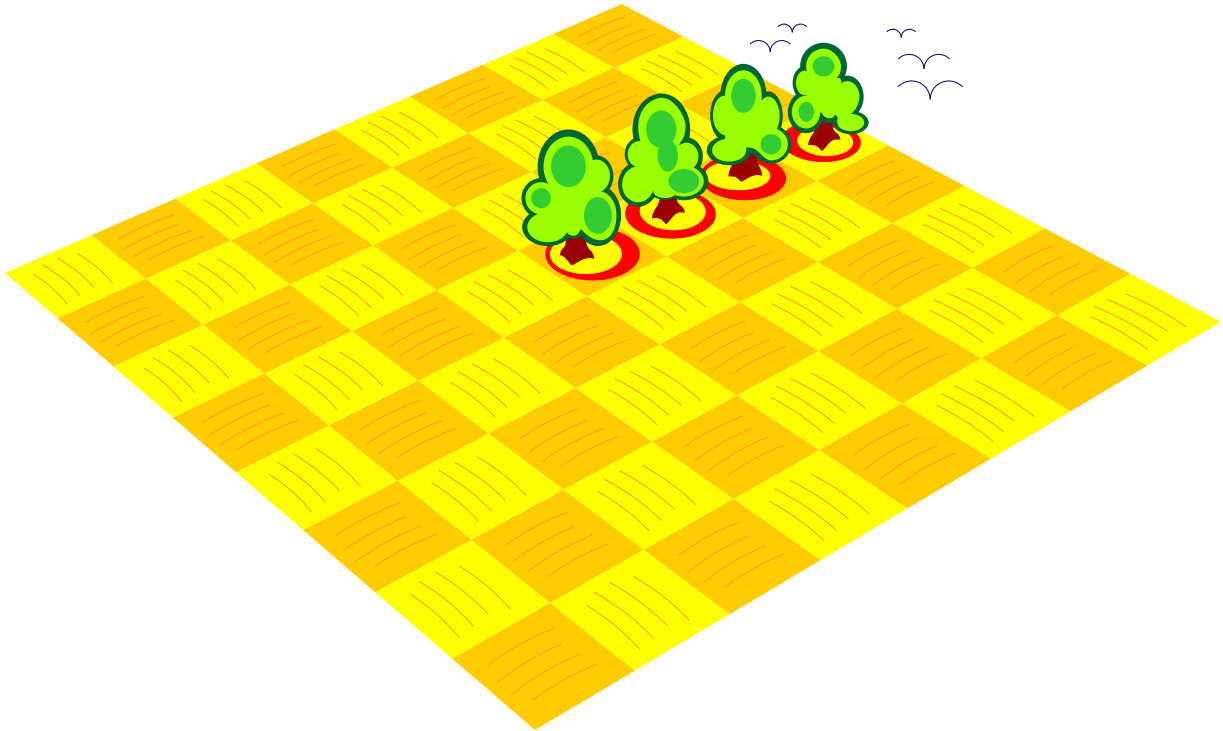


The Battle of the Four Oaks

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One man left to his four sons a square field with four ancient oak trees served as landmarks. This tract of land is shown in the illustration above. The sons were instructed to divide the field into four pieces of the same size and shape, and so that each piece of land contains one of the oak trees.

The sons were unable to divide the land properly, and finally squandered the estate. It's a very old story known as the "battle of the four oaks".

