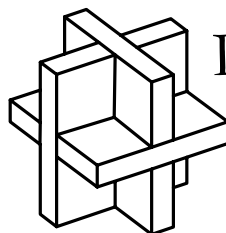


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Gentle solver,

As perhaps a few good people may *possibly* recall, my ænigma last month was inspired by the number three, and the many well-known trios that are so apparently *ubiquitous* in our culture. It seemed a quite natural step to me, therefore, that I might arithmetically proceed this month to similarly celebrate the number *four*, and so have I done!

In the grid below, I desire that you should, in each heavily outlined *region*, shade a single, contiguous, four-square *area*. Pray do not allow any two such shaded areas of the *same shape* to touch along an edge, even if those areas have differing *reflections* or *orientations*. (They may, however, touch at a corner.)

To avoid unsightly *blots*, at no place in the grid should you cause an entire 2x2 square to be shaded. Finally, please ensure that all of the shaded squares in the grid form one horizontally or vertically connected unit.

Once you have completed your grid, you may move on to finding the final answer to my ænigma. Identify every region whose shaded area has the shape of a letter L. Then, advance the letters in the *unshaded* squares of those regions forward in the alphabet (wrapping around from Z to A if necessary) by the total number of L-containing regions in the grid. Reading the resulting letters in left-to-right, top-to-bottom order will reveal a clue to your final answer.

Good luck!

Ada

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Example

Y	A	W	A	O	D	W
A	I	Q	A	B	J	L
P	X	N	Q	Q	J	J
D	O	A	L	A	P	Z
A	A	R	J	F	U	X
K	N	N	L	F	O	A
I	O	F	Z	K	U	J

Y						
A		Q		B		L
			Q			
	O		L		P	
		R	J	F	U	
K			L		O	
	F					

Y	A	W	A	O	D	W
A	I	Q	A	B	J	L
	X	N	Q	Q	J	J
	O	A	L	A	P	Z
A	A	R	J	F	U	X
K			L		O	A
		F				J

Q + 3 = T | J + 3 = M
 B + 3 = E | F + 3 = I
 Q + 3 = T | K + 3 = N
 O + 3 = R | L + 3 = O
 L + 3 = O

Answer:
TETROMINO

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R	A	C	D	W	W	Z	W	P	N	S	D	R	E	N	B	B	K	R	C	N
U	Z	K	H	J	Y	J	V	R	E	D	J	V	V	A	Y	Y	S	J	C	B
G	D	O	Y	Y	R	N	A	Y	P	E	N	C	R	E	K	N	V	X	O	L
V	I	M	A	Z	V	X	N	V	Z	S	O	Y	K	H	Z	A	O	X	K	Y
O	X	H	X	L	T	Z	A	K	I	Y	N	N	J	W	O	C	O	C	G	E
Y	M	P	Z	U	R	D	V	J	F	F	K	Q	M	W	U	L	C	O	W	J
C	D	K	O	W	B	O	N	S	A	P	K	B	W	D	V	O	N	O	N	P
S	A	M	C	C	P	W	C	N	K	D	Y	O	B	U	R	X	K	K	I	X
Z	P	V	D	S	G	F	Z	D	L	K	I	S	K	O	H	S	G	M	D	L
O	D	F	Y	D	G	H	O	E	Z	T	A	G	C	P	W	P	K	O	D	Y
X	Z	R	X	C	E	B	D	E	Q	N	C	L	M	K	Z	I	I	X	A	D
O	C	V	Y	Y	B	B	X	P	I	H	X	K	D	S	O	B	C	Y	X	C

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