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How to Play Puzzle Pack

The object of Puzzle Pack is to place each of the pieces in the area defined by the white line.   Each piece must fit the piece next to it by matching the colors on the edges.

To move the pieces, drag them with the mouse, that is, put the mouse cursor on the desired piece, press either mouse button and drag the piece where you want it to go.   You can still move the pieces after they have been put in the puzzle.   You don't have to line the pieces up perfectly, because the computer will slip them into a possible position if you are close.

To rotate a piece, just click the mouse button on the piece (press and release without moving the mouse.)   Clicking the right button rotates the piece clockwise, and clicking the left rotates it counter-clockwise.

If you mistakenly put a piece on top of another piece their colors will blend together.

The computer will inform you when all the pieces are placed correctly.   If you think it is done, but the computer doesn't, make sure that all pieces fit together properly.   There should not be any black areas between the pieces and the area inside the white border should be completely filled in.

Finally, if you get stuck you can ask the computer for a picture of the completed puzzle by selecting the Answer command in the Help menu.

Starting Over on the Same Puzzle

Select System - Reset Puzzle from the menu bar.

Use this command to start over.   It puts all the pieces back in their home position.   You cannot undo this, so any work you have done will be gone.

Changing to a Different Puzzle

Select System - Change Puzzle from the Menu bar.

This command allows you to change puzzles.

The shareware version of Puzzle Pack has two puzzles.   The Registered has five.   They are:

1.   A Square Puzzle: Nine square pieces with one color on each side. The pieces fit together to form a large 3x3 square.

2.   A Tough Square Puzzle: The same puzzle as above except each piece has a knob sticking in or out of each side.   I only know of one solution (four if you count rotating the whole puzzle.)

3. A Hexagonal Puzzle (Registered version only):   Seven Hexagons are put together to form a larger hexagon.

4. Triangles & Hexagons   (Registered version only):   Sixteen triangles are formed into a larger triangular puzzle.   The tips are colored and must be placed to match the adjoining pieces.   When you do they form a hexagonal pattern on the completed puzzle.   This puzzle is fairly difficult.

5.   Squares & Triangles (Registered version only):   Twenty-five squares form a 5x5 square.   The pieces have two different colors on each side. When they fit together they form a pattern of lots of larger triangles.   This one is very hard.   It's even hard when you're looking at the answer.   Let me know if you solve it without looking.

Note: When you change to a different puzzle your work on the previous puzzle is not saved.

Ending Puzzle Pack

Select System - Quit from the Menu bar or Ctrl-X from the program.

This command ends the game and returns to windows.

Registering Puzzle Pack

(Thank you)

Select Register from the menu bar or Select the YES button on the opening form.

This command loads a new form which will allow you to register this program.   Several other programs by Astro Computing are listed.   They are only $10 each or three for $25.

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You can also see a discription of these other programs   by selecting the Help - Other Programs by Astro on the menu bar.

Viewing the Solution

Select Help - Answers from the menu bar.

This command will show you a picture of one of the possible solutions to the puzzle.

About Astro Computing

Select Help - About Astro Computing from the menu bar.

This command displays a form telling about our company.

Other Programs by Astro Computing

Select Help - Other Programs by Astro from the menu bar.

This command opens a help file which gives a discription of other programs we have to offer.   They sell for $10 each or three for $25.   They all come in a shareware version   for just $2 each if you want to just try them out.   ($10 minimum order please)

About Puzzle Pack

Select Help - About from the menu.

This command displays the version number of your copy of Puzzle Pack, the copyright notice, and other information about Astro Computing.   It also shows your free memory left.   This information is helpful when corresponding with the author.