

# Lominoes for G4GX

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**Lominoes** are L-shaped polyominoes of width one, they were named by Alan Schoen [1]. The lomino “ $Li \times j$ ” can be obtained by taking a rectangle with  $i$  columns and  $j$  rows, and removing all but the bottom row and leftmost column (Figure 1). In order that the resulting piece be L-shaped we require  $i \geq 2$  and  $j \geq 2$ . We consider **free** lominoes (which can be flipped over), so  $Li \times j$  is the same as  $Lj \times i$ . For more information on lominoes in general, see Alan Schoen’s article [1]. For details on the puzzle below and how it was created, see my G4G9 exchange document [3] which can be found on my web site [4].

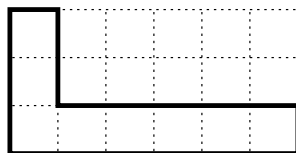


Figure 1: The lomino  $L6 \times 3$ , which has area 8.

## Instructions:

Figures 2 and 3 contain all lominoes of area 8, 9, and 10. Cut these pieces out along the solid lines (to avoid cutting up this book, download a pdf copy of this document at [4]). Your challenge is to pack the eleven pieces into a  $10 \times 10$  square. There are 5 solutions to this puzzle, not counting rotations and reflections. However, there is only one solution where all the pieces are face up—the lettering provides a clue to help you find this solution. No solution is given here, you can find one on my web site [4].

Using a subset of these 11 pieces, one can also make 17 rectangles of various sizes [2]:  $9 \times j$  for  $j = 10, 9, \dots, 3$ ,  $10 \times 8$ ,  $11 \times 6$ ,  $11 \times 5$ ,  $11 \times 4$ ,  $12 \times 7$ ,  $12 \times 6$ ,  $13 \times 7$ ,  $13 \times 5$ , and  $15 \times 6$ . For these challenges, turning over pieces is allowed, and will be necessary in most cases.

[1] Alan H. Schoen, A Potpourri of Polygonal and Polyhedral Puzzles, in *Homage to a Pied Puzzler*, edited by Ed Pegg, Jr, Alan H. Schoen and Tom Rodgers, A K Peters, 2009.

[2] Ishino Keiichiro, Puzzle Will Be Played, Lomino100 puzzle  
<http://puzzlewillbeplayed.com/1010/Lomino100/>

[3] George Bell, Lominoes for G4G9, G4G9 exchange book.

