

## The Stickman No. 12 Puzzle Box (Cross Box)

Giving the nickname “Cross Box” to this puzzle is something Robert wishes he could take back. Challenges to its name came from multiple customers, and many refused to buy one based upon principle. The name, of course, simply referred to the prominent shape produced by the simplest method of retaining cubes in its cage, but perhaps it was because it also came out so close to Christmas that it caused such a ruckus. (Odd that there were never any complaints about the naming of the Beast Box.)

The puzzle contains 17 wooden blocks that are identical, with the exception of one, which is embedded with an internal magnet and marked with an inlay. Each block has a pair of horizontal and vertical cut grooves, as well as two wooden stop pegs that stick out. This configuration allows blocks to slide against each other in certain positions, but not in others. The goal is to manipulate that one special block to line up with inlay dots found externally on the cage. This is an extremely fun puzzle to solve, allowing multiple paths to achieve the same goal, but still requiring a bit of advanced planning, as moving any block changes the parameters of the puzzle and all future moves.



**Limited Edition Status:** Limited to 30.

**Production Dates:** (Aug. 2006 – Dec. 2006)

**Original Sale Price:** \$555

**Wood types:** Bloodwood, Purpleheart, Beli, Maple & Walnut

**Variations:** N/A

**Size:** 7” x 6” x 6”

**Number of Compartments:** 2

**Number of Steps:** Minimum of 20.

**Difficulty Level:** Moderate

**Instruction Book:** 2-pages, no illustrations.

**Special features:** Carved feet & elaborate inlays.

**Goal:** Access both secret compartments.