is here to stay, which I don't mind, and a lot of activities I used to do away from home (game night, movies, spending time with friends) have either moved online or petered out, which I do mind. Maybe we can get there again in the new year.

We'll have to see, but overall, things are looking up.

On to the puzzle. It's really simple this time. No, just kidding. Solve the jigsaw on the front & fix it, scan with your favourite phone for a bonus Christmas message.

Best wishes and love, and hope to see you in the new year.