

How to choose a Sudoku book

Many people buy a Sudoku book without thinking about what makes one right for them. Later, many of them are disappointed: the grids are too small or too big, the puzzles too easy or too hard, or they do not know what to do when they get stuck. This guide collects the most important things to check when you choose a Sudoku book.

1 Book size and grid size

This is the most important aspect, and the one most often overlooked. On a computer screen a book may look fine, but you cannot feel how big its grids are, and when the book arrives, the size is often not quite right. Print this sample and feel what it is like to solve on our grid sizes.

2 Difficulty

“Easy” and “Hard” mean something different to every author and in every book. Some books grade their puzzles only by how many numbers are given at the start, which says little about the real difficulty. Choose a book that explains its levels. The best books tie each level to the solving methods a person needs, or to a score calculated from those methods, not to what a computer needs to solve it.

3 Printed solutions

Almost all books give the filled-in solution grids. Some print them in the book; others put them online, to read on the web or in an app. Printed solutions are always available, and you do not need your phone to check an answer. Books with printed solutions tend to cost a little more, because they need more pages.

4 Help when you are stuck

A solution grid tells you the answer, but not how to get there. When you are stuck, what helps is the next step and the reason for it. A few books offer step-by-step explanations online, move by move.

5 Method explanations

Each new level requires new solving methods. A book that explains them with examples lets you learn while you solve, without looking for help elsewhere.

6 Price per Sudoku

Price per Sudoku matters: you want as many puzzles for your money as possible. But it comes only after the aspects above. A cheap book is not a good choice if its grids are too small for you. Decide first which of the points above matter to you, and compare prices only among the books that meet them.

What Bralosma books offer

- **Our grid sizes**, all at true size in this sample when you print it (pages 3–10).
 - 55 mm, 12 per page:** currently only in the 1200-puzzle Super Easy to Easy book. Harder puzzles need small pencil marks and often several tries, and this grid is too small for that.
 - 74 mm, 6 per page:** right for most people, a good balance between grid size and price.
 - 90 mm, 2 per page:** big enough for most people who find ordinary puzzle books hard to read.
- **Difficulty levels based on solving methods.** A Sudoku's level is set by the solving methods it needs, and by how often it needs them. Each book names the methods of its levels; the full list is on bralosma.com/levels.
- **Every solution printed in the book**, and a free app that explains every move of every puzzle (page 11).
- **Method tutorials in every book:** each method is explained in detail, with worked examples.

Find your grid size and your level

The next pages print our grid sizes at their true size, with 24 Sudokus from Super Easy to Hard and their solutions pages. Print them, solve a few with your own pen, and see which size and level suit you.

This version is for A4 paper. If your printer takes US Letter, print the US Letter version from bralosma.com/sample.

Before you print: in the print dialog choose **Actual size** or **100 %**. Do not choose **Fit to page**: it shrinks the grids. Check after printing: hold a ruler, inches or cm, against the scale below. The marks should match.



The grid sizes

12/page

Grid 55 mm

Cells 6 mm

See it at true size: [page 3](#)

Currently only in **1200 Sudoku, Super Easy to Easy**.

- + The most puzzles for the money
- + Easy puzzles need no pencil marks
- Small print, no room for pencil marks, so only up to Easy

Solutions: 36 mm, 30 per page (p. 4)

6/page

Grid 74 mm

Cells 8 mm

See it at true size: [page 5](#)

In the **US Letter** (roughly A4) books.

- + A balance of room and price
- + Room for a few pencil marks
- + All difficulty ranges
- Harder puzzles need 3–4 pencil marks in a cell: that takes small, neat handwriting

Solutions: 42 mm, 20 per page (p. 6)

2/page

Grid 90 mm

Cells 10 mm

See it at true size: [pages 7–9](#)

In the **270 Large Size** books: large grids on a smaller page, roughly half of A4.

- + Easy on the eyes
- + Room for big handwriting
- + A small book, easy to hold
- + All difficulty ranges
- 270 puzzles: the highest price per Sudoku

Solutions: 36 mm, 15 per page (p. 10)

Grid width = the outer frame of one puzzle, as printed in the books. **Solutions** = the filled-in grids. You only read them, you do not write in them, so they are printed smaller: this saves pages and keeps the books cheaper. Page 11: the free app and the books.

A4 version: the book pages are printed at true size, not scaled to A4. On pages 3–6, thin lines show where the US Letter page ends; on pages 7–10, a dashed line shows the smaller page of the 270 Large Size books.

