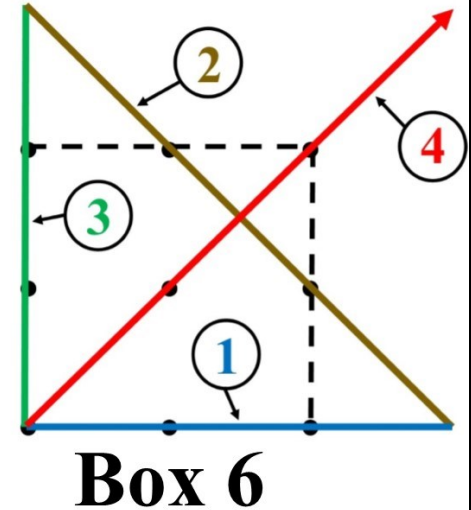
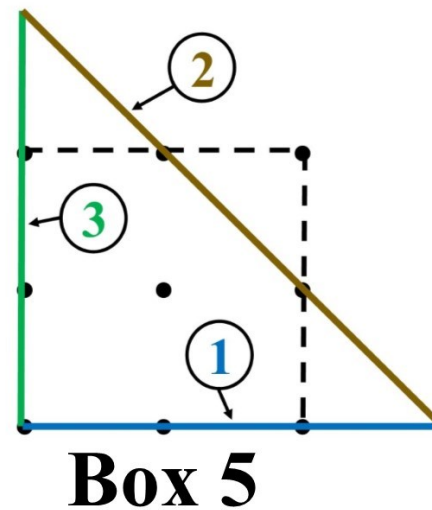
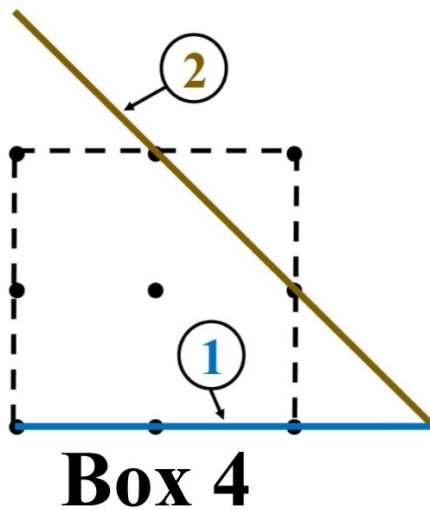


Fourth Line Thinking



The goal is to connect all nine dots with four continuous lines, without lifting your pen. Draw six sets of nine dots. The first set of nine dots is to give you a visual of the layout of the dots that form a square. The second set should have four dotted lines drawn around the perimeter of the dots to show how most people try to draw the lines. Of course, the lines are drawn all sorts of ways in the attempt to include the middle dot. The third set begins to show how the exercise assists us in thinking outside of the box. The line is drawn from the inside bottom left corner to the bottom right outside of the box beyond the dots. The fourth set shows the second line that meets the first line at the bottom right outside of the box, and then continues through two dots, to the top left outside of the box. The goal of thinking outside of the box is met once again. The fifth set shows the third line drawn from the second line at the top left outside of the box to meet the first line inside of the box, at the left inside bottom corner. We are taken from outside of the box back to the inside of the box. The sixth set shows the fourth line from the point of the first and third lines that meet inside of the box, at the bottom left corner, and then continues through the center of the box to the top right outside corner. This exercise assists us to see how our minds can be trained to follow thoughts that will take our thought patterns out of the normal, and into the new frontier of change. My favorite line is the fourth line, because it has spiritual significance. This line doesn't just stop outside of the box somewhere. It is a line that can continue perpetually. This is why I have shown this line with an arrow. In the spiritual sense, this line represents God's ways and thoughts, which are not confined or limited to mere human thinking. This little exercise excites me spiritually, because it presents revelation about God's power and ability to be our "Jehovah-jireh," the Lord who provides. There is nothing too hard or impossible for Him or us through Him. That is, if we allow our faith and Him to work outside of the box of our minds. Read the book 'Extraordinary Giving,' by Daniel W. Evans, for more details concerning this exercise.