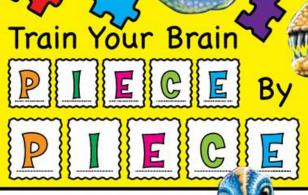


## PUZZLES since 1953

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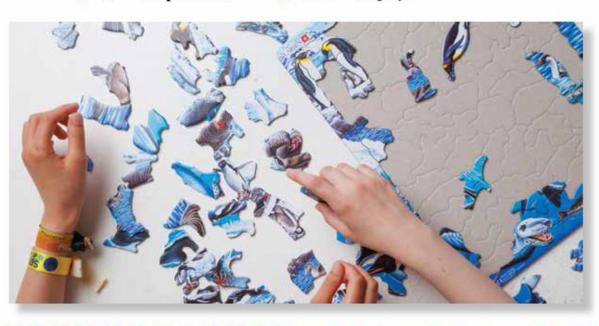


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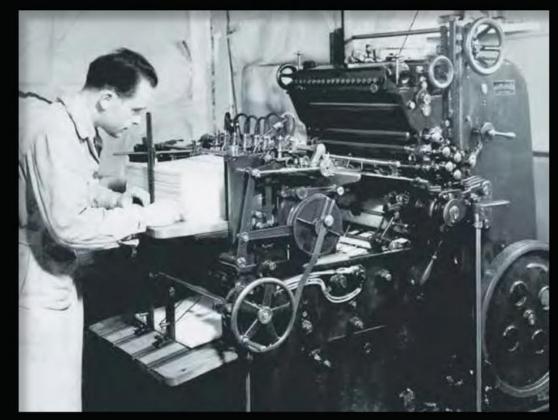


Our puzzles are made with a tray and permanent edge that holds the pieces in place while puzzling.

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#### 1947



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- 1953 The first frame and tray jigsaw puzzles were made and sold in Norway. Already from the start the pieces had irregular shapes.
- 1954 1964 Map puzzles and puzzles with license designs were made for a Norwegian publishing house.
  - 1963 The first puzzles with our own designs were made and sold to Denmark.
- 1965 1966 We started selling puzzles with our own design in Norway, Sweden, Iceland and Finland.
  - 1971 We exhibited at the Nürnberg Toy Fair for the first time, and the sales spread to many more countries.
  - 1974 We started to develop puzzles for schools.
  - 1992 We started to make puzzles with license designs for a customer, and in the years to come such puzzles were an important part of our business.
  - 2005 We decided to stop all license business, and develop a broad range of puzzles with designs of our own.
  - 2024 The size of our MAXI puzzles is the same size as puzzles we made in 1960, and our puzzles are now sold around the world.

#### **HISTORY**

My father, Lars Andreas Larsen, started his printing house in 1947. In 1952, when I was 5 years old, I received a puzzle as a present from an aunt in America. The puzzle had a drawing of a cowboy with his lasso, and it was made from thick board. My parents noticed that I spent a lot of time playing with this puzzle.



There were not a lot of quality toys available in Norwegian shops at the time, and my father decided to try to manufacture quality puzzles himself.

The first puzzles were made in the basement of the house where I grew up, and in 1975 the company moved into its new factory building, which has later been extended. Many of the machines that are used are specially built only for making the puzzles.

The ideas we work by are still the same as my father had more than 70 years ago:

A quality puzzle must be made of thick board. This to make the child able to get a good grip on the pieces, and of course to keep the pieces from breaking.

The number of pieces must match the illustration and the age group that the puzzle is made for.

The puzzles must have a tray and permanent edge to make them easier for the children to play with, and easy to store.

Children will rather have an easy puzzle that they can make many times, than having a difficult puzzle.

If a puzzle is too difficult, the children will lose their patience.