The difficulty ranges

Each book covers a range of levels. Choose the one where the puzzles make you think but you still finish them.

Super Easy to Easy

Super Easy p. 3, Very Easy p. 3, 5, Easy p. 3, 7

Only singles: a cell where only one number fits, or a number that fits in only one cell of a row, column or box. No pencil marks needed.

Easy to Medium

Moderate p. 5, Medium p. 8

Easy: singles only.

Moderate, Medium: you write pencil marks and rule numbers out with pointing lines and naked pairs.

Medium to Hard

Challenging p. 5, Hard p. 9

Medium: pointing lines and naked pairs.

Challenging: also hidden pairs and naked triples.

Hard: also hidden triples and X-Wing.

12/page Grid 55 mm · as in 1200 Sudoku, Super Easy to Easy

true size · Bralosma Sudoku sample

12/page · Super Easy #1								
			5			8		
8				2	7		3	
6	3					7	4	2
7	2	4	3	6	5	1	9	8
	8	9			4			
5	6	3	9	8		4		7
9	1	8				6	5	
		2	6	5	3	9	8	1
3	5		8	1			7	4

12/page · Super Easy #2								
9	6	2				1		
5	3	8	4			2		
				2	9	5	3	
		1	2		6	3	8	5
3						9	6	
	2				8	4		
	5			4	7	6	2	9
2	9		3	8		7	1	4
	1	4	9	6	2		5	

12/page · Super Easy #3								
	1	3	9	6		8	4	
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	5		2	1				
				2	1	7	9	
	7	9		5	8	2	1	3
		1	7		6	5		
1	3	2	6	7				
9	6	7	8	4	5	3	2	
	8	4	1	3	2	6		

12/page · Very Easy #1								
6			7	5	1		9	3
	7	1			9			6
		2	4	6	8	5		
				9			6	
8								
					4		7	
7			9	3	2		8	4
	2	3	8		6			1
4	8	6	1				2	9

12/page · Very Easy #2								
	2	8	9	7	4	6	5	
		5	3	6	8		9	
6	7	9		2				
				3		8		4
7				5				
8	9	2				5	1	
1							6	
	5	3	6	1				
		6			7			5

12/page · Very Easy #3								
		5					3	
	8		2	7	5	9	6	
6		4	1	3			7	5
2			9		4			
9							2	
8			5			4	9	6
			4		6		8	1
4				8	1	7	5	2
3	1		7			6		9

12/page · Easy #1								
9	3	2			4			
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	1			2	3			
		4						5
1				6		7		8
8			7					1
			2		7		9	4
4					5			
	8	6		9				3

12/page · Easy #2								
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				3				
			8	7			9	
7			4		5			
8	2		6	9	1			4
	4						2	8
						3		

12/page · Easy #3								
6		4		2				
				5				
3			6	8	4	9		
		9	7		3			5
		6			1			
				9		7	4	
		5			8			
				1		2		
	9	2				3	6	1

12/page · Easy #4								
		2	1		8	5		
		7	4					3
3	8		9					4
						1		
5								8
6						9	3	
7				1		6		
					5	7		2
	9		6	4		3		

12/page · Easy #5								
			5		6		3	2
		2						
			8		9	5		
	7		2					
1		3						8
5	8		9	4				3
			3			9	6	
	6	7					8	4
	1			6				

12/page · Easy #6								
			3				1	
8	4	6		1	2	9		
							6	
	8				1		7	
7								3
3		5	9			1	8	
			4		8	5		
	9							
	6	2			3	7		

12/page · solutions Grid 36 mm, 30 per page · solutions of page 3

true size · Bralosma Sudoku sample

12/page · Super Easy #1											
2	4	7	5	3	6	8	1	9			
8	9	1	4	2	7	5	3	6			
6	3	5	1	9	8	7	4	2			
7	2	4	3	6	5	1	9	8			
1	8	9	2	7	4	3	6	5			
5	6	3	9	8	1	4	2	7			
9	1	8	7	4	2	6	5	3			
4	7	2	6	5	3	9	8	1			
3	5	6	8	1	9	2	7	4			

12/page · Super Easy #2											
9	6	2	8	5	3	1	4	7			
5	3	8	4	7	1	2	9	6			
1	4	7	6	2	9	5	3	8			
4	7	1	2	9	6	3	8	5			
3	8	5	7	1	4	9	6	2			
6	2	9	5	3	8	4	7	1			
8	5	3	1	4	7	6	2	9			
2	9	6	3	8	5	7	1	4			
7	1	4	9	6	2	8	5	3			

