

Tangram (AD 1000)

Copper foil technique

Tangram is a puzzle consisting of seven pieces. It comes from China where it was popular during the Song-dynasty (960 – 1127). The pieces have specific shapes. Five are right triangles, one is a square and one is a parallelogram.

The challenge with tangram is to form a given silhouette using all seven pieces. Here is a square and two houses.