

Rolling Cubes



Designed by John Harris, circa early 1970's.
(plastic, each cube is 1" square, box is 3.5" x 3.5" x 1.25")

Eight identical cubes can be flipped around (via the ridges on the tray); the goal is to mix them up and then restore to have the same color on top and the middle empty. This puzzle is similar to *Cross Teaser*. The tiles snap off if you want to make a different puzzle. *Jaap's Page* presents a solution and describes the puzzle, noting that it was discussed in Martin Gardner's Mathematical Games column in *Scientific American* March and April 1975. He also notes that the designer is the same person as that for *Astrolabacus*.

Further Reading

Jaap's Page, from: <http://www.jaapsch.net/puzzles>