12/page · Super Easy #3											
2	1	3	9	6	7	8	4	5			
7	9	6	5	8	4	1	3	2			
4	5	8	2	1	3	9	6	7			
8	4	5	3	2	1	7	9	6			
6	7	9	4	5	8	2	1	3			
3	2	1	7	9	6	5	8	4			
1	3	2	6	7	9	4	5	8			
9	6	7	8	4	5	3	2	1			
5	8	4	1	3	2	6	7	9			

12/page · Very Easy #1											
6	4	8	7	5	1	2	9	3			
5	7	1	3	2	9	8	4	6			
3	9	2	4	6	8	5	1	7			
1	5	7	2	9	3	4	6	8			
8	6	4	5	1	7	9	3	2			
2	3	9	6	8	4	1	7	5			
7	1	5	9	3	2	6	8	4			
9	2	3	8	4	6	7	5	1			
4	8	6	1	7	5	3	2	9			

12/page · Very Easy #2											
3	2	8	9	7	4	6	5	1			
4	1	5	3	6	8	7	9	2			
6	7	9	1	2	5	3	4	8			
5	6	1	2	3	9	8	7	4			
7	3	4	8	5	1	9	2	6			
8	9	2	7	4	6	5	1	3			
1	4	7	5	8	3	2	6	9			
9	5	3	6	1	2	4	8	7			
2	8	6	4	9	7	1	3	5			

12/page · Very Easy #3											
7	2	5	6	4	9	1	3	8			
1	8	3	2	7	5	9	6	4			
6	9	4	1	3	8	2	7	5			
2	5	7	9	6	4	8	1	3			
9	4	6	8	1	3	5	2	7			
8	3	1	5	2	7	4	9	6			
5	7	2	4	9	6	3	8	1			
4	6	9	3	8	1	7	5	2			
3	1	8	7	5	2	6	4	9			

12/page · Easy #1											
9	3	2	1	5	4	8	7	6			
5	4	8	9	7	6	3	1	2			
6	1	7	8	2	3	4	5	9			
2	7	4	3	1	8	9	6	5			
1	9	3	5	6	2	7	4	8			
8	6	5	7	4	9	2	3	1			
3	5	1	2	8	7	6	9	4			
4	2	9	6	3	5	1	8	7			
7	8	6	4	9	1	5	2	3			

12/page · Easy #2											
1	8	2	5	6	4	7	3	9			
4	7	9	1	8	3	6	5	2			
5	3	6	7	2	9	8	4	1			
2	1	5	9	3	6	4	8	7			
3	6	4	8	7	2	1	9	5			
7	9	8	4	1	5	2	6	3			
8	2	3	6	9	1	5	7	4			
6	4	1	3	5	7	9	2	8			
9	5	7	2	4	8	3	1	6			

12/page · Easy #3											
6	1	4	3	2	9	5	8	7			
9	2	8	1	5	7	6	3	4			
3	5	7	6	8	4	9	1	2			
4	8	9	7	6	3	1	2	5			
2	7	6	5	4	1	8	9	3			
5	3	1	8	9	2	7	4	6			
1	6	5	2	3	8	4	7	9			
7	4	3	9	1	6	2	5	8			
8	9	2	4	7	5	3	6	1			

12/page · Easy #4											
4	6	2	1	3	8	5	9	7			
9	1	7	4	5	2	8	6	3			
3	8	5	9	7	6	2	1	4			
8	4	3	5	2	9	1	7	6			
5	7	9	3	6	1	4	2	8			
6	2	1	7	8	4	9	3	5			
7	5	4	2	1	3	6	8	9			
1	3	6	8	9	5	7	4	2			
2	9	8	6	4	7	3	5	1			

12/page · Easy #5											
7	9	4	5	1	6	8	3	2			
8	5	2	7	3	4	6	1	9			
6	3	1	8	2	9	5	4	7			
4	7	9	2	8	3	1	5	6			
1	2	3	6	5	7	4	9	8			
5	8	6	9	4	1	7	2	3			
2	4	5	3	7	8	9	6	1			
3	6	7	1	9	5	2	8	4			
9	1	8	4	6	2	3	7	5			

12/page · Easy #6											
9	5	7	3	4	6	8	1	2			
8	4	6	7	1	2	9	3	5			
2	3	1	8	5	9	4	6	7			
6	8	4	5	3	1	2	7	9			
7	1	9	2	8	4	6	5	3			
3	2	5	9	6	7	1	8	4			
1	7	3	4	2	8	5	9	6			
4	9	8	6	7	5	3	2	1			
5	6	2	1	9	3	7	4	8			

The empty part of the page would hold solutions #13–#30 in the book.

