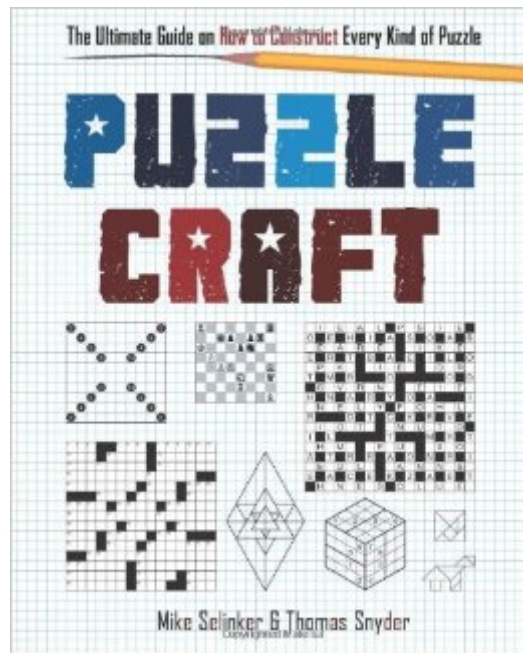


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# Puzzlecraft: The Ultimate Guide On How To Construct Every Kind Of Puzzle



## Synopsis

Solving puzzles is fun, but the real challenge lies in creating them. "Puzzlecraft" has been a popular series in Games magazine for years, and now all the instructions have been compiled and updated (along with brand-new sample puzzles) to teach you everything you need to know to construct puzzles of all kinds, from crosswords to word searches to sudoku. Guided by Mike Selinker and Thomas Snyder, two pros who really know their stuff, you'll be making puzzles and entertaining your friends in no time.

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For ten years, there has been a 2-page spread in Games magazine for how to make pencil and paper puzzles of all types. If the first few hadn't been good / popular, the series would have been killed off a long time ago. It's good and popular. The insights and explanations are excellent, and the illustrative puzzles are excellent. Also, every puzzle has been subjected to the Games magazine audience, members of which get rewarded whenever they find an error or quibble. The poor authors have been subjected to 10 years worth of commentary, suggestions, and complaints. So, ten years of work -- and it's a great book! It's an extremely dense book, with step by step instructions for every well-known puzzle type, and quite a few more obscure types. A book of a similar sort, by Will Shortz and Wei-Hwa Huang, is *Puzzlemaster Workout*, with 22 puzzle types. There is also the excellent *Mutant Sudoku* by Huang and Snyder. That means Mike Selinker has a Shortz number of 3. He also discusses Kevin Bacon puzzles on page 17. The main chapters are 1. Perception puzzles -- knowledge (trivia), observation (mysteries, lateral thinking), manipulation (matches, dissections) 2.

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