

Kakuro

Fill the grid so that each block adds up to the total in the box above or to the left of it. You can only use the digits 1-9 and you must not use the same digit twice in a block. (The same digit may occur more than once in a row or column, but it must be in a separate block.)

Let's walk through a puzzle, touching on the general principles.

In the beginning, look out for two things:

- sums that are made up of Unique Digit Answers (UDAs). See the table on the facing page.
- sums that are comprised of few cells.

Step One

On the right-hand side of the puzzle are two intersecting sums which are made up of two cells. The horizontal sum must add up to **four**. It can't be 2 and 2, because you can't repeat a digit in a sum, so it must be 1 and 3. But what's the order?

		11	4		
	5			10	
14					
17					3
6			4	3	1
	10				2
		3			

The vertical sum must add up to **three**, so is made up of 1 and 2. The only digit in both answers is a 1, so this must go in the intersecting cell - and this determines the positions of the 2 and 3.

Step Two

There is a 2 on the horizontal line that must add up to **ten**. That line is intersected by a sum that must add up to **three**. We can't have another 2 in the horizontal line.

As the only combination for the **three** sum is 2 and 1, this means the intersecting cell must be a 1. The horizontal line beneath it also adds up to **three** and can be completed, too.

		11	4		
	5			10	
14					
17					3
6			4	3	1
	10		1		2
		3	2	1	

Step Three

On the horizontal line that totals **ten**, we have a 1 and a 2. The remaining two cells add up to seven. There are three possible combinations: 1 and 6, 2 and 5, 3 and 4. We already have a 1 and 2 on the line, so the only available pair is 3 and 4.

		11	4		
	5			10	
14					
17				2	3
6			4	3	1
	10	3	1	4	2
		3	2	1	

The empty cell between the 1 and the 2 intersects with a sum which already contains a 3, so this cell must hold the 4. This means we can complete both the horizontal **ten** sum and the intersecting **ten** sum.

Step Four

On the left-hand side are two more sums that are made up of two cells: the vertical sum is **fourteen** and the intersecting horizontal sum is **six**.

The only combinations for **fourteen** are 9 and 5, and 8 and 6. The only possible digit that can intersect with the **six** sum is the 5.

Once you've placed the 5, the other digits that make up the sums can be fitted in.

		11	4		
	5			10	
14					
17	9			2	3
6	5	1	4	3	1
	10	3	1	4	2
		3	2	1	

Step Five

The horizontal line at the top of the puzzle has a **five** sum. The only two combinations are 1 and 4, and 2 and 3. As 1 and 3 appear already in the intersecting **eleven** sum, the only possible digits are 2 and 4. If it was a 4, the remaining digit in the **eleven** sum would be a 3, but there's a 3 in that sum already, so the horizontal sum must be 2 and 3, in that order.

		11	4		
	5	2	3	10	
14					
17	9			2	3
6	5	1	4	3	1
	10	3	1	4	2
		3	2	1	

To finish the puzzle: 1 completes the vertical **four** sum and a 5 completes the vertical **eleven** sum.

Unique Digit Answers

For certain sums, only one combination of digits is possible. Here's a useful table of Unique Digit Answers. Look out for these in the puzzles that follow. They'll be a great help to you.



Sum	Numbers
3	→ 1 • 2
4	→ 1 • 3
16	→ 7 • 9
17	→ 8 • 9
6	→ 1 • 2 • 3
7	→ 1 • 2 • 4
23	→ 6 • 8 • 9
24	→ 7 • 8 • 9
10	→ 1 • 2 • 3 • 4
11	→ 1 • 2 • 3 • 5
29	→ 5 • 7 • 8 • 9
30	→ 6 • 7 • 8 • 9
15	→ 1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 5
16	→ 1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 6
34	→ 4 • 6 • 7 • 8 • 9
35	→ 5 • 6 • 7 • 8 • 9
21	→ 1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 5 • 6
22	→ 1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 5 • 7
38	→ 3 • 5 • 6 • 7 • 8 • 9
39	→ 4 • 5 • 6 • 7 • 8 • 9
28	→ 1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 5 • 6 • 7
29	→ 1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 5 • 6 • 8
41	→ 2 • 4 • 5 • 6 • 7 • 8 • 9
42	→ 3 • 4 • 5 • 6 • 7 • 8 • 9
36	→ 1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 5 • 6 • 7 • 8
37	→ 1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 5 • 6 • 7 • 9
38	→ 1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 5 • 6 • 8 • 9
39	→ 1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 5 • 7 • 8 • 9
40	→ 1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 6 • 7 • 8 • 9
41	→ 1 • 2 • 3 • 5 • 6 • 7 • 8 • 9
42	→ 1 • 2 • 4 • 5 • 6 • 7 • 8 • 9
43	→ 1 • 3 • 4 • 5 • 6 • 7 • 8 • 9
44	→ 2 • 3 • 4 • 5 • 6 • 7 • 8 • 9
45	→ 1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 5 • 6 • 7 • 8 • 9