

Homemade Puzzles

The Knight's Tomb solution

This little box is rather a curiosity in itself, looking rather like a stone tomb holding an ancient knight of old. This one has eight shields around the sides. These shields actually move, some up and down, some sideways, and form the locking mechanism that holds the lid shut. All eight must be moved in order to open the lid, which slides off.

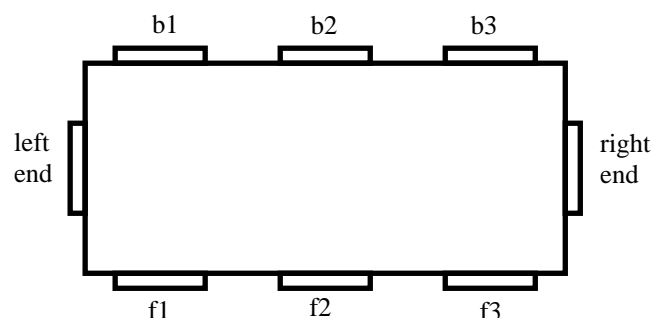


First, identify which way the box is facing. Looking at the end panels, one of the top rails is slightly deeper than the other end. We'll call this the right end, as the lid slides off this way.

The front shields will be f1, f2 and f3: the back shields will be b1, b2 and b3: the end shields will be left and right.

Looking down at the top of the box, follow these moves:

Shield positions when the box is shut and locked. The lid is held by the top of the right end slider.



Move the left end up.

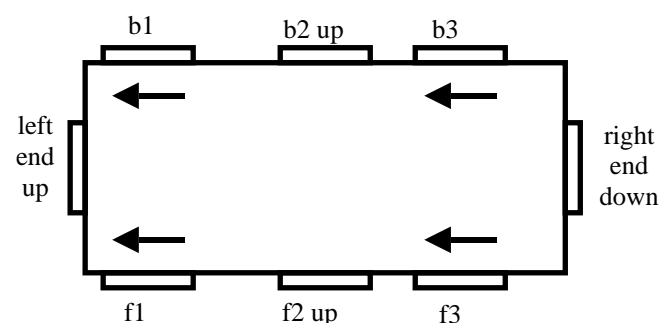
Move f1 and b1 towards the left end.

Move f2 and b2 **halfway** up.

If they move too far, f3 and/or b3 will still be locked.

Move f3 and b3 towards the middle.

Move the right end downwards. This will release that end of the lid. But the lid is still held shut, by the top of the left end slider.

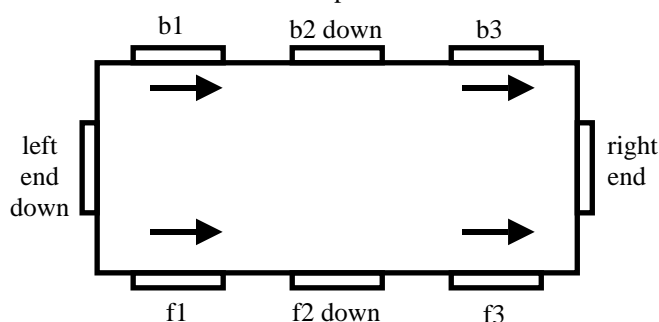


Move f3 and b3 back towards the right end.

Drop f2 and b2 back down.

Move f1 and b1 back towards the middle.

Drop the left end back down. This will release the lid altogether, which can then be slid off towards the right end.



If you haven't actually made this puzzle, this solution might help you decide whether to make it or not. It is fairly easy to make-have a look at the plans on the website.

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