## Tile Swap Puzzle Challenges


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## Instructions

This booklet contains 36 challenges for the Tile Swap puzzle. The challenges are grouped by common themes and roughly ordered in increasing difficulty.

The goal of each challenge is to get from the given start state to the given end state by swapping tiles. You are not allowed to rotate the puzzle when solving a challenge.

The start position of each challenge is either the basic state shown at the front of this booklet or the end state of the previous challenge, both possibly rotated. You can rotate the puzzle to get to the start state of a challenge.

Each challenge includes the minimal number of swaps needed to solve it. First just try to solve each challenge. After that you can count the number of swaps that you need and try to get close to the optimal solution.

## Basic swaps

Swap 4-5


Swap 2-5


Swap 5-8

(5 swaps)

(1 swap)

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## Column flips

Flip right column


Flip center column


Flip left column

(5 swaps)


## Basic swaps (2)

Swap 4-7


Swap 5-6


Swap 8-9

(9 swaps)

(13 swaps)

(19 swaps)


## Row flips

Flip center row


Flip top row


Flip bottom row

(17 swaps)

(17 swaps)

(11 swaps)

## Basic

Quarter turn


Half turn

(22 swaps)

(30 swaps)


## Diamond

From basic


Quarter turn


Half turn

(9 swaps)

(18 swaps)

(26 swaps)


## Inward spiral

From basic


Quarter turn


Half turn

(15 swaps)

(18 swaps)

(24 swaps)


## Outward spiral

From basic


Quarter turn


Half turn

(15 swaps)

(20 swaps)

(24 swaps)

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## Odd cross

From basic


Quarter turn


Half turn

(16 swaps)

(18 swaps)

(24 swaps)


## Magic square

From basic

(13 swaps)


Quarter turn


Half turn

(26 swaps)

(28 swaps)


## Swap 31

From basic


Swap 2-9

(11 swaps)

(31 swaps)


## Swap 31 (2)

From basic


Swap 2-6

(13 swaps)

(31 swaps)


## Half turn 38

From basic


Quarter turn


Half turn

(15 swaps)

(24 swaps)

(38 swaps)

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