[4] <http://home.comcast.net/~gibell/puzzles/>

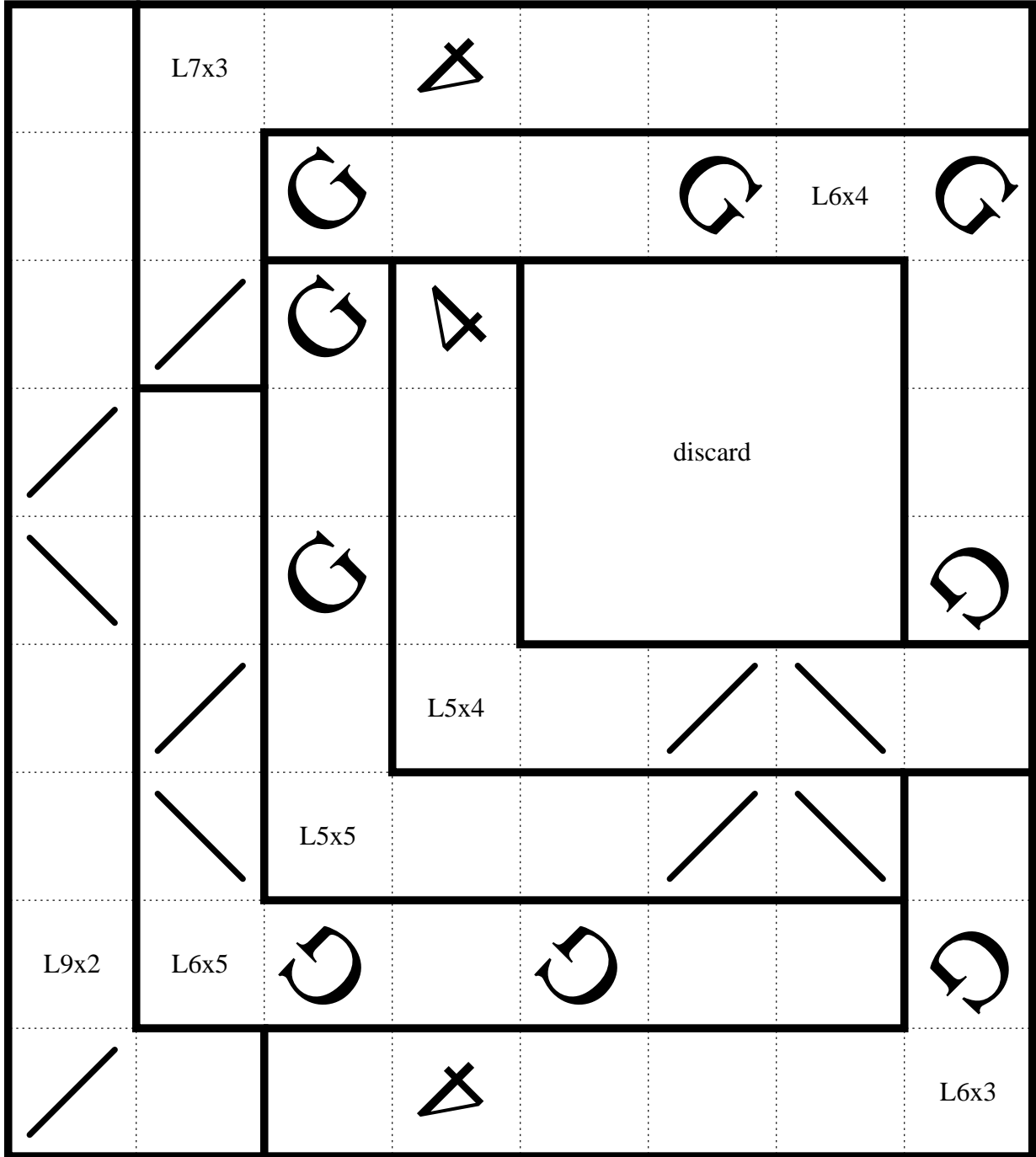


Figure 2: The first 7 lominoes for the puzzle task.

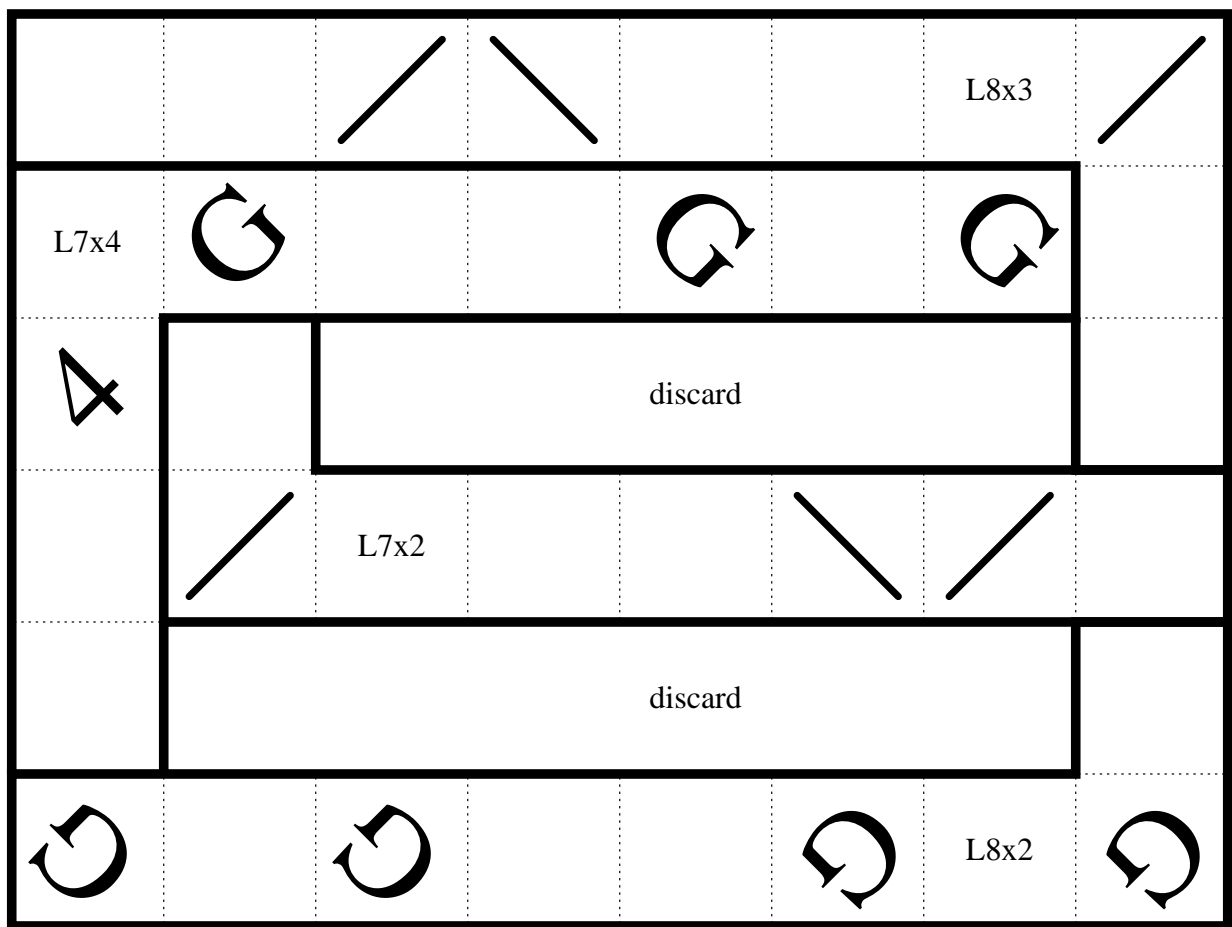


Figure 3: The final 4 lominoes for the puzzle task.