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Tabelle: Natural square

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Magic Squares.

The magic square is a square figure formed of a series of numbers, in mathematical proportion, so disposed in parallel and equal ranks as that the sums of each row taken either perpendicularly, horizontally, or diagonally, are equal.

The several numbers which compose any square number (for instance, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, &c. to 25 inclusive, which compose the square number 25) being disposed after each other, in a square figure of 25 cells, each in its cell—if, then, you change the order of these numbers, and dispose them in the cells in such a manner, as that the five numbers which fill an horizontal rank of cells being added together, shall make the same sum with the five numbers on any other rank of cells, whether horizontal or vertical, and even the same number with the five in each of the two diagonal ranks: this disposition of numbers is called a magic square, in opposition to the former disposition, which is called a natural square.

Natural Square.

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