

## 2) Thomas Snyder Artistic Sudoku

You can go online and find the allegedly hardest Sudoku ever (the AI Escargot). But honestly, it's a slog to finish. Instead, I asked Sudoku master Thomas Snyder to send me a challenging-but-still-fun puzzle. This is from his book *The Art of Sudoku*, which features puzzles with aesthetically pleasing patterns. In addition to creating Sudokus, Snyder is also a Sudoku-solving champion, and has won tournaments everywhere from Hungary to India. (One of his tactics: sugar-loading with a bowl of Cocoa Krispies pre-tournament.) Echoing others I've talked to, Snyder says puzzles are "a more fun example of what life is, which is problem solving." His website is [gmpuzzles.com](http://gmpuzzles.com).

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