# PUZZLING

Jigsaw puzzles are fun, they can also be not fun, if you are building a hard jigsaw puzzle (or an easy one) these few tips should help.
I have compiled a full step-by-step how to complete a jigsaw puzzle.

I am using a 100 (108, the box was wrong!) piece jigsaw puzzle, I used a smaller puzzle to work on because I had to pull it apart and put it together a few times.
Well, enough of the intro, lets get started!

The first thing you should do before starting any jigsaw is separate the pieces (actually, you should take it out of the box...) start this by separating the edges from the middle pieces.
Once you have done that, take out the corner pieces.
Now, with all the straight edge pieces it is time to color sort, put light pieces with light pieces, dark with dark and medium color with medium color, if you don't have many medium color pieces just put them with the closest category.

When you have done that you should scroll down to the next step!
Now, you should start to see the patterns in the edge pieces, put together the easy parts and then the harder parts, when you have finished that, you have made what is known as "the frame".
Now you can start separating the middle pieces into colors!
To separate the middle pieces you will use the same principle as the edges, if you see any patterns appearing in certain pieces separate them, I have 5 piles, going from top to bottom-left to right I will explain them;
Light color pieces, these are going to go together so I pile them up.
Mostly blue pieces, these have no "light or dark" category but I saw a pattern.
Random pieces, these couldn't fit in any of my 4 categories so they got a category of their own.
Fish and coral, this particular puzzle is an underwater scene so these will go together.
Last but not least I have a pile of black pieces, judging by the patterns depicted on these pieces I can tell that they will go together.



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