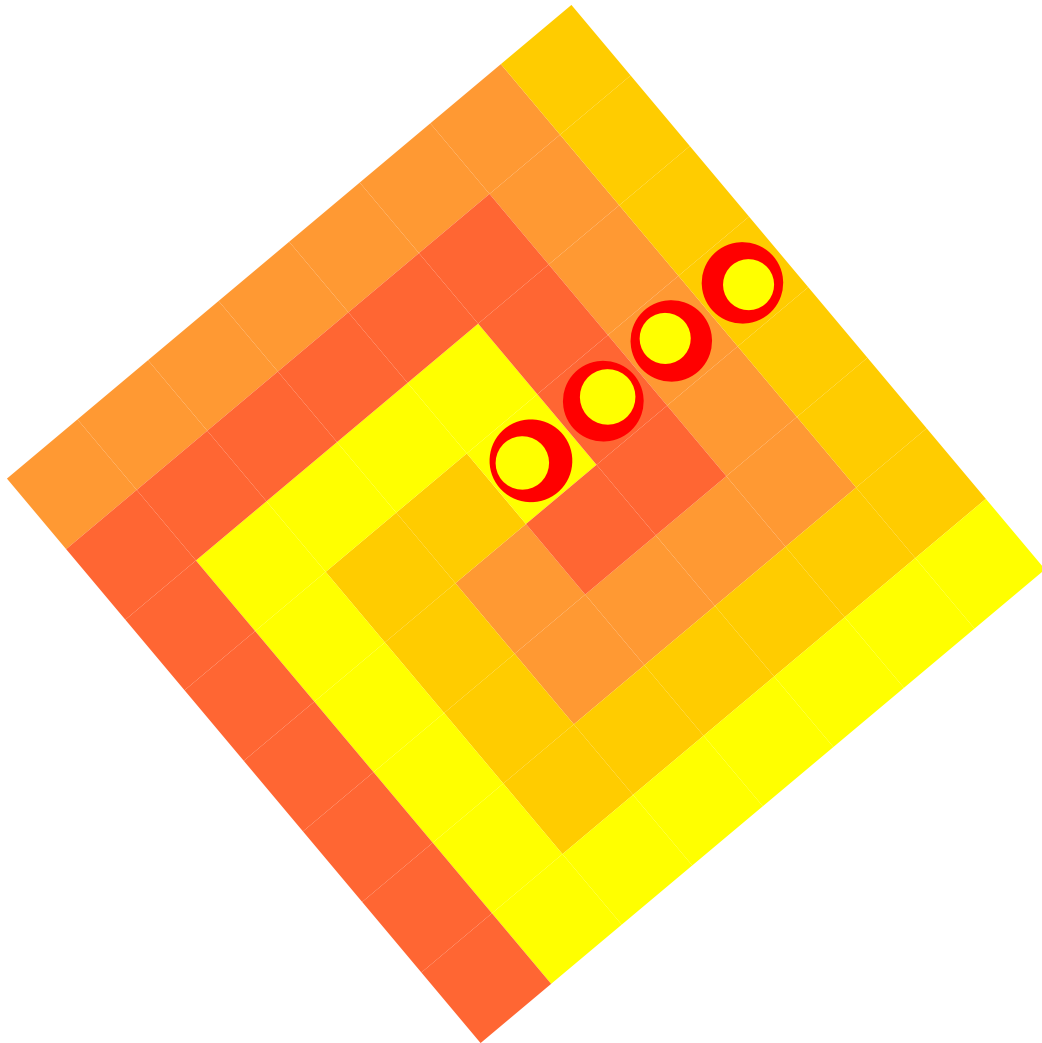
But the task still remains: how can it be done? Try to find the right solution for this classic puzzle.

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Solution



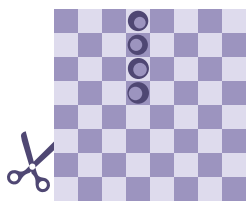
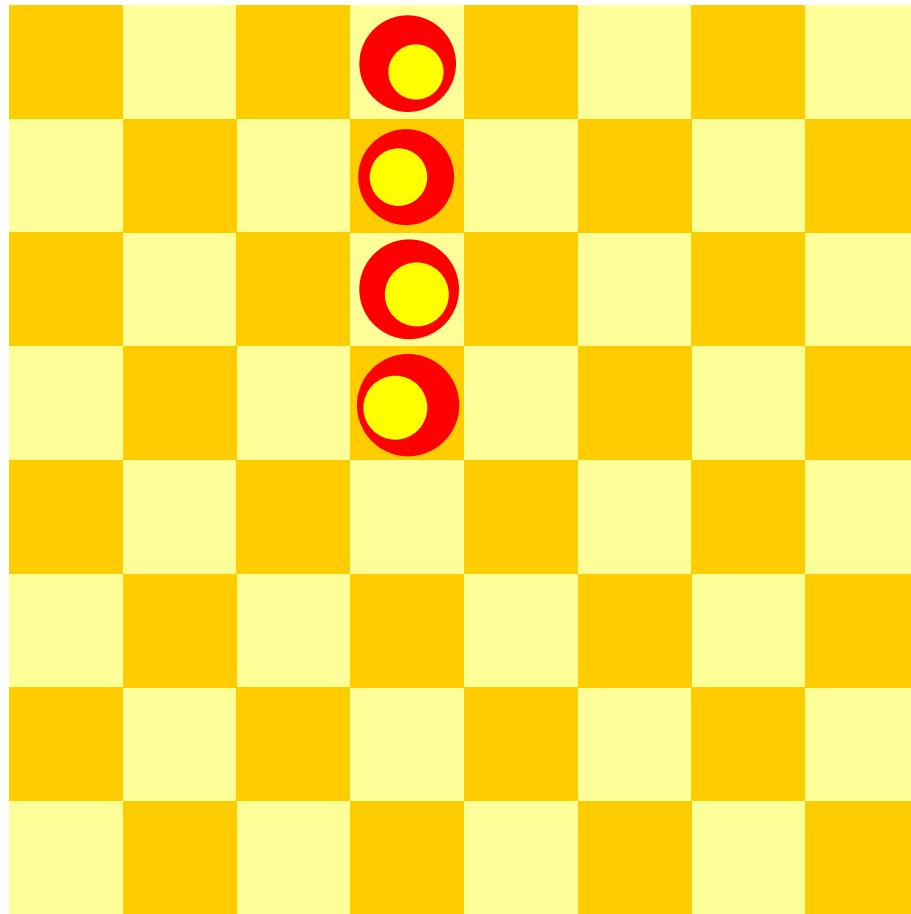
The solution is shown in the illustration.

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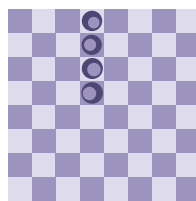
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To produce the board first print it out. Then follow the diagram shown above - from step 1 to step F (finish).

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