



Tick Wang, puzzle hobbyist

Tick Wang lives in Shanghai with his wife, Vivian, and their 12-year-old daughter, Wimi. Tick loves reading and has read Steve Jobs several times. He played with Rubik's Cube and Rubik's Snake when he was only 5 years old, according to his mother. He started playing boardgames when they were introduced to young people in Shanghai more than ten years ago. *Tantrix* and other abstract games are his favorites. Now he organizes kids' boardgame gatherings in his community. Wimi also joins them and has other hobbies, too, like making handicrafts and reading comic books.

Tick is visually oriented and keen to try out patterns based on geometric shapes. He sees what other people don't see and always goes further by thinking, "What if?" Meanwhile, his design concept is to focus on the clean and simple. He regards puzzles as one form of art that can be enjoyed by everyone. Though he didn't start to design puzzles until he was 40, he believes his creative mind is just being kindled. He dedicates his designs to his wife, Vivian, because she has always supported him, ever since they fell in love at first sight.

Even though he is in the real estate industry and has nothing to do with designing puzzles professionally, he has proven that a hobby can be serious. He also thanks Kate Jones, who is always open to his newly hatched ideas and helps to develop them fully.



Photo by their kind waitress

Here is Tick's family, traveling in Osaka in 2023. They are in the cafeteria of Universal Studios, celebrating Vivian's birthday.

The next photo was also taken in Osaka in 2023, where they met a big family from Holland. By big, Tick means they were very tall. They talked a lot about life, love, hobbies, and the future. Tick thought it was wonderful to meet people from the other side of the world.



Photo by helpful waitress

The year 2023 was a big one for Tick Wang, as he designed several puzzles published by Kadon: Tetra-Tray, Penta-Mosaik, Dotted Dogs Delight (to be released soon), Quilt Tans (coming soon), and Tick's Sticks (very soon). They all inspire a wonderful variety of patterns and creativity, and are great fun and educational for the whole family.