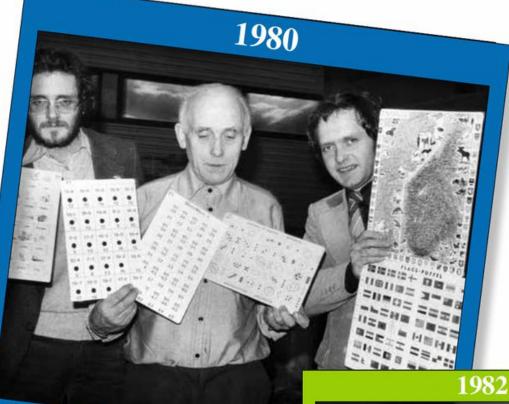
When putting together a puzzle many times, the children recognize the shapes of the pieces and where they belong.

Therefore, it is important to give the puzzle pieces many different shapes. By learning how to recognize the shapes of the puzzle pieces the children will more easily learn to recognize other shapes, such as letters and words when they learn to read.

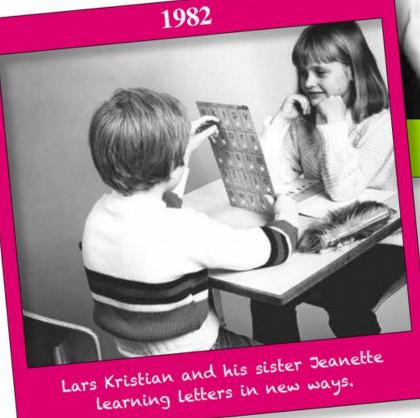
Our aim is no less than to be the number 1 producer of "our kind of puzzles" in the world.



Pål E. Larsen



My brother Petter, my father Lars and me (Pål).



Lars Kristian puzzling with the alphabet.

#### our PUZZLES

#### Why choose a Larsen puzzle?

- The youngest children develop their motor skills with puzzle-pieces they will remember
  - Older kids play and learn about many interesting themes
  - Self-checking pieces encourage the children and help them to concentrate
    - Extra thick and solid pieces
    - Made in Europe of recycled board
    - The Larsen Puzzle range has been developed through 70 years
    - Lots of thoughts and considerations goes into every puzzle we make
      - The puzzles are made from 100% recyclable materials

■ We use hundreds of specially made cutting tools to make our great range of fun and educational puzzles. Train Your Brain PIECE By Children will rather put together a puzzle many times than to strive with one that is difficult.

#### Formats/sizes

## **MAXI** puzzle

36.5 x 28.5 cm

Number of pieces ranging from 15 to 140

In production since 1960

We make smaller puzzles by dividing this format in 2 and 4.



#### **MIDI puzzles**

Produced as sets of 2 puzzles 18.3 x 28.5 cm

Number of pieces ranging from 8 to 35

MIDI and MINI puzzles have been produced since 1972





## **MINI puzzles**

Produced as sets of 4 puzzles 14.3 x 18.3 cm

Number of pieces ranging from 5 to 14

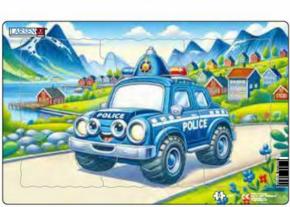


## **NEWS**





U26 - Friends at a campfire in the forest Number of pieces: 17





U23 - Police and fire engine at full speed Number of pieces: 11





U24 - Cute animals dance on stage Number of pieces: 13



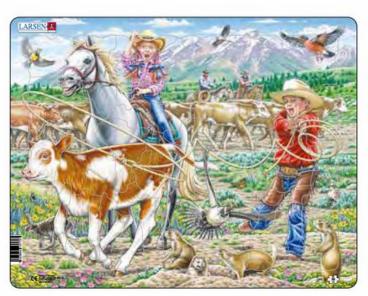


U25 - Friendly Robots in the City Number of pieces: 10

#### **NEWS**



NB12 - 4 Seasons at the Farm - Number of pieces: 140



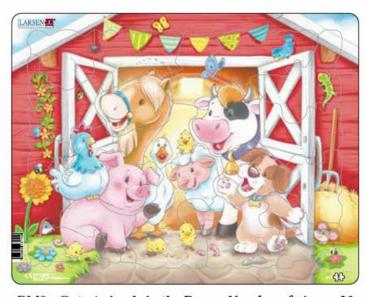
PG11 - Cowgirl and Cowboy with lasso Number of pieces: 38



