

Jigsaw Tips

– you might want to print these out and keep handy.

When you open the jigsaw all the pieces are the right way up. That is, a piece with a straight edge at the top will go on the top etc.

If you want to make the jigsaw harder you can rotate the pieces. To do this press Ctrl-P or use the Options - Preferences Menu, in the General Options Box tick Allow Piece Rotation. Warning, this will reset your jigsaw i.e. scramble all the pieces. So do this before you start to do the jigsaw.

Double Clicking, or click once then press the Space Bar, on a piece will rotate it 90 degrees.

Holding the Ctrl Key while clicking the pieces will select several pieces at once. Useful for moving all the Sky pieces to the top etc.

The status bar shows you the time you have spent on the jigsaw, how many pieces in the jigsaw, how many are left and the percentage completed. You can Reset or Pause the clock from the Clock menu.

By far the most popular option, turn the piece bevelling off - this greatly improves the quality of the image you are building. Do this by choosing Preferences from the Options Menu and unticking the Bevel the puzzle piece edges box.

Some other useful keyboard Shortcuts Ctrl-F Show Preview Window - for a preview picture of the finished jigsaw, or via Options

Ctrl-C Change background Colour - to change the screen background colour, or via Options

Ctrl-A Auto-Arrange the Pieces

Ctrl-S Save Your Position - You don't have to complete the jigsaw in one session. You can Save and Load positions from the File menu. You also get asked if you would like to save your position when you close the program, as above.

Ctrl-L Load a Previously saved Position

Ctrl-R Reset the Jigsaw (start again)

Ctrl-P Show Preferences Box