## Nine Puzzle

A smaller version of the Fifteen Puzzle. Although relatively easy, graphics on the pieces tend to make solving more difficult than if the pieces were the numbers 1 through 8.


Superman
Copyright National Periodical Publications, 1966.
(plastic, $9^{\prime \prime}$ square by $3 / 8^{\prime \prime}$ thick)

Tweety Version of the Nine Puzzle


## Tweety Bird

Back reads: TM \& C 1997 Warner Bros. DaMert Company Berkeley CA Made in China. Card back reads: Copyright DaMert Company, Berkeley CA, 1997.
(plastic with raised graphics, $4^{\prime \prime}$ square by $1 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ thick tray, on an $8 " \times 5.5^{\prime \prime}$ cardboard card; taking into account the raised graphics the puzzle is $3 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ thick;")

Gecko Version of the Nine Puzzle


Gecko
Back reads: C 1993 DaMert Company San Leandro, CA Made in China Patent Pending
(plastic with raised graphics, 4 " square by $1 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ thick tray; taking into account the raised graphics the puzzle is $3 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ thick;")

The copyright shown on the back of this puzzle (photo above) is 1993, 4 years earlier that the Tweety version, and shows the patent pending. DaMert made a number of these sliding puzzles all the same size, where some had copyrights in the intervening time, such as the Turtle puzzle (copyright DaMert 1994, San Leandro, CA) and the Earth-Moon puzzle (copyright DaMert 1996, Berkeley, CA).

## Alien Version of the Nine Puzzle



Alien, DaMert Co. 1993.
(plastic with raised graphics, 4 inches)
Back reads: C 1993 DaMert Company Berkeley, CA Made in China Patent Pending (plastic with raised graphics, 4 " square by $1 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ thick tray; taking into account the raised graphics the puzzle is $3 / 4$ " thick;")

The copyright shown on the back of this puzzle (photo above) is 1993; same as the Gecko puzzle of the previous page except that the company listed is Berkeley, CA.

## More Examples of the Nine Puzzle



Praying Mantis.
(plastic with raised graphics, 3 inches)