ZOO4 - Garden Birds - Number of pieces: 69



PG10 - Exciting Rally in the Desert - Number of pieces: 55



BM9 - Cute Animals in the Barn - Number of pieces: 21

#### quiz PUZZLE PIECES



All the Quiz puzzle pieces are different even though they look the same.

- Each piece has a specific question associated with it.
- The pieces are designed to fit only where the correct answers is.

Studies have shown that the act of putting pieces of a puzzle together requires concentration, improves short-term memory and problem solving abilities.

This makes our puzzles effective learning aids.

We have several Quiz Puzzles with flags, mathematics, clock, traffic signs, letters and words.

## traditional interlocking PIECES



#### contour PIECES

Pieces that are cut along the contours of the image.



## figure PIECES

Some of the pieces are shaped like fun figures to give the children something extra to look for.



#### map PUZZLES

Study the map and try to remember as much as possible before taking the pieces out of the frame. Read the names and look at the colours to place the pieces in the right place.

70 interlocking pieces



K4 - The World Topographic Map 80 tailormade pieces



K1 - The World - Political Map 107 tailormade pieces



K70 - Europe Topographic Map 87 tailormade pieces



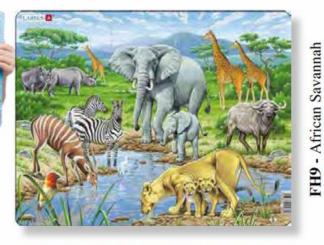
KL1 - Flags and Map of Europe 70 tailormade pieces



#### motive PUZZLES

When making puzzles, we cut so deep that you can see the shapes of the pieces in the tray below.





CZ4 - Cheerful Dinosaurs 43 tailormade pieces

65 tailormade pieces





FH11 - Arctic ice 70 tailormade pieces

FH45 - The unique fauna of Australia - 60 tailormade pieces

#### double challenge PUZZLES

All our puzzles have a frame along the outer edges, but these puzzles also have an inner frame. Within the outer frame are pieces with details relating to the image within the fixed inner frame.

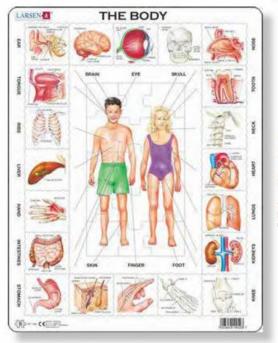


EN1 - Learning English in the Kitchen



HL9 - Fascinating Dinosaurs
35 pieces

We were once asked by a customer to make a puzzle with the body. We had to sit down and think of how to do this in a meaningful way, and then came the idea of having a second fixed frame within the outer frame.



We have a traditional puzzle in the middle, and around are 20 pieces with body parts.

The piece with the ear only fits by the arrow pointing at the boy's ear, and so on.

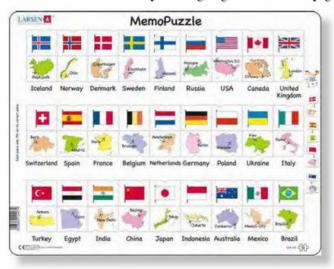


#### memo and counting PUZZLES

When people can puzzle together it helps them improve their relationships and the ability to cooperate. Young and old, those who are trained and those who are less trained, can work as a team and help each other to succeed.



The pieces for MemoPuzzles can also be used for playing Memo. A pair consists of two different pieces that naturally belong together. Memory games significantly improve memory recall.