6/page · Very Easy #1

			9	6		2	1	
1	2	8			7			
	6	9	8	2				3
		1	7	3		4		6
								7
7	5	3	4					1
5	3			4		1		
9			2	1	8	7		
8					3	6		

6/page · Very Easy #2

5			2	7			6	
		8	6	3	1	5		
	1		9		5			2
6	8	4	5			3	2	
7						6		
	9	2	8			4	1	5
						2		
8	4				3			
1	2		7		6		4	

6/page · Moderate #1

		4	1	3		5		8
					9			
1								
3	6	2					8	
5		9	6			2	4	
	3	6	4		8			5
					2	7	6	
	5		9				2	

6/page · Moderate #2

							7	
	8	2				6		
		6		2				5
			1		4	5		
5			2					3
		7				1		6
		1	8			3		
6	7		4			9		
	9	5			6			1

6/page · Challenging #1

6			2				3	
		5		4		1	7	
					8			9
7							6	2
			1	9				
			4		7			
	8						1	
	2	6				9		3
		7	3		4			6

6/page · Challenging #2

5			1				8	4
					4	7	2	
	2	8		3		1		
2		5	7				3	
	9		2	8				
6							4	
8				9				
				6				3
		6			1			

6/page · solutions Grid 42 mm, 20 per page · solutions of page 5

true size · Bralosma Sudoku sample

6/page · Very Easy #1								
3	7	5	9	6	4	2	1	8
1	2	8	3	5	7	9	6	4
4	6	9	8	2	1	5	7	3
2	8	1	7	3	5	4	9	6
6	9	4	1	8	2	3	5	7
7	5	3	4	9	6	8	2	1
5	3	7	6	4	9	1	8	2
9	4	6	2	1	8	7	3	5
8	1	2	5	7	3	6	4	9

6/page · Very Easy #2								
5	3	9	2	7	4	1	6	8
2	7	8	6	3	1	5	9	4
4	1	6	9	8	5	7	3	2
6	8	4	5	1	9	3	2	7
7	5	1	3	4	2	6	8	9
3	9	2	8	6	7	4	1	5
9	6	3	4	5	8	2	7	1
8	4	7	1	2	3	9	5	6
1	2	5	7	9	6	8	4	3

6/page · Moderate #1								
6	8	3	7	2	5	4	1	9
9	2	4	1	3	6	5	7	8
7	1	5	8	4	9	6	3	2
1	4	8	2	9	7	3	5	6
3	6	2	5	1	4	9	8	7
5	7	9	6	8	3	2	4	1
2	3	6	4	7	8	1	9	5
8	9	1	3	5	2	7	6	4
4	5	7	9	6	1	8	2	3

6/page · Moderate #2								
1	5	9	6	8	3	2	7	4
7	8	2	5	4	1	6	3	9
4	3	6	9	2	7	8	1	5
3	6	8	1	7	4	5	9	2
5	1	4	2	6	9	7	8	3
9	2	7	3	5	8	1	4	6
2	4	1	8	9	5	3	6	7
6	7	3	4	1	2	9	5	8
8	9	5	7	3	6	4	2	1

6/page · Challenging #1								
6	9	8	2	7	1	5	3	4
2	3	5	6	4	9	1	7	8
4	7	1	5	3	8	6	2	9
7	1	9	8	5	3	4	6	2
8	4	2	1	9	6	3	5	7
5	6	3	4	2	7	8	9	1
3	8	4	9	6	2	7	1	5
1	2	6	7	8	5	9	4	3
9	5	7	3	1	4	2	8	6

6/page · Challenging #2								
5	6	7	1	2	9	3	8	4
1	3	9	8	5	4	7	2	6
4	2	8	6	3	7	1	5	9
2	1	5	7	4	6	9	3	8
7	9	4	2	8	3	5	6	1
6	8	3	9	1	5	2	4	7
8	4	1	3	9	2	6	7	5
9	7	2	5	6	8	4	1	3
3	5	6	4	7	1	8	9	2

The empty part of the page would hold solutions #7–#20 in the book.



2/page · Easy #1

		2	8				6	7
		4					2	8
	5				9			
				4	7			3
7		3	1				8	4
9			7	3	1			
	8		9			1		
	4	1						5

2/page · Easy #2

		4	6			3		
5	1	6		2		4	8	
	3				8			
		2		1			9	
					6	2		
9	7		4			6		3
6		1	8			9		
3					1			

2/page · Medium #1								
8					6		1	
	2					7		6
		4		2				
2				9		1		
	7	1	2					3
			1	7	4	8		
5	4		6	3			8	
			4		7			
				1				

2/page · Medium #2								
	2	1			4	5		
		6	9	5				
	7							
7					2	4	1	
3				7				
	6			4			7	
2				6			5	
		5	8				3	
8	9	7					6	



2/page · Hard #1								
	1	3						9
	9			8				
		8		1		3		6
		1	3		2			
	2		1			5		7
				9				
		6				7		
	4		9	7				8
			8		5	2		

2/page · Hard #2								
1			7				3	
2	8		5		3			
					1			6
5							6	4
				9		1		5
			8		4			
		1	6		5		8	
		4	2				5	1
						7		



2/page · Easy #1								
5	9	2	8	1	3	4	6	7
1	7	4	5	9	6	3	2	8
6	3	8	4	7	2	5	1	9
4	5	6	3	8	9	2	7	1
8	1	9	2	4	7	6	5	3
7	2	3	1	6	5	9	8	4
9	6	5	7	3	1	8	4	2
2	8	7	9	5	4	1	3	6
3	4	1	6	2	8	7	9	5

2/page · Easy #2								
7	9	4	6	8	5	3	2	1
2	8	3	1	7	4	5	6	9
5	1	6	3	2	9	4	8	7
4	3	7	2	9	8	1	5	6
8	6	2	5	1	3	7	9	4
1	5	9	7	4	6	2	3	8
9	7	8	4	5	2	6	1	3
6	2	1	8	3	7	9	4	5
3	4	5	9	6	1	8	7	2

2/page · Medium #1								
8	5	3	7	4	6	2	1	9
1	2	9	8	5	3	7	4	6
7	6	4	9	2	1	3	5	8
2	8	6	3	9	5	1	7	4
4	7	1	2	6	8	5	9	3
3	9	5	1	7	4	8	6	2
5	4	7	6	3	2	9	8	1
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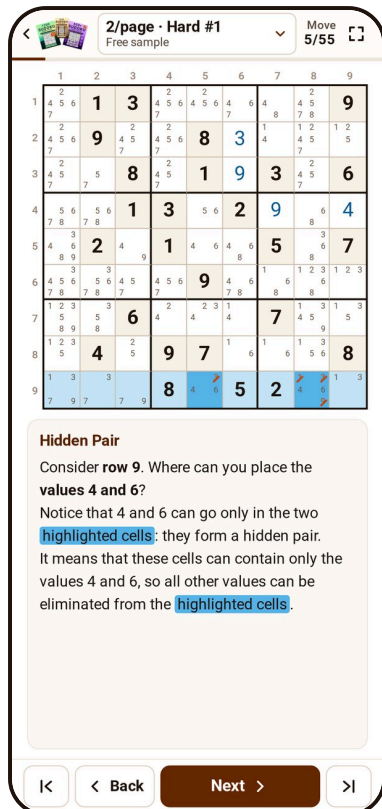
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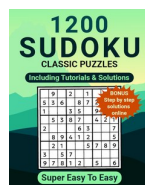
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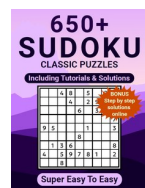
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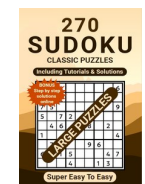
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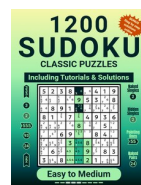


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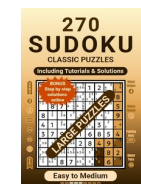
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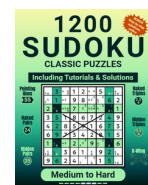


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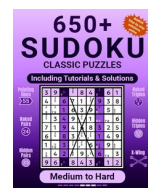


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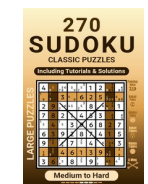
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