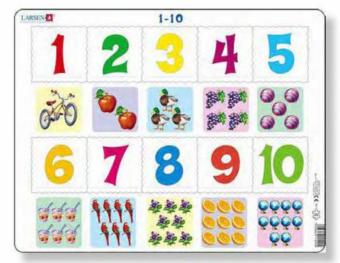
**GP6 -** MemoPuzzle: Flags and Capitals **54 pieces** 



**GP426** - MemoPuzzle: The Alphabet **52 pieces** 

The best learning happens when the children do not think about learning, but are engrossed and curious in an inspiring environment. The children have fun and they develop their skills.

When the pieces fall into place, you know that the answer is correct. This way you learn quickly.



AR3 - Learn to Count: Numbers from 1-10
10 pieces



AR10 - Learn to Count: Numbers from 1-100 100 pieces

#### science and facts PUZZLES

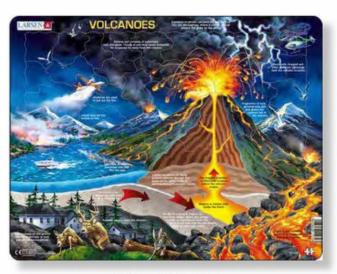


Scientific facts are spread throughout these puzzles.

Train Your Brain PIECE By
PIECE



NB11 - Night and Day 60 tailormade pieces



NB2 - Volcanos 70 tailormade pieces

#### beginner PUZZLES



For children who have not yet developed the motoric precision in their hands, we have made puzzles where each piece lies steadily within its own frame. Thus the children can place each piece without bumping into and moving the neighbouring pieces away from their places.

These puzzles will help your little one to develop good cognitive skills, problem solving, hand eye coordination, and fine motor skills.



FH35 - Pets and Farm Animals
15 pieces



NM7 - Cars, Boats, Train and Aircrafts - 18 pieces



FH24 - A Vibrant Asian Jungle 20 pieces

#### **DISPLAYS**



6070
140 MAXI
or 100 MAXI + 80 MIDI
This display has 4 shelves
for puzzles.
2 x shelf 1
2 x shelf 2
Net weight: 13 kg
Length: 640 mm
Width/depth: 640 mm
Height: 1700 mm



+ 80 MINI
This display has 4 shelves for puzzles.
2 x shelf 1
1 x shelf 2
1 x shelf 3
Net weight: 13 kg
Length: 640 mm
Width/depth: 640 mm
Height: 1700 mm

80 MAXI + 70 MIDI



110 MAXI + 120 MIDI + 120 MINI This display has 6 shelves for puzzles. 3 x shelf 1 1 x shelf 2 2 x shelf 3 Net weight: 22 kg Length: 840 mm Width/depth: 840 mm Height: 1700 mm



6085
210 MAXI
This display has 6 shelves for puzzles.
3 x shelf 1
3 x shelf 2
Net weight: 22 kg
Length: 840 mm
Width/depth: 840 mm
Height: 1700 mm



#### **DISPLAYS**



6053 Displaybox 40 MINI puzzles.





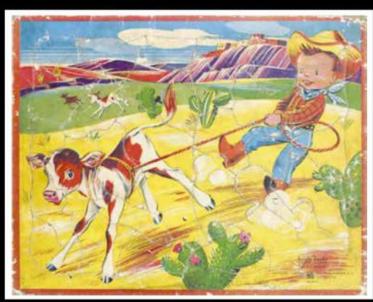
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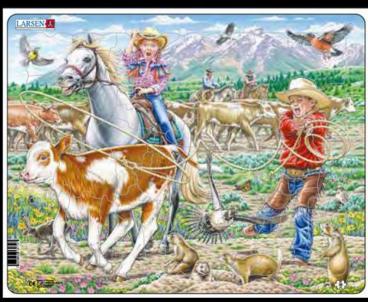








#### OUR VERSION OF THE PUZZLE



Seventy-three years later, Larsen Puzzles has made a new, modern version of the cowboy and calf puzzle, inspired by the design of the